

Parish Notices

As our services have currently been suspended, please find below the https links to join the Zoom services kindly offered by St Martin's. **Just click on the https links below to join either the Sunday or Thursday morning services. This is a direct link to the zoom service, a dialog box will pop up - click on open if not click the Launch Meeting button on the same screen.**

Sunday Morning Holy Communion 10.00am - St Martins Church Zoom Link for Services
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/856888392>

Thursday Morning Holy Worship 10.00am St Martins Church Zoom Link for Services
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/866070731>

FACULTY APPLICATION

Details of the Faculty application in respect of the plaster work fall can be found on All Saints website by clicking on this link <http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/Faculty%20Notice%20-%20Form%20A%20Plaster%20fall.pdf>

January 2021 50/50 Club Draw

The draw took place on 10th January and the winners were as follows:

1st Prize Unit No 50 Edna Tupper
2nd prize Unit No 12 Carolyn Parslow
Congratulations to them and thanks to everyone for taking part.

Brian Shaw

Easy Fundraising -

Help us get 2021 off to a great start for The Parish of All Saints with St Philip, Maidstone by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 4,300 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. This will make a BIG difference to us during this difficult time. Sign up today:
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**The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
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**Sunday 24th January
Third Sunday of Epiphany**

No Parish Eucharist



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

Genesis 14:17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you

fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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.

Reflection is attached from +Peter



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

Special prayers for those in need *Matt 5.3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven'*

Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Audrey Little, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister) David Johnson, Ray Stephens, Robin Barnes (Son of Brian Barnes)

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Rosemary & John Fowler, Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

Pat Donald

Marion Holmes

Andrea Leaver

John Coates (A member of All Saints Choir for Many Years)

June Dorothy Meeking (Janet Dredge's Mother)

Jean Williamson

Millie Moss

Our thoughts are with the families of Pat Donald, Marion Holmes, Andrea Leaver, Millie Moss, John Coates, June Dorothy Meeking & Jean Williamson

Jean Williamson's Niece has informed us that there will be a small family cremation. A memorable service will be held at All Saints church possibly in May.

Please pray for Clive Lever who needs our support and prayers at this difficult time

If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to mollieneaves@gmail.com

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'Come and follow me'

12 years ago, Liz and I were invited to join a group of our newly ordained priests on a pilgrimage to Jordan. On the first day our guide took us to a place called Gadara which overlooked the Sea of Galilee. As we gazed out at this stretch of water which we had read about so many times I looked across at our new priests. They were silent, their eyes focussed on the place where so much of Jesus' ministry had taken place. It was an extraordinary moment as all of us, in our imaginations, were taken back to the scene described for us in today's gospel reading from Mark where Simon and Andrew heard the call of Jesus for the first time, 'come and follow me.'

That call has echoed through the ages drawing countless folk to the one who proclaimed 'good news to the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed.' I think especially, in the week of Joe Biden's inauguration, of Martin Luther-King whose birthday was celebrated on Monday. He heard the call of Jesus and was inspired to dare to dream of a better world with justice a reality for all God's children.

In this time of pandemic with 'good news' in such short supply perhaps that call echoes even more loudly, imploring us not to lose hope but to persevere in faith; supporting family, friends and neighbours who might be struggling; praying for our exhausted hospital and care workers who are under so much strain; and taking a few moments each day for ourselves to consciously place ourselves into the arms of God that we may be strengthened and refreshed by God's grace and love.

John Coates

John was born on Saturday the 13th May 1933 and died on Monday the 28th December 2020

A Eulogy delivered at John's funeral by his daughter Jeanette and brother Malcolm

John's funeral was held at Vinters Park Crematorium Maidstone at
3.30pm on Tuesday the 12th January 2021.

John was born 13 May 1933, the second child of Violet Burns and Leonard Coates. The family lived at 231 Tonbridge Road, close to their grandparents and John spent a lot of time with them. At the age of 5 he started school at Westborough and Sunday school at St. Andrews Church. He remembered the day when war was declared, the sirens sounded and he and his brother Brian went to the bottom of their garden and hid by the artichokes! At the age of 7 he joined Brian in St. Andrews Choir and during the following years, became server and assistant cub master. At the age of 14 he was confirmed by the Bishop of Dover at All Saints Church.

John passed the '11 plus' exam and attended Maidstone Boys Technical High School (now Oakwood Park Grammar School). He left school at 15 and spent the next 2 years as a horticultural student learning all about fruit growing at East Malling Research. He then attended Kent Farm College for one year until he was called up for National Service. After basic training at Wilmslow, he then went to RAF Henlow for ceremonial training so he could take part in the funeral parade of King George VI.

Afterwards he was sent to train as an aerodrome fireman at Sutton-on-Hull, and was then posted to RAF Hawkinge where he had further training. He then became an Instructor to WRAF cadets and was made Corporal. It was here in 1953 that he met Mavis Armstrong, and they married in November 1954.

At the end of his RAF service, John joined the Silver City Air Company at Lydd Airfield in the same capacity as the RAF. In 1958, Mavis gave birth to Jeanette. Having been made redundant in 1960, John joined Wakefield Corn, Coal and Seed Merchants as Depot Manager back in Maidstone. There he attended various training courses run by the National Coal Board and was awarded Diplomas. In 1979 he was invited to join The Livery Company of Woodmongers and Coal Sellers and in 1982 became a Freeman of the City of London.

In 1984 the principal of Wakefields retired and sold the company to Charringtons, and John was promoted to the Company Manager. In 1989 the coal business was in decline and John found himself redundant once more. Fortunately John was able to find work as a driver for M&D, driving the new Park and Ride buses. He passed the necessary examinations and was awarded the Safe Driving Diploma at the end of his career.

John has remained a church chorister for over 70 years, singing in various cathedrals and churches, the longest being All Saints in Maidstone. In 1999 he was approached by Archbishop Carey to thank him for his mission at All Saints.

In 1983 and 1985, Jeanette gave birth to two lovely granddaughters, Rebecca and Nicola, and John became very close to them during their early years.

In 2007, John was devastated when he lost his dear wife after 53 years of marriage. During this time John was very thankful for the love and support Jen, Rebecca and Nicola gave him. In 2011 John became a great-grandfather to Jonathan, in 2014 to Emilia and Jesse in 2016. Towards the end of 2014 John's dementia worsened and he was forced to leave his home and move to a Care Home in Queens Avenue, Maidstone where he received the care he needed. John's brother Brian and sisters Anne and Margaret were all born within a few years of one another. They grew up and played together and John was the ring- leader who led them into mischief and sometimes trouble. The girls were usually blamed but John often got away with it by telling mother that he would buy her a bath chair in her old age! Sister Anne remembers him sitting in her doll's pram and the bottom falling through!

He had a sense of fun and enthusiastically joined in our family cricket matches. On one April Fool's day he got my father, who was a football referee, out of bed early with a hoax phone call that someone from the local Referee's Association wanted to speak to him. I don't think my father was well pleased!

John didn't like to hang about and punctuality was important to him. If he was taking you out and he was ready and you weren't, he would usually say, 'Come on, let's be having you!' He was hard - working, loving towards his family and loyal to his employers, and those choirmasters he sang under. He will be very much missed by his daughter Jen and granddaughters Rebecca and Nicola. I too shall miss him, especially as a fellow chorister.

May he rest in peace.