#### Notices

## **Community Café** The community Café will re-open on the 13th of January 2024 10am-2pm

## January 2024 Sunday Services

28th 10am. Morning Worship Christingle for Adults at St. Stephen's

## February 2024 Sunday Services

- 4th 10am All Saints Parish Eucharist and 3:30pm Choral Evensong
- 11th 10am St. Philip's Parish Eucharist
- 18th 10am St. Stephen's at Archbishop Courtenay School. Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent
- 25th 10am All Saints Parish Eucharist

PLEASE NOTE THAT ASH **WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14th** and there will be a Holy Communion at St. Philip's at 10:00am

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

Sunday 14th January 2024 The Second Sunday of Epiphany



10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

# Next Week's Service's

Sunday 21st January 2024 10.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

#### Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly 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.

# Reading

# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." 'So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

## The Gospel John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him. 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

#### **Post Communion**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Special prayers**

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

Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Sue Marks, Pamela Hocking, Claire & Family, John Wilson, Paul Crease, Joan Bull

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