

## Parish Notices

We remember Brian Neaves who was Church Warden of the Parish and Choirmaster at St Philips whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

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### **Friends of St Philip's Community Centre -**

The Christmas Draw is to take place on Sunday 6th December. Anyone who has tickets please return through the letterbox of Janice Underdown at 32 Greenside Maidstone ME15 7RU by 5th December.

**Thank you-** to everybody who has joined Easyfundraising so far and started to raise money for the Parish as they shop! We have also now signed up to Amazon Smile so you can raise money for the Parish each time you shop on the Amazon website. Click the link below and search for 'The Parish of All Saints with St Philip'. Each time you shop on Amazon Smile 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to the Parish without costing you any extra money! Many thanks for your support.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1134146-0>

**Below is also the link to register for Easy Fundraising:**

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/theparishofallsaintswithstphilipmaidstone/?invite=5WJHW0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm\\_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm\\_content=srt](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/theparishofallsaintswithstphilipmaidstone/?invite=5WJHW0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt)

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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

*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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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**  
**Christ the King**  
**The Sunday Next before Advent**

**Due to the Current Lockdown**  
**Restrictions No Services will be**  
**held in the Parish until further**  
**notice**

**Church Buildings will remain closed**

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### A reflection for Christ the King

The feast of Christ the King marks the bridge between the old year and the new year. Advent is about to begin, a time of waiting in hope for the birth of the infant King, Jesus, but what kind of king do we hope for and what image of power and authority does he bring. The scriptures point NOT to an image of power and control OVER others which can so easily be abused and too often appears to be the mark of contemporary leaders, but rather to an image of love and compassion and solidarity WITH others and especially with the least, the last and the lost. One of my favourite preachers, Frederick Beuchner, puts it better than I can. 'We have it in us to be Christ to each other. We have it in us to work miracles of love and healing as well as to have them worked upon us. We have it in us to bless with him and to heal with him, to grieve with some measure of grief at another's pain and to rejoice with some measure of his rejoicing at another's joy. Vulnerable King, at one with the hungry, the naked and the scorned; may our faith be shown not in power and control, but in serving you in the least, the last and the lost.

+Peter

### Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Reading**

### **Ezek 34.11-16, 20-24**

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 25, 31-end**

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of

my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

## **Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Next Week**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Day of Advent**

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

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

Owen Reeves, Jean Williamson, Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss, Audrey Little, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister)  
David Johnson, Ray Stephens

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

Clive & Andrea Lever, Rosemary & John Fowler,  
Keith Manuell & Family

## **Departed**

Beryl MacCallum  
Irene Johnson  
Trish Weston

Our thoughts are with the families of  
Beryl MacCallum, Irene Johnson & Trish Weston

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