Notices

The preparatory work for the roof repair is now in full swing. as well as some scaffolding outside the church we have now scaffolding inside the church. The 3 windows in the clerestory (upper windows) at the Font end of the Nave on each side have been removed to allow the scaffolding to be completed internally. As a result the central part of the nave including the centre aisle at the back of the church is out of bounds and access to remainder of the church from the Tower or North porches will be via the side aisles.

I would be most grateful if any key-holder who wishes to access the church during the day could kindly let me know so that I can let the site manager for the works know, to avoid any potential safety issues. We are currently expecting work to take place on some Saturdays when there are no events in the Church as well as during normal work days. Robert

All Saints 50/50 Club: February Draw

The draw has taken place and the lucky winners this month were as follows:

1st Prize Unit No 01 Edith Bellamy **2nd Prize** Unit No 62 Mrs Kilborne

Congratulations to Archbishop Courtenay School which has just achieved the Wellbeing Award for Schools (developed by the National Children's Bureau and Optimus Education, and supported by the Department for Education and Ofsted) - The Award deservedly recognises the outstanding work that the pupils, staff, parents, governors and partner organisations beyond the school gates have done to promote and embed a culture that values the happiness and emotional welfare of all its membersIn particular, the Award supports schools to create a culture in which mental health can thrive, helping them to:

- * Show the school's commitment to promoting well-being as part of day-to-day school life.
- * Develop a whole school strategy for improving the well-being of pupils.
- * Attract and retain high-quality staff

Willington Players – Death Trap - Tickets can be for any night but I will be going Wednesday 27 April 2022 myself. It would be lovely if we could make an evening of it again. If you haven't been before Tickets £15 and a percentage of this will go to All Saints with St Philips. Contact Di Daniels for further info:

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Sunday 20th February 2022 The Second Sunday before Lent Joint Eucharist

10.00am All Saints Church Maidstone

COVID RESTRICTIONS

- Face coverings are no longer mandatory but are recommended in enclosed or crowded places.
- Unmasked singing permitted
- Social distancing to remain but reduced from two metres to one.
- Retain alternate vacancy pews to lessen perceived risk of aerosol contamination.
- Non-contact sharing of the peace encouraged.
- Consideration and courtesy for others space when interacting.
- Mingling outside permitted.

Next Week's Service

10.00am Sunday 27th February
Joint Eucharist Service
at St Philips Church Maidstone

Collect

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Psalm 65

To the leader. A Psalm of David. A Song. Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose and bring
near

to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance.

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy. the meadows clothe themselves with flocks. the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Gospel Luke 6v 12-16

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of

James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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,
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler,
Jane Sadler, Ray Stephens, Debbie Proctor,
Roger Doe,

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Departed

If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices, please contact office.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com

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