

Parish Notices

**Harvest donations are welcome this Sunday and Sunday 18th October. All Harvest goods will be donated to the Salvation Army, Maidstone
Thank you.**

Keith Sharp's Funeral will take place on Wednesday 28th October at 15.30 at Vinters Crematorium.
Places will be limited so if you do wish to attend please let Mollie Neaves know on 01622 759321 or mollieneaves@gmail.com by 18th October.

Dear congregation members of All Saints and St Philip's- During the closure of All Saints church, the Restoration Trust Committee has been meeting to plan how we can raise funds to make the building sustainable for the future as a church and a public venue. We need to collect evidence for what its future use could be. If you know the contact details of any local or county music or arts society please would pass on the details to me. Please ask your family, friends and neighbours, or anyone who you know who is involved in the arts or music which often takes place in Maidstone. We need to collect this evidence during the next few weeks so that we can make further plans. Thank you, Mary Shaw 01622- 631368
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Thank you- to everybody who has joined Easyfundraising so far and started to raise money for the Parish as they shop! We have also now signed up to Amazon Smile so you can raise money for the Parish each time you shop on the Amazon website. Click the link below and search for 'The Parish of All Saints with St Philip'. Each time you shop on Amazon Smile 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to the Parish without costing you any extra money! Many thanks for your support.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1134146-0>

Below is also the link to register for Easy Fundraising:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/theparishofallsaintswithstphilipmaidstone/?invite=5WJHW0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

APCM - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting - has been scheduled for Sunday 25th October at Archbishop Courtenay School. The current plan is to have a short joint service at 10.00am followed by the meeting itself immediately afterwards at 10.30am. There will be no refreshments available, sadly, due to Coronavirus precautions. Please note that these arrangements are subject to change. We will need people to put their names forward for the various offices to be filled, i.e. PCC representative member (3 year term), Deanery Synod member (3 year term), Church Warden and Deputy Churchwarden. Forms will be available from Sunday and can be supplied in soft copy form as well. If there are any questions please contact Robert Philo.

The complete Annual Reports and Accounts 2019 can be viewed on All Saints website by clicking on this link <https://maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/APCM%20Reports%20and%20Accounts%202019%20A4.pdf>

St Philips Church & Centre Meeting – Wednesday 21st October at St Philips 10.00am.

Scaffolding at St Philips – is being erected on Tuesday 13th October ready for work to start on the Apex.

**The Parish of All Saints
with St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk**

**Sunday 11th October 2020
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Service for Harvest

Doors open from 9.45am



Face coverings will need to be worn inside the church building.

Next Week

**Sunday 18th October
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Eucharist Service
Doors open from 9.45am

Joint Services will be held at St Philips

No Mid-week service

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Readings

Isa 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation

Gospel

Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.



Special prayers for those in need

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

Owen Reeves, Keith Sharp, Jean Williamson
Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss,
Audrey Little, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon
Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister)

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Clive & Andrea Lever, Irene & David Johnson
Rosemary & John Fowler, Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

Keith Sharp

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If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to mollieneaves@gmail.com



Live Worship is streamed from Canterbury Cathedral
Please click [here](#) to join the service. **Worship Times**
Morning Prayer – 10am, Evening Prayer – 5.30pm
Sunday Eucharist – 12noon, Sunday Compline – 8pm

Keith Leslie Sharp

We were saddened to learn of the death of Keith Sharp at Maidstone Hospital on Friday the 2nd October having reached the age of 97.5 years.

Keith belonged to many organisations in Maidstone and beyond but this tribute concentrates on his contribution to the life of All Saints church.

Keith was married to Margaret one of the daughters of Freddie Farmer a great supporter of All Saints. Freddie's other Daughters were Betty and Jeanne. Keith's wife Margaret was Leader of our Parish Mothers' Union Group. That no doubt resulted in Keith becoming an Honorary Member of All Saints Mothers' Union. He was also involved with our parish magazine *Community*, particularly in securing adverts and seeing not only advertisers paid up but also renewed their commitment! The publication date of a new edition of *Community* saw Keith's sister-in-law Betty Farmer standing at the door after morning service daring anyone to pass her without buying the new edition!

Keith was a sidesman and also was good at being on duty to allow visitors to come into the Church during weekdays. In addition he was also our Stewardship Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer.

As well as being a member of All Saints choir Keith was also a Lay Clerk in Rochester Cathedral choir. It was not unusual in All Saints when the choir was in procession to pass Keith in his pew singing the bass part of whatever the processional hymn was being sung. He could also be frequently heard after a service singing the final organ voluntary!

Keith will be sadly missed in our parish.