

Notices

Forthcoming Services

(Please note these may be subject to change)

February Services

12th – 10.00am All Saints – Parish Eucharist

19th – 10.00am St Stephens (Archbishop Courtenay School) – Morning Worship (Ploughman's Lunch after the service)

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023, at All Saints.... 10:00am Holy Communion (said service) led by John Richardson.

26th – 10.00am All Saints – Parish Eucharist

Sunday February 19th – There will be a ploughman's lunch after Morning worship at St Stephen's (Archbishop Courtenay School) further details to follow.

**The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil**



**Sunday 29th January 2023
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**Christingle with a difference
Candlemas .. The presentation of Christ**

**10.00am – Christingle for adults
(Children welcome) St Stephens at
Archbishop Courtenay School**

Next Week's Service

**Sunday 5th February
The Third Sunday before Lent**

**10am Parish Eucharist at St Philips
Church**

3.30pm Evensong at All Saints Church

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Reading

Luke chapter 2 verses 22-24,25-28,33-35,36-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice

according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Special prayers

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

*Paul Crease, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon,
Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Ray Stephens,
Debbie Proctor, Roger Doe, Sue Marks,
Pamela Hocking, Graham Jarvis, Kelly,
Claire & Family, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen
David Gilles, Laura, Gary Moses,
Roger Mowbray and family.*

**Vicar: All saints, Maidstone with St.
Philip's, and St. Stephen's Tovil**

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