

## Notices

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### A Short Note:

John and Sue Richardson are humbled by so many in the congregation who have contributed to the tokens for meals they received in recognition of their fifty years of ministry. Your generosity of spirit in this practical way sits well alongside the commitment of time which as a nucleus of some ninety people together each of whom has contributed over the last months and weeks to the Celebrating Life Festival.

It has been a magnificent effort and achievement for each of us as we have sought through the creative arts in flowers and music; discussion and dialogue; in teaching and presenting the Christian faith in various ways to children and adults; worship and prayer with much conversation, personal ministry and hospitality over drinks and meals.

Thank you all of you for sharing your experience of the Living God in so many ways that people have been renewed in their Christian experience and journey. Some have come to terms with this for the first time by committing their lives to Jesus Christ. We have much to thank God for as we continue to pray and continue the celebration in the coming weeks for the next steps forward.

Being away this week with family will give more time for reflection which we will address when we return in just over a week's time. But now is the time for us all to have some rest and refresh the energy levels as we thank God for all that has occurred, listening to Him in the here and now to discover the next steps and a big yes for the future wherever that leaves.

**The River Festival** - is the weekend of July 27th and 28th... The Community Café at All Saints will be open as usual from 10:00am until 2:00pm at least depending on trade and customers. The Bell Ringing Tower will also be open for visitors on Saturday only.....and this year there will be the first ever River Festival Service at 10:00am on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 at All Saints Church

### **July Services 2024**

**21<sup>st</sup>** - 10am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

**28<sup>th</sup>** - 10am River Festival Service and Celebration Worship at All Saints with the Blessing of the Boats and remembering Dunkirk 80 Years On.

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

**Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**



**10am Morning Worship at St Philips**

**6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints**

**Next Week's Service's**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**10am Morning Worship at St Stephens  
(Archbishop Courtenay School)**

### **Collect**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all  
things, may obtain your promises, which  
exceed all that we can desire; 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.

### **Reading**

#### **2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10**

David Becomes King Over Israel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'"

When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward. And

he became more and more powerful, because he Lord God Almighty was with him.

## **Gospel**

### **Mark 6:1-13**

A Prophet Without Honor Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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## **Additional Notice**

**A HUGE THANK YOU to** all those who made the Flower Festival and Celebration of Life such a great success. Personally, I am so grateful to my team of flower arrangers who came up with so many different ways of interpreting their theme, all of which wowed the visitors. A major debt of gratitude goes to the small team of waterers and carers, who went round each day and made sure the arrangements lasted well beyond what I had hoped for. The wholesalers were fantastic, Mr Flower in Chatham, providing us with top quality flowers from Holland which many of our visiting arrangers felt were the best they had ever arranged. Finally, I would like to

thank all of you, who supported the festival and helped spread the word to others. The numbers attending the Flower Festival as well as all the events helped make All Saints really feel alive, relevant, and hopeful for the future.

**David Freed**

### **Special prayers**

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

*Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler,  
Pamela Hocking, John Wilson, Paul Crease,  
Joan Bull, Derek Warne, Howard Cooke, Derek  
Warne, Chris Payne*

### **Deceased**

*Ray Stephens*

*Our thoughts are with his family and friends.*

### **Funeral Details**

*The Funeral for Ray Stephens will be held at  
Vinters Park Crematorium on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
at 2.45pm. After the service you are welcome to  
join the family at 36 Pear Tree Lane ME159QX.*

*Please could you inform Gwen Moss if you will  
be attending.*

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