Intercessions

Please email frauke.parrish@gmail.com or phone 01622 756002 to add/remove names of this list.

Please pray for these and their families

John Matthews Joan Bull Julie Clark John Coates

Brian & Elizabeth Coleman Jeff Fernett Randell

Joe Daniels Jane Sadler Jeff & Beryl Foxley Revd Kes Grant

Dawn Gamble Ray & Margaret Stephens

Susan Greenstreet Winnie Thompson Jane Wearne Daphne Holland Patricia Weston Vera Alflat Chervl Neller Daphne Lee Kelvin Knapp and Family Mildred Moss

Michael Brooks Judy

The departed and all who mourn their passing

Notices

St George's Day Service - 24th April 3.00pm at All Saints. Come and join us to celebrate this special day.

Parish Day Outing - A day by the Seaside © We will hire a bus. £10.00 a head. Wednesday 3rd of August. More info to follow from Frauke. Sign up list at back of church. Save the date and book early!

Ascension Day - Choral Eucharist Service at All Saints, Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm.

St Philip's May Fair on 7th May 11.00am - 2.00pm. We need raffle and tombola prizes, nearly new clothes, costume jewellery, brick-a-brack and small jars with tops but no books please. Also cakes to eat and for the cake stall @ Please contact Janice or Barbara for more details.

Bluebell Walk – Sunday 1st May. Raising vital funds for the Heart of Kent Hospice. More info/to register visit www.hokh.org or ring 01622 790195.

Quiz Night - Saturday 21st May in All Saints at 7pm. £5 entrance in aid of the Restoration Fund. Individuals or groups of up to 8. Nibbles and a raffle will be provided. Bring your own drinks. Please book with Mary by 15th May to avoid disappointment. 631368 or shaw@theweir.fsworld.co.uk

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Sunday 24th April 2016 The Fifth Sunday of Easter At All Saints

Readings at the 8.00am Eucharist begin on page 141 in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

10.00am Combined Parish Eucharist at St Philip's

followed by

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

3.00pm St George's Day Service at All Saints

St Philip's hymns are announced and displayed.

Please join us for refreshments after the service

What's on this Week

Monday to Friday 10.15am - 12.00noon Maidstone Schools Spring Sing Along at All Saints

Tuesday 26 April 2016 10.00am - noon Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

7.00pm St Philip Church and Centre Mtg

Wednesday 27 April 2016

10.00 - 12.00 St Philip's Toddlers at Church Centre

Thursday 28 April 2016

12.30pm

Sunday

Friday 29 April 2016

Eucharist said at All Saints

1 May 2016

7.30pm St Stephen's Mtg at the Vicarage

8.00am BCP Eucharist said at All Saints

9.30am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philip's

1.00pm Baptisms at All Saints

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Readings for the main Eucharist next Acts 16.9-15, Rev. 21.10,22-22.5, John 14.23-29

CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READING Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers* who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers* criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.* These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

READING Revelation 21. 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

GOSPEL John 13.31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him,' God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.