#### Intercessions.

Please email clintonendavis@btinternet.com or phone 01622 682330 with updates for the list.

#### Please pray for these and their families

Vera Alflatt Simon Mold
John Coates Millie Moss
Joe Daniels Mollie Neaves
Sheila Findlay Gareth Owen
Cathy Garner Geoffrey Randell
Michael Greenstreet Jane Sadler

Nigel Gunyon Stephen

Marguerite Hart Ray & Margaret Stephens

Daphne Holland Michael Walsh Brenda Hope Jane Wearne

the departed and all who mourn their passing

Douglas Huxley Elspeth Stannard

the departed: anniversary at this time

**Brian Neaves** 

#### **Notices**

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Please advise Mollie Neaves of events or dates to include in the Diary for the Magazine.

E-mail <u>mneaves@btinternet.com</u> or telephone 01622 759321.

#### Churches Together in Maidstone Advent Service

The Salvation Army, Union Street, tonight at 6.00 pm

#### 'Coins around All Saints'

We are planning to encircle the church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30am to 12.30pm in aid of our fund to have more toilets in All Saints. Please come and tell your friends and family to come and 'spend a penny' or two. Morning coffee and cakes will be available in the church. More stewards are needed. Contact Mary Shaw.

#### **Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter**

This will run for 12 weeks from 8<sup>th</sup> December until 1<sup>st</sup> March providing 15 beds every night for the homeless.

To volunteer your help, please use the form at <a href="https://podio.com/webforms/9529966/722903">https://podio.com/webforms/9529966/722903</a>.

To sponsor a bed for £40, please donate online at <a href="mydonate.bt.com/charities/mcws">mydonate.bt.com/charities/mcws</a> or send a cheque made payable to 'Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter' to MCWS, c/o The Salvation Army, 74-80 Union Street, Maidstone

Carols and Mince Pies Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, St Philip's.

An evening to relax and enjoy singing Carols with friends. There will also be a Raffle.

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PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU

# THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

# Sunday 30 November 2014 The First Sunday of Advent

#### At All Saints

**Readings for the 8.00 am Eucharist** begin on page 47 in the BCP. The service starts on page 237.

#### Music for the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist:

Service: Aston

Introit Anthem: Advent Matin Responsory NEH 3, Come thou long expected Jesus NEH 11 O come, O come, Emmanuel! NEH 1 Creator of the stars of night

Communion Motets:

People look East arr Stainer
Lo how a Rose Praetorius

Psalm after Dismissal: 146

There is a Pickard & Beale service for the bereaved at 3.00 pm.

#### At St Philip's and St Stephen's

Hymns are announced and/or displayed.

Do stay for refreshments after 9.30 and 11.00!

#### What's on this Week

Tuesday 2 December 2014
Andrew the Apostle (transferred)

8.30 am Eucharist said at St Philip's
10.00 am - noon Coffee & Chat at St Philip's
7.30 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting at Vicarage

Wednesday
3 December 2014
10.00 am - noon
Seedlings at St Philip's
Thursday
4 December 2014
12.30 pm
Eucharist said at All Saints

12.30 pm Eucharist said at All Saints
Saturday 6 December 2014

8.30 am - 12.30 pm Coins around All Saints

Sunday 7 December 2014

# The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints

9.30 am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
11.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Philip's

11.00 am Christingle Service at St Stephen's

3.00 pm Maidstone United Carol Service

6.30 pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Readings for the main Eucharists: Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

# **CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today**

#### **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 Isaiah 64.1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you:

or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

# **READING 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (All Saints only)**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, makes his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL Mark 13.24-end

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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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 Lord.

See noticeboard at All Saints for details of December events in Maidstone churches.