

Parish Notices

As our services have currently been suspended, please find below the https links to join the Zoom services kindly offered by St Martin's. **Just click on the https links below to join either the Sunday or Thursday morning services. This is a direct link to the zoom service, a dialog box will pop up - click on open if not click the Launch Meeting button on the same screen.**

Sunday Morning Holy Communion 10.00am - St Martins Church Zoom Link for Services
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/856888392>

Thursday Morning Holy Worship 10.00am St Martins Church Zoom Link for Services
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/866070731>

The draft 2020 accounts for the Parochial Church Council can now be found by clicking on this link
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/annual%20parochial%20church%20meetings.htm

The draft accounts and supporting documents are now on their way to our Independent Examiner for presentation at the APCM due in April 2021.

All Saints Restoration trust meeting - Via zoom, 15th February at 10.00am

Easy Fundraising –

Help us get 2021 off to a great start for The Parish of All Saints with St Philip, Maidstone by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 4,300 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. This will make a BIG difference to us during this difficult time. Sign up today:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-parish-of-all-saints-with-st-philip-maidstone/?referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

St Martins Church Community Quiz Night Invitation – Monday 15th February.

Just click on the Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/633461023>
Meeting ID: 633 461 023
We will be open from 6.45pm

A poster is attached about the event and there are more details on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/173091600905743/>

Another Quiz is planned for 15th March.

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

**Sunday 14th February
Sunday next before Lent**

No Parish Eucharist



Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading

2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them

went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Gospel

Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reflection is attached from +Peter

Additional Notices



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

Special prayers for those in need

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

Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Audrey Little,
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler,
Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister) David Johnson,
Ray Stephens,

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Rosemary & John Fowler, Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

Robin Barnes
Jean Williamson

Our thoughts are with the families of
Robin Barnes and Jean Williamson

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

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A reflection on the Transfiguration

The highest point in the Diocese of Bath and Wells is Dunkery Beacon right in the heart of Exmoor. When the life of the diocese weighed heavily on him, my Diocesan colleague, Bishop Peter Price, took himself off and walked to its summit from which he could see virtually the whole of the diocese. He used to say that it put things back into perspective for him and allowed him to reset himself, as it were, for whatever challenges lay ahead.

I suspect that there are times in our lives when we too need to take stock and to reset and perhaps now is one of those times. We have been locked down for the best part of a year and that will have taken its toll in all of us in one way or another. And what better time to reset than as we prepare for Lent, a special time for reflection and spiritual renewal.

It is no coincidence that the transfiguration story comes on the Sunday before Lent begins. As we reflect on Jesus' mountain top experience during which he reset his own ministry, setting his face towards Jerusalem, here is a moment for us to find fresh perspective. We are invited to lift our gaze from the darkness of these days and to look up; to see and to wonder at the beauty around us as the snowdrops reveal their delicate flowers, as the birds begin their song and as the cold earth comes back to life. We are invited to look up and look forward in hope that this time of shadow and sadness will pass and WE will come back to life.

So this Lent look up from the shadows and become more fully alive to the wonder and beauty of God's creation and to the love and compassion of Christ who is at work in each of us as we seek to share that love wherever we are and whoever we are with.

Mystery of Goodness by whose gaze we are called into being and held in life; teach us the secrecy of prayer which seeks no reward; the generosity of love which forgets itself; and the blessed assurance of your presence in our life's journey. Amen

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COMMUNITY ONLINE QUIZ NIGHT

MON 15th FEB 2021

**7PM ON ZOOM
FREE - Everyone Welcome
ID 633 461 023**



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