

Intercessions

We are currently updating the prayer list and should like all prayer requests to be submitted to the parish Office stating the name of the person and the point of contact for updates.

Many Thanks

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Notices

Christmas Services- Please take one of our Flyers which show all of the services and events that are coming up over this festive season ☺

All Saints Restoration – Would you like to be involved in the future Restoration of All Saints? (Possible £2 Million Grant) Please speak with Gareth Owen at All Saints if you are interested in joining.

Live Nativity Saturday 16th December in the Town Centre - A few of us are helping at this event and would welcome support in many aspects. Please contact Revd Ian if you can help. 756002. Thank you.

St Philips Carol Service - Sunday 17th December at 11am followed by traditional refreshments. If you are able to supply mince pies please sign the list at the back of the church. Thank you ☺

Christmas Eve- The 10am Combined Parish Eucharist is being held at St Philips not at St Stephen's

Please sign the List at the back of All Saints - on the blue notice board if you are able to supply mince pies or sausage rolls for the Nine Lessons and Carols Service on the 16th December. Thank you.

Pastoral Care Team Leader's meeting – Sunday 7th January 2018 at 10.30am (after the morning service).

Wholeness & Healing Service- 14th January at 2.30pm in the Holy name Chapel.

Deanery Prayer for December—Please see notice boards for further details.

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10th December 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent

At All Saints

Readings at the 8.00am Said Eucharist begin on page 49 and the service starts on page 237.

Music for the 9.30am Choral Eucharist:

Service: Darke in F

NEH 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

NEH 7 Hills of the North, rejoice

NEH 14 The advent of our God

Introit Anthem: Come thou Redeemer of the earth - Praetorius

Communion Motets:

Let thy merciful ears - Weelkes

Creator of the star of night – Plainsong

Psalm after the dismissal – Psalm 150

11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30am & 11.00am service.

What's on this Week

Tuesday **12th December**

10.00am -12.00noon Coffee & Chat at St Philips

10.30am Bach 2 Baby at All Saints

Wednesday **13th December**

10.00-12.00 St Philip's Toddlers at St Philips

End of Term back on the 10th January 2018

Thursday **14th December**

7.30pm-9.30pm Valley Park Carols at All Saints

Friday **15th December**

1.00-2.30pm START Course, please see notices

11am- 2pm Valley Park Carols at All Saints

Saturday **16th December**

1.00-4.00pm Live Nativity Maidstone Town Centre

4.30pm-7pm All Saints Carol Service

Sunday **17th December**

The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am BCP Said Eucharist at All Saints

9.30am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

11.00am Carol Service at St Philips Followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

11.00am Café Sundae at St Stephens

Readings for the main Eucharist next Week

Isa 61.1-4,8-end 1 Thess 5.16-24 John 1.6-8,19-28



CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Reading Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reading 2 Peter 3.8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with

fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Reading Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his/ paths/ straight, and all flesh shall see the sal / vation / of God. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET
AWAY WITH YOU ☺

