

Parish Notices

Dear All – Wishing everyone a wonderful, peaceful and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all you do.
Ian & Frauke

Deanery Prayer for December – Please see Community Magazine and Notice Boards for further details.

St Philips Christmas Fayre – A big thank you to everyone who was involved in the St Philips Christmas fayre, for donating, helping or attending. We had a great day and we raised a total of £1317.75p which will be split between the Church, Centre & Friends of St Philips Community Centre.

All Saints -

We need volunteers to help with some of the special services at All Saints over Christmas, to welcome people, hand them service sheets, deal with any enquires, do the collection etc.

Midnight Server 24th

Christmas Morning

If you can help please see Robert after the service, contact him on 07775 813258 or add your name to the list at the back of the church

Lay Diocesan Synod vacancy – One of the Diocesan Synod representatives has had to stand down which means there is a casual vacancy for the remainder of her term on Diocesan Synod which will run until August 2020. If anyone is interested in standing please contact Diane Enfield dianeenfield001@gmail.com nomination forms need to be completed and returned by Friday 14th February 2020.

Save the Date

Pudding Night at St Philips – 7pm on Friday 10th January 2020. Lots of lovely puddings to taste! Tickets are £5.00 per person which includes tea/coffee.

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

The Parish of All Saints
with St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk

Sunday 22nd December 2019
04th Sunday of Advent

At All Saints



8.00am Eucharist – Readings begin on page 52 and the service starts on page 237

Music for the 9.30am Parish Eucharist Chancel Service – Thorne

NEH 7 Hills of the North, rejoice

NEH 5 Hark! A herald voice is calling:

NEH 6 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

NEH 17 When came in flesh the incarnate word

Organ Voluntary:

Sortie in Bb – Lefebure-Wely

Please come and join us for refreshments after the Service ☺

Other Services/Events in the Parish for the 22nd December

11am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

11am Carol Service at St Stephens

4.00pm Community Carol Service at St Philips

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 forever.

READING 1

Isaiah 7.10-16

READING 2

Romans 1.1-7

GOSPEL

Matthew 1.18-end

Gospel Acclamation (All Saints Only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia Prepare the way of the Lord, make his/ paths/ straight, and all flesh shall see the sal / vation / of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

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.

Readings for the main Eucharist next week Sunday 29th December 2019 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63.7-9

Hebrews 2.10-end

Matthew 2.13-18

Intercessions:

Please pray for these and their families:

Jean Williamson, Revd Kes Grant, Clive & Andrea Lever, Johnjo Flood, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss, Audrey Little, Chris CSJD, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Jane Sadler, Revd Brian Barnes, Keith Manuell. Mary Wheeler, Revd Ron & Dawn Gamble, Kelly & Family, .Janet

The departed and all who mourn their Passing:

Patty
Ray Martin
David Kingman

Please take this leaflet away with you ☺

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Our Facebook Page: "All Saints with St Philip and St Stephen Maidstone"

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 23 rd	
Tues 24 th	No Coffee & Chat at St Philips back on the 7 th January 2020 4pm Christingle Service at AS 5pm Christingle Service at SP 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist at AS 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist at SP
Wed 25 th	No 8am Service at AS 10.00am Joint Family Parish Eucharist at AS
Thu 26 th	
Fri 27 th	No Choir
Sat 28 th	11am St Stephens Day Eucharist Service and Bring & Share Lunch at SS
Sun 29 th	08.00am Said BCP HC at AS 9.30am Parish Eucharist at AS 11am Parish Eucharist at SP No Choral Evensong at AS



Reading for Sunday 22nd December
4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1.18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.