

Notices

ABC School this week on Tuesday and Wednesday had their Ofsted inspection with three inspectors evaluating the progress in the school of students and the performance and development of staff across the whole of school life. They await their outcome which will be known publicly and officially in some Six to eight weeks time. We wish them all well and are grateful for our positive connections and relationships within our won church school and look forward in working together well into the future.

25th Anniversary Concert by The Maidstone Singers

The choir and TMS Symphonia will be presenting a concert on **Saturday 17th June 2023 at 7.30 p.m in All Saints Church.**

Two major works will be performed:

Unconditional Love- composed and conducted by the eminent British composer and broadcaster Howard Goodall. This new work is a Cantata of gratitude and remembrance for those caught up in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sunrise Mass by the Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo

Tickets £15.00

from tickets@themaidstonesingers.org/uk.

Or on the door. Students are free

A Healing House of Prayer
Early Summer Reflections at St Philips Church on Tuesday Mornings at 10am for 10.30am from April – June 2023

- June 13th – In Pentecost
- June 27th In Spare Rooms!!

We look forward to seeing you.
Further details from
John Richardson

Save the Date

Saturday 2nd September 2023

Rev'd John & Sue would like to invite you to an open house at The Rectory, Dymchurch TN290LD

From 10.30am – 5pm

More details will follow.

The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil

Sunday 11th June 2023
The First Sunday after Trinity
Barnabas The Apostle

**10am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
Church**



Next Week's Service's

**Sunday 18th June – 10am Morning
Worship at St Stephens
(Archbishop Courtenay School)**

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading

Acts 11 verses 19-end

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many

people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel

John 15 verses 12-27

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sinned; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sinned. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause."

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special prayers

*Matt 5.3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven'*

*Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler,
Sue Marks, Pamela Hocking, Pam Ratcliffe*

Vicar: All saints, Maidstone with St. Philip's, and St. Stephen's Tovil

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**Please note Revd John will be on Leave
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