

Parish Notices

All Saints Remains Closed

Unfortunately, we have experienced a masonry fall in the North-West aspect of the All Saints nave. This will need inspection from our architect, risk assessment and authorisation to open before we can open for public and private prayer.

Giving

During this difficult time when our church buildings are closed, we are still a church; meeting virtually for church services and fellowship, loving our neighbours by offering practical support to the vulnerable, and caring for our communities. The work of our church is reliant on people's generosity, a generosity that is a hallmark of our lived-out faith and a testament to it. We all give to our church in a variety of ways, but with the closure of all the buildings we cannot receive all the gifts that we usually receive, or the income from our events, so we really need your help now. If you are able to give a little more at this time please do or send your weekly *Envelopes* with a cheque to Lionel Marchant (*Treasurer*) 7 The Platt, Sutton Valence, Maidstone, ME17 3BQ.

With all Best wishes Ian

Archbishop Courtenay School, our school, is now open again in accordance with DfE guidelines. Please celebrate by listening to their choir singing LOOKING TO THE RAINBOW at: <https://www.archbishopcourtenay.org.uk/looking-for-the-rainbow/>

Updated Notice

Face Masks – Face Masks will now need to be worn when attending Church. Many Thanks.

The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk

Sunday 26th July 2020
Seventh Sunday after Trinity



COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Ephesians 3. 14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Special prayers for those in need

*Matt 5.3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven'*

Keith Sharp
Jean Williamson
Paul Crease
Vera Alflatt
Millie Moss
Audrey Little
Daphne Holland
Nigel Gunyon
Mary Wheeler
Jane Sadler
Tricia (Barbara's Sister)

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Clive & Andrea Lever
Irene & David Johnson
Rosemary & John Fowler
Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

Rosemary Richards
Jeff Fernet-Randall
Brian Gifford
Richard Woolley
Marlene Crease
Margaret Costen
Brian Farmer
Iris Relf
Joan Lock-wood Jones
Robert Justice
Steve Davis

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If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to the Church Wardens or the Priest in Charge