

Parish Notices

An attachment has been sent with a list of forthcoming services for May.

Zoom Service kindly offered by St Martins Church - Thursday Morning Holy Worship 10.00am

St Martins Church Zoom Link for Services
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/866070731>

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Will be held on 23rd May, Time, and place TBA.

The draft 2020 accounts for the Parochial Church Council can now be found by clicking on this link

www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/annual%20parochial%20church%20meetings.htm

The draft accounts and supporting documents are now on their way to our Independent Examiner for presentation at the APCM due in May 2021.

All Saints – Corbel An application has been made to the Commissary General for permission to carry out work to stabilise the Corbels in the Main Nave.

CLICK www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/faculty%20applications.htm for details.

Easy Fundraising - Dear Everyone, A huge thank you to all the parishioners who are shopping using the Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile web sites. The Parish is now receiving a very small but regular income stream from these sites. In the words of a well-known supermarket chain 'Every little helps!'

Also, Ecclesiastical Insurance, the company the churches in the Parish are insured with, have a scheme running throughout 2021. For every home insurance policy taken out with them before December they will donate £130 to the Parish. If you are interested, please follow the attached link for more information.

ecclesiastical.com/trust130
or call [0800 7830 130](tel:08007830130) and quote TrustP21

Brian Barnes - Many of you will remember The Late Revd. Brian Barnes. Attached with the notices is a letter from Una Barnes.

**The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil**
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk

**Sunday 02nd May 2021
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**Joint Parish Eucharist
All Saints Church 10.00am**

The Churchwardens and P.C.C. have agreed to future services on a trial basis. There will be Stewarding to ensure Government Guidelines are adhered to.

- **Masks will need to be worn at all times.**
- **Register on entry.**
- **Stewards will direct you on entry and exit.**
- **Due to Covid rules no gatherings will be permitted inside or outside the buildings.**

**Next week's Service
10.00am Sunday 09th May
Joint Eucharist Service
at St Philips Church**

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading

Acts 8.26- end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury.

He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel

John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for

you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Sermon is attached from +Peter

Special prayers for those in need

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

Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Audrey Little,
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler,
Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister) David
Johnson, Carol Winter, Ray Stephens, Debbie
Proctor

Our Thoughts are with Susie and Roger Manuell

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Rosemary & John Fowler

Departed

Keith Manuell

Our thoughts are with the family of Keith Manuell

***If anyone would like to add anything to the
weekly notices please speak to
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