

Notices

PCC Meeting- Monday 23rd January 6.30pm
at Archbishop Courtenay School – (in the da Vinci Room)

Forthcoming Services

(Please note these may be subject to change)

February Services all at 10am (apart from Evensong at 3.30pm)

5th – St Philips – Parish Eucharist
3.30pm – All Saints – Evensong

12th – All Saints – Parish Eucharist

19th – St Stephens (Archbishop Courtenay School) – Morning Worship
(Ploughman's Lunch after the service)

26th – All Saints – Parish Eucharist

Archbishop Courtenay School – We have been continuing with Godly Play. The Governors will meet on Monday 23rd to evaluate the good SIAMS report and all that entails for the Ofsted which is due later in the year.

Sunday February 19th – There will be a ploughman's lunch after Morning worship at St Stephen's (Archbishop Courtenay school) further details to follow.

**The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil**



**Sunday 22nd January 2023
The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**10.00am – Parish Eucharist
at St Philips Church**

Next Week's Service

**Sunday 29th January
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

10am Christingle for Adults (Children Welcome) at Archbishop Courtenay School

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Special prayers

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

*Paul Crease, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon,
Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Ray Stephens,
Debbie Proctor, Roger Doe, Sue Marks,
Pamela Hocking, Graham Jarvis, Kelly,
Claire & Family, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen
David Gilles, Laura, Gary Moses,
Roger Mowbray and family.*

*Departed
John Little
Selina*

Our thoughts are with their Family and friends

Vicar: All saints, Maidstone with St. Philip's, and St. Stephen's Tovil

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