

## Parish Notices

### Giving

During this difficult time when our church buildings are closed, we are still a church; meeting virtually for church services and fellowship, loving our neighbours by offering practical support to the vulnerable, and caring for our communities. The work of our church is reliant on people's generosity, a generosity that is a hallmark of our lived-out faith and a testament to it. We all give to our church in a variety of ways, but with the closure of all the buildings we cannot receive all the gifts that we usually receive, or the income from our events, so we really need your help now. If you are able to give a little more at this time please do or send your weekly *Envelopes* with a cheque to Lionel Marchant (*Treasurer*) 7 The Platt, Sutton Valence, Maidstone, ME17 3BQ.  
**With all Best wishes Ian**

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### Common Worship Daily Prayer –

Mid-week Service recorded on Wednesday mornings from the Vicarage. This can be viewed via our face book page.

Deanery Prayer – Please click on the link to view the Deanery prayer: [Deanery Prayer .pdf](#)

MUSIC IN WORSHIP - The Choir of Wells Cathedral singing the Psalms at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3H2Pp-Rs94I&list=PLn13fmo0awjmXHMNK\\_tLpGXT0Ty\\_WhIK6&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3H2Pp-Rs94I&list=PLn13fmo0awjmXHMNK_tLpGXT0Ty_WhIK6&index=1)

### 50/50 Club-

Given the uncertainty as to when services will resume at All Saints and following further advice from Maidstone Borough Council, the draws for the months of April and May have taken place and the winners are as follows:  
APRIL **1<sup>st</sup> prize** Unit 72 Geoff Lay **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Unit 18 Patricia Weston  
MAY **1<sup>st</sup> prize** Unit 30 Elizabeth Marchant **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Unit 23 Lionel Marchant  
The draw will now continue to be drawn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each Month.  
Brian Shaw

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One of our choir members, Maria-Vittoria Baggio, a music graduate studying the performing arts in Maidstone, has recently recorded two duets broadcast from the Oratorio San Filippo in Vicenza (Italy) where she is currently staying with her parents during the pandemic. The organist is her aunt, playing an instrument built in 1845, just one of three authentic historical Italian organs with their unique sound. The video is available at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/106222469891413/posts/861534267693559/>

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> May 2020  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Church Buildings still remain Closed**

Rev Ian Parrish will be recording the Sunday Morning Worship service and it can be viewed via our Facebook page the link is on this notice sheet and on both websites.

Daily worship is also available from Canterbury Cathedral via the All Saints website - [www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk) - click the link on the left hand side of the Welcome page.

### COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us To eternal 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.

### READING

**Acts 17.22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all

mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

## **GOSPEL**

### **John 14.15-21**

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

**Hymn:** For the beauty of the earth

## **POST COMMUNION**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **Special prayers for those in need**

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

Keith Sharp  
Jean Williamson  
Paul Crease  
Vera Alflatt  
Millie Moss  
Audrey Little  
Daphne Holland  
Nigel Gunyon  
Mary Wheeler

## **Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion**

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

## **Departed**

Marlene Crease  
Margaret Costen  
Brain Farmer  
Iris Relf  
Joan Lock-wood Jones  
Robert Justice  
Steve Davis  
Reginald Hughes - Organist and Choirmaster at  
All Saints Church 1970 - 1980

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## **Our Facebook Page:**

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*If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to the Church Wardens or the Priest in Charge*