

Parish Notices

Deanery Prayer for March – Please click on the link to view the deanery prayer:

[Deanery Prayer notice March 2020 pdf.pdf](#)

Electoral Roll Revision – It's that time of year when we review our Electoral Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll means you can vote on Church matters, attend Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Please speak with our Churchwarden's Denise Joy or Robert Philo and ask for an Application Form.

PCC Draft Accounts – Have now been sent to our Independent Examiner in preparation for our APCM. The draft accounts can be seen on our website by entering the link www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/draftaccounts2019.pdf if you have any questions about the accounts please send an email to marchant.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com so that your question can be answered.

Please see below for following links and advice:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

<https://www.churchofengland.org>

<https://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk>

<https://www.stphilipschurchmaidstone.co.uk>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com>

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org>

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

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with St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk

Sunday 29th March 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Our Church buildings must now be closed not only for public worship but also for Private prayer. This includes the Priest or Lay person offering prayer in Churches of their own.

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

GOSPEL – John 11.1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ But when Jesus heard it, he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?’ Jesus

answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit

and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Intercessions:

Please pray for these and their families:

Jean Williamson, Revd Kes Grant, Clive & Andrea Lever, Johnjo Flood, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss, Audrey Little, Chris CSJD, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Jane Sadler, Revd Brian Barnes, Keith Manuell. Mary Wheeler, Revd Ron & Dawn Gamble, Kelly & Family, Janet, Julian, Owen Reeves, Pat Stark, Greta Gooding, Family of Cathy Garner, Greta Gooding, Family of Revd Brian Barnes

The departed and all who mourn their Passing:

Revd Brian Barnes
Cathy Garner
Henry Gooding