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Please pray for these and their families

John & Diana Caley Jean Williamson Cyril & Sheila Findlay Revd Kes Grant Ken & Stella Bridges Vera Alflatt Clive & Andrea Lever Millie Moss Derek & Sue Parker Audrev Little John Bull **Albert Daniels** Ray Stephens & Family Trish Weston Mark Weber and Family Pat Manser Johnjoe Flood Dawn Gamble

The Departed

Mary Weber Margaret Stephens

Notices

Lent Course - Broken - Based on Jimmy McGovern's hard hitting TV drama and developed for group discussion by Cannon Dr Paula Gooder. Please see Paul Fletcher for more details. The group will meet at St Philips Coffee Lounge on Thursday evenings starting at 7pm-9pm, 22nd Feb-22nd March.

Mothering Sunday Posies - Mothering Sunday posies will be made in church on Saturday 10th March from 2pm volunteers required. Donations of colourful flowers will be greatly accepted.

Mothering Sunday- 11th March at All Saints Why not bring family & friends along to our Mothering Sunday Service?

St Philip's Toddlers - There will be no St Philip's Toddler's meeting in February!

Lite- Bite Lunch- There will be a Lite-Bite Lunch on Wednesday 7th March 1pm-2.30pm.

All Saints Pastoral Care - There is a list by the coffee area with names and explains the purpose of this list. Please familiarise yourself with this and contact Mary Shaw should you like your name to be added or removed. Thank you.

Electoral Roll - If you wish to be included on the Electoral Roll, please speak to the churchwardens who will give you a form to complete. Please complete forms by the 25th March 2018. Thank you.

The Willington Players- Next production is Hi-de-Hi, a stage adaptation of the famous TV sitcom from the 1980's. We hope that people will enjoy this one and it will certainly be very different from Sense & Sensibility. Diane Daniels will be getting tickets for Wednesday 18th April 2018-£14 each.

Deanery Prayer for February - Please see notice boards for further details.

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www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk 25th February 2018 The Second Sunday of Lent At All Saints

Readings at the 8.00am Said Eucharist begin on page 88 and the service starts on page 237.

Music for the 9.30am Choral Eucharist

Service: Darke in F

Introit Anthem Hide not thou Thy face from me Farrant

NEH 339 BE thou my vision. O Lord of my heart NEH 439 1t Praise to the Holiest in the height. Christ triumphant – single sheet words provided

Communion Motets: God be in my head - Rutter

Lord for thy tender mercies sake - Hilton Psalm after the dismissal: Psalm 119 vv33-48

11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

St Philip's & St Stephen's Hymns are announced and displayed

Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30am & 11.00am Service

What's on this Week

27th February **Tuesday**

10.00am-12noon Coffee & Chat at St Philips

28th February Wednesday

No St Philips Toddlers

1st March **Thursday**

12.00noon All Saints Eucharist 7.00pm-9.00pm Lent Course at St Philips

4th March Sunday

The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am BCP Said Eucharist at All Saints

9.30am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Readings for the main Eucharist next Week

Exodus.20.1-17 1 Cor. 1.18-25 John 2.13-22

CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading: Genesis 17.1-7 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Reading: Romans 4.13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law. neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No

distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel: Mark 8.31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this guite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind, not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints Only) Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory! Glory and praise to you!

The Lord is a great God, O that today / you would listen / to his voice. Harden / not / your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory!

Glory and praise to you

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU