

## Notices

Mary Wheeler

Mary passed away peacefully on the 26th of February at her nursing home near Guilford where she had moved to from Friars Court. She had been a regular attender at All Saints since moving to Maidstone to be near her family in Bearsted. She became very involved in the church, as a server during services, a steward at events, helping with catering, flower arranging, making props for the Spring Singalong and an established member of the Mothers Union. She will be sadly missed by her friends from church as well as her friends at Friars Court.

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



**Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
The First Sunday of Lent**

**10am Parish Eucharist at  
All Saints Church**

**Next Week's Service**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**10am Parish Eucharist at St Philips  
Church**

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### Notice of Preparation of a New Electoral Role

The preparation of a New Electoral Role will begin on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. This will last for 15 days and will close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at Noon.

### APCM

The APCM will take place on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, after the 10am Service.

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There will be a weekly Lent Course on Tuesdays at 10:00am for 10:30am until 11:30am in The Dove Room at Archbishop Courtenay School with parking on site. We will be JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE HOLY LAND with Sue and John Richardson with shared stories from group participants who have pilgrimed there over the years.

- **11<sup>th</sup>** - The Early Years.... From Nazareth to Bethlehem and Jerusalem and Egypt
- **18<sup>th</sup>** -The Middle Years In Nazareth to the Jordan, Capernaum, and Galilee
- **25<sup>th</sup>** - On the Move  
. Teaching, Preaching and Healing around Galilee
- **April 1<sup>st</sup>** - Towards the End. Through the Mountains to Caesarea Philippi
- **8<sup>th</sup>** -The Final Days in and around Jerusalem with the Stations of the Cross, the Burial and Resurrection and the Ascension. With an eye on the End of the Ag. Followed by Lunch ending around 12:15-12:30pm.

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

#### Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.  
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.  
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of  
the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of  
rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

### **Gospel**

#### **Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

### **Post Communion**

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Parish Services In March**

- 16<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am Parish Eucharist at St. Philip's
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10:00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
- 30<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am Family Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday at St. Stephen's...in ABC School.

### **Special prayers**

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

*Daphne Holland, Pamela Hocking, Paul Crease,  
Joan Bull, Rose Jarvis*

### **Departed**

*Joyce Parkinson, Mary Wheeler*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Family and  
Friends*

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