

## Notices

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Philip's Church on Tuesday 30th November at 12.30pm, to celebrate the life of Janice Underdown. This will be followed by refreshments in the main hall.  
All Welcome.

Any donations made in Janice's memory will support the following Charities.  
Heart of Kent Hospice.  
Marie Curie.  
Macmillan Cancer Support.

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We are seeking contributions to the Christmas get together at St Philips Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> December of;

- Raffle/Tombola prizes,
- Cakes and mince pies (homemade if possible)
- Contribution for the purchase of items for a first prize raffle hamper.

This will also be an opportunity to introduce yourself and meet with our new Vicar John face to face.

If you are able to help, please let Susanne and Chris or Diane and Paul know.

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Just a reminder that if you are shopping online do not forget to use Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile. Every purchase you make helps raise money for the parish! Thank you to everyone who has raised money so far.

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**Zoom Service kindly offered by St Martins Church - Thursday Morning Holy Worship 10.00am**  
**St Martin's Church Zoom Link for Services**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86607073>

The Parish of All Saints  
With St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil  
[www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk)



**Sunday 28th November 2021**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**

**10.00am Joint Eucharist Service**  
**At St Philips Church**



- **COVID RESTRICTIONS**
- Face coverings optional
- Unmasked singing permitted
- Area to be provided for apprehensive mask wearers wanting to keep distanced from non-wearers.
- Social distancing to remain but reduced from two metres to one.
- Retain alternate vacant pews to lessen perceived risk of aerosol contamination.
- Non-contact sharing of the peace encouraged.
- Consideration and courtesy for others space when interacting.
- Mingling outside permitted.

**Next week's Service**

**Sunday 05th December**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**10.00am Joint Eucharist Service at All Saints Church**

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## **Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Reading

### Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should.

Conduct yourselves wisely towards outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

## Gospel

### Matthew 5:13-16

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

## Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise, through Jesus Christ our Lor

## 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,  
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler,  
Jane Sadler, Ray Stephens, Debbie Proctor,  
Roger Doe, Gemma (Joan Bull's Daughter)

## Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

### In Memory Of

Janice Underdown

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*If anyone would like to add anything to the  
weekly notices, please contact  
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Wednesdays of each week**

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