

Notices

February 2024 Sunday Services

- 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

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- **PLEASE NOTE THAT ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14th and there will be a Holy Communion at St. Philip's at 10:00am**
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March 2024 Sunday Services

- 3rd 10am St. Philip's Parish Eucharist and
 - 3.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints
 - 10th 10am - St. Stephen's for Mothering Sunday
 - 17th 10am Parish Eucharist -All Saints
 - 24th - St. Philip's for Palm Sunday with Breakfast at 9:00am onwards.
 - 31st 10am All Saints Parish Eucharist for Easter Day
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PCC – will meet on Wednesday January 31st at 6.30pm at ABC in the Dove Room.

Ash Wednesday - sees the beginning of Lent and there is a Service of Holy Communion with Ashing at St. Philip's at 10:00am.

A Lenten leaflet - will be available soon with details of midweek and weekly study groups starting on Tuesdays at 10:00am for 10:30am and repeated on Thursday at 6:30pm for 7:00pm From February 20th and 22nd 2024. Sunday Services for Lent and Other Holy Week and Easter Events be listed for entry into your diaries.

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

Sunday 28th January 2024
The Presentation of Christ in the
Temple



10.00am Morning Worship Christingle for
Adults (Children Welcome)
At St Stephens - Archbishop Courtenay
School

Next Week's Service's

Sunday 4th February

10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
3.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in
the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading

Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare
the way before me, and the Lord whom you
seek will suddenly come to his temple. The
messenger of the covenant in whom you
delight—indeed, he is coming, says
the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the
day of his coming, and who can stand when
he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and
like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and
purifier of silver, and he will purify the

descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-32

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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,
Ray Stephens, Scott, Rose Jarvis*

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Philip's, and St. Stephen's Tovil**

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