

Notices

Parish Weekend 12th-14th May 2023

A separate PDF document will be sent with information regarding the Parish weekend. This will include all timings and booking information.

All Saints with St Philip and St Stephen Tovil
SINGING FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING
at St Philips Community Centre on the
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month
12 until 1pm £2 per session
No experience or reading music necessary.
We will be singing well known songs and those 'new to you'.

A Healing House of Prayer
Early Summer Reflections at St Philips
Church on Tuesday Mornings at 10am for
10.30am from April – June 2023

- April 18th – Seven Rooms!!
 - May 2nd – At Easter
 - May 23rd – At Ascension
 - June 13th – In Pentecost
 - June 27th In Spare Rooms!!

We look forward to seeing you.
Further details from John
Richardson

Sunday Services in May All at 10am unless specified.

May 14th At Stephen's. At Archbishop Courtenay School...Morning Worship followed by Sunday Buffet lunch as the final day of the Parish Weekend with Neville Emille as our facilitator and preacher.

May 18th – Ascension day 10.00am Service of Holy Communion at All Saints Church in St Katherine's Chapel

May 21st At St. Philip's Parish Eucharist remembering Rogationtide.

May 28th At All Saints Parish Eucharist for Pentecost

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

Sunday 30th April 2023
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00 Patronal Festival of St Philips and
St James at St Philips Church



Next Week's Service

Sunday 7th May 2023
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
10.00 A Special Service in Honour of
King Charles 111 at ALL Saints Church

No Choral Evensong

Collect

Almighty father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; 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.

Readings

Isaiah 30 verses 15-21

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. But you refused and said, 'No! We will flee upon horses' therefore you shall flee! and, 'We will ride upon swift steeds' therefore your pursuers shall be swift! A thousand shall flee at the threat of one, at the threat of five you shall flee, until you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill. Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

Gospel

John Verses 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; By the power of the same Spirit

strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen
Pam Ratcliffe*

*Departed
Mary Kingdon*

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

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**Please note Revd John will be on Leave
on Wednesdays of each week**

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**All Saints with St.Philip's Maidstone and St.Stephen's Tovil
PARISH WEEKEND
Friday May 12th to Sunday May 14th 2023
At Archbishop Courtney School Tovil
With Dr.Neville Emilie,, Director of Ministry , Diocese of Canterbury**

With the theme of DWELLING.....

Friday May 12th 6:00pm for 6:30pm until 9:00pm
SESSION 1 begins with a Fish and Chip Supper

Saturday May 13th 9:30am for 10:00am until 3:00pm
SESSIONS begin and followed by coffee and later a Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday May 14th 10:00am until around 1:30pm
MORNING WORSHIP followed by TWO COURSE FULL BUFFET SUNDAY LUNCH

MEALS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE AND BY THE LATEST ON THURSDAY MAY 11th at NOON by emails to vicarjsr@icloud.com or by filling in this booking form or by signing the board at the back of church after Sunday services.

Prices are...Fish and Chips £15. Ploughman's lunch £15. Sunday Lunch £25 with a 10% reduction of £5 for the whole weekend amounting to £50

this cost also involves other expenses for the weekend.

If there are issues re the cost then please have a word with John Richardson asap. We wish no one to feel constrained from coming because of the cost.

Payment can be in cash or by cheque the latter being made payable to All Saints PCC Maidstone

If possible please bring a Bible and pen with you to each session. Thank you.

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BOOKING FORM to be handed to John Richardson, Denise Joy or Robert Philo.

Names

Telephone number

Email address

I/We will be at the following sessions of the PCC weekend and desire meals on

Friday evening

Saturday lunch time

Sunday lunch time

And we enclose cash or cheque for £

Please tick as appropriate. Signed.....

We look forward to welcoming you. To this gathering where we will be together to deepen our understanding of what it means in our daily life and experience to dwell in Christ in a contemporary and realistic way.

Further details from John Richardson on 01303 980027 or at vicarjsr@icloud.com

John S. Richardson