

## Notices

All Saints with St Philip and St Stephen Tovil  
**SINGING FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

at St Philips Community Centre on the  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month  
12 until 1pm £2 per session

No experience or reading music necessary.  
Singing well known songs and those 'new to  
you'.

COMMENCING Tuesday 25 April 2023

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### **Archbishop Courtenay School**

Godley play has seen numbers at full  
capacity this term. They meet after school at  
3.15pm – 4.15pm.

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### **Non-Residential Parish Weekend at Archbishop Courtenay School**

Friday May 12th, 2023, from 6:00pm to  
Sunday May 14th, 2023, until after Lunch.

Booking details later for either part of full time  
with meals provided on Friday Evening with  
Fish and Chip Supper, Saturday, and Sunday  
a Simple Ploughman's Lunch.

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### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

Revd John Richardson will be leading the  
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Brochures are  
available from Revd John.

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**A Healing House of Prayer  
Early Summer Reflections at St Philips  
Church on Tuesday Mornings at 10am for  
10.30am from April – June 2023**

- **April 18th – Seven Rooms!!**
  - **May 2nd – At Easter**
  - **May 23rd – At Ascension**
  - **June 13th – In Pentecost**
  - **June 27th In Spare Rooms!!**

**We look forward to seeing you.  
Further details from John  
Richardson**

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

**Sunday 23rd April 2023  
The Third Sunday of Easter**

**10.00am Easter Parish Communion at All  
Saints**



**Next Week's Service**

**Sunday 30th April 2023  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
10.00 Patronal Festival of St Philips and  
St James at St Philips Church**

### **Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy  
gladdened the disciples with the sight of the  
risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his  
presence with us, that we may be  
strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness  
and truth; 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.

### **Readings**

#### **Ezekiel 34: Verses 11-16a**

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.

### **Gospel John 20: 11-19**

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

### **Post Communion**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **Sunday Services in May** **All at 10am unless specified.**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – At All Saints. A Special Service in Honour of King Charles 111

### **No Choral Evensong**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** At Stephen's. At Archbishop Courtenay School...Morning Worship followed by Sunday Buffet lunch as the final day of the Parish Weekend with Neville Emslie as our cavitation and preacher.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** At St. Philip's Parish Eucharist remembering Rogationtide.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** At All Saints Parish Eucharist for Pentecost

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### **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, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen  
Pam Ratcliffe*

*Departed  
Naomi White  
Ken Wan*

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

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