

## POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Intercessions

Please email [clintonendavis@btinternet.com](mailto:clintonendavis@btinternet.com) or phone 01622 682330 to add or remove names from the list.

#### Please pray for these and their families

Vera Alflatt	Jeff Fernet Randell
Julie Clark	Jane Sadler
John Coates	Sister Shirley CSJD
Joe Daniels	Ray & Margaret Stephens
Dawn Gamble	Winnie Thompson
Michael Greenstreet	Michael Walsh
Marguerite Hart	Jane Wearne
Daphne Holland	Stephen
Brenda Hope	Marie-Celina
John Matthews	Steve
Sue Marks	

#### the departed and all who mourn their passing

Ken Eagles

### Notices

#### Choral Evensong

The next Choral Evensong at All Saints will be on **Sunday 20th September** at 6.30 pm, not the 6th September as previously advertised.

#### 'Healing of Memories and Forgiveness Journey'

**Saturday 3rd October 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

Healing Day in Maidstone at St Nicholas church, Popular Grove, Allington, ME16 ODG

Leader: The Revd Sarah Chapman.

For further information and to book please contact Jenny Clifton 01622 761533.

#### Prayer Pastors and Prayer Coordinator needed

Our volunteer Prayer Pastors are a vital part of our structure and, without them, Street Pastors would not be able to operate.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

Our teams operate from 10.00 pm on a Saturday night, to 4.00 am on a Sunday morning on a rotating 4 week cycle from our base in Maidstone. Ideally there should be around 4 **Prayer Pastors** per night who are in radio contact with the Street Pastor teams, the Police, Door Staff, Urban Blue Bus and CCTV to care, listen and help those who are vulnerable.

A **Prayer Coordinator** is also required to 'head up' the Prayer Pastor team. If you feel you can help or would like to find out more information, please contact Nigel Downes on 07817 250705 or email, [maidstone@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:maidstone@streetpastors.org.uk)

## THE PARISH OF

## ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

**Sunday 23 August 2015**

### The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

#### At All Saints

**Readings for the 8.00 am Eucharist** begin on page 175 in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

#### Music for the 10.00 am Combined Eucharist:

Service: Thorne

NEH 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

NEH 200 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

NEH 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling

NEH 473 When morning gilds the skies

**This service is followed by a 'Bring and Share' Lunch with Games in the Vicarage Garden.**

### What's on this Week

**Monday 24 August 2015**

#### Bartholomew the Apostle

10.30 am Eucharist said at All Saints

**Tuesday 25 August 2015**

10.00 am - noon Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

**Thursday 27 August 2015**

12.30 pm Eucharist said at All Saints

**Saturday 29 August 2015**

1.30 pm Baptisms at All Saints

**Sunday 30 August 2015**

#### The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints

The Revd Ian Parrish

**9.30 am Parish Eucharist at All Saints**

The Revd Clinton Davis

**11.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Philip's**

The Revd Ian Parrish

2.30 pm Baptisms at All Saints

Readings for main Eucharists:

Song of Solomon 2.8-13

James 1.17-end

Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

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**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU**

## CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things  
    of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
    which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

### READING Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

### GOSPEL John 6.56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'