

Intercessions.

Please email clintonendavis@btinternet.com or phone 01622 682330 to add or remove names from the list.

Please pray for these and their families

Vera Alflatt	Wendy Marks
John Coates	Maurice Mowbray
Joe Daniels	Mollie Neaves
Cathy Garner	Jeff Fernet Randell
Michael Greenstreet	Jane Sadler
Nigel Gunyon	Stephen
Marguerite Hart	Ray & Margaret Stephens
Daphne Holland	Michael Walsh
Brenda Hope	Jane Wearne
Audrey Little	

the departed and all who mourn their passing

Anne Andrews	Harold Cannell
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Notices

Please advise Mollie Neaves of events or dates to include in the Diary for the Magazine. Telephone 01622 759321 or e-mail mneaves@btinternet.com.

Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter

This is running until 1st March providing 15 beds every night for the homeless.

To volunteer your help, please use the form at <https://podio.com/webforms/9529966/722903>.

To sponsor a bed for £40, please donate online at mydonate.bt.com/charities/mcws or send a cheque made payable to 'Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter' to MCWS, c/o The Salvation Army, 74-80 Union Street, Maidstone ME14 1ED.

Christingles will be made in All Saints Church from 2pm on Tuesday 23rd. Please come and help as we have 200 to make. Contact Mary Shaw on 631368 for more information.

At St. Philip's Christingle Service at 5.00 pm on 24th December, children are invited to come dressed as ANGELS, SHEPHERDS or KINGS.

Christmas cards for you! Don't forget to check the piles of cards on the table near the refreshment area of All Saints and the pew shelf when entering St Philip's. There might be something there for you!

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THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

Sunday 21 December 2014

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

At All Saints

Readings for the 8.00 am Eucharist begin on page 53 in the BCP. The service starts on page 237.

We welcome the Revd Ron Gamble to preach and preside at the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist.

Music for the 9.30 am service:

Service: Thorne

NEH 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

NEH 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling

NEH 3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

At St Philip's

There is a leaflet for the 11.00 am Carol Service.

What's on this Week

Tuesday 23 December 2014

10.00 am - noon

Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

2.00 pm onwards

Christingle making at All Saints

Wednesday

24 December 2014

Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Christingle Service at All Saints

5.00 pm Christingle Service at St Philip's

11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist at All Saints

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Thursday

25 December 2014

Christmas Day

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints

10.00 am All Together Eucharist at All Saints

Friday

26 December 2014

Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

11.00 am Eucharist said at St Stephen's

Saturday

27 December 2014

John, Apostle and Evangelist

10.30 am Eucharist said at All Saints

Sunday

28 December 2014

The Holy Innocents

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints

11.00 am All Together Parish Eucharist
at St Stephen's

Readings at the 11.00 am Eucharist:
Jeremiah 31.15-17; 1 Corinthians 1.26-29;
Matthew 2.13-18

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU

CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today at All Saints

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READING 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

READING Romans 16.25-end

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the

only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on
the lowliness of his servant.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

GOSPEL Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.