

## Parish Notices

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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>

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

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### **FACULTY APPLICATION**

Details of the Faculty application in respect of the plaster work fall can be found on All Saints website by clicking on this link <http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/Faculty%20Notice%20-%20Form%204A%20Plaster%20fall.pdf>

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### **January 2021 50/50 Club Draw**

The draw took place on 10th January and the winners were as follows:

1st Prize Unit No 50 Edna Tupper  
2nd prize Unit No 12 Carolyn Parslow  
Congratulations to them and thanks to everyone for taking part.

Brian Shaw

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**Fundraising** - Please make supporting The Parish of All Saints with St Philip, Maidstone your 2021 resolution! It's easy, FREE and makes such a BIG difference to us during these difficult times. All you need to do is use #easyfundraising to raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online with over 4,300 retailers. Plus if you sign up, we'll get a £5 bonus donation: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/theparishofallsaintswithstphilipmaidstone/?referral\\_campaign=c2s&utm\\_source=refsharebox](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/theparishofallsaintswithstphilipmaidstone/?referral_campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox)

**The Parish of All Saints  
With St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil**  
[www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**No Parish Eucharist**



### **Collect**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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**

#### **1 Samuel 3.1-10**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli

said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

## **Gospel**

### **John 1.43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

## **Post Communion**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Attached to the email is the reflection from + Peter**



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**

Andrea Leaver

John Coates (A member of All Saints Choir for Many Years)

June Dorothy Meeking (Janet Dredge's Mother)

Jean Williamson

Rowan Rose

Millie Moss

Our thoughts are with the families of  
Andrea Leaver, Rowan Rose, Millie Moss,  
John Coates June Dorothy Meeking, Jean Williamson

**Jean Williamson's Niece has informed us that there will be a small family cremation. A memorable service will be held at All Saints church possibly in May.**

**Please pray for Clive Lever who needs our support and prayers at this difficult time**

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***If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to [mollieneaves@gmail.com](mailto:mollieneaves@gmail.com)***

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## Come and See

We hadn't intended to stay up into the early hours of January 7<sup>th</sup> but we became gripped as well as horrified as we watched the hordes of Trump supporters storm the buildings on Capitol Hill. What was even more alarming was the sight of some of this crowd, once inside, praying for their president to be returned to power. I wondered, what is the nature of their faith? How can the Christianity that I believe in foster so much division and hatred?

When Philip invited Nathanael, in our gospel story, to 'come and see' who Jesus was he did not invite him to witness a faith that was anything like what was being invoked by that vengeful crowd on Capitol Hill. What he invited him to see in Jesus was the grace and mercy of God, bringing light, love, healing and forgiveness into a fragile world darkened by injustice and corruption fostered by Herod's rule, and to believe that by following in the footsteps of this Jesus he could be part of a movement of love that would make the world a better place.

He was inviting him to be part of an unfolding story in which, strengthened by God's love, both he and we can create the conditions in which peace and well-being are not only possible but normal and in which inevitable conflicts can be resolved through justice, kindness, wisdom and love. Today Jesus invites us to 'come and see', to be part of a new story, a story of love rather than hate, of creativity rather than destruction, of co-operation, of peace making and of abundant mercy.