

Notices

Mary Wheeler's Cremation will take place in Woking Crematorium 2nd April at 11am. The service will be streamed from 10.55am. The link to join the service is <https://watch2.obitus.com>

Username
zega8981
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223585

Notice of Preparation of a New Electoral Role

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

You can sign up for the Electroll Role by either printing off and signing the forms once sent or picking up a copy at the end of the Sunday Church Service.

Please give your completed form to the Church Wardens

APCM

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

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.

- **March 25th** - On the Move
. Teaching, Preaching and Healing around Galilee
 - **April 1st** - Towards the End.
Through the Mountains to Caesarea Philippi
 - **8th** -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.
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**The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil**



**Sunday 23rd March 2025
The Third Sunday of Lent**

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

Next Week's Service

Sunday 30th March

**10am Holy Communion for Mothering
Sunday at St Stephens (Archbishop
Courtenay School)**

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Isaiah 55 verses 1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Gospel

Luke 13 verses 1-9.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Parish Services in April:

- 6th – 10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints
- 13th – 10.00am Procession of Palms with Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday at St Philips
- 20th – 10.00am Festival Parish Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows for Easter Day
- 27th – 10.00am Morning Worship followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St Stephens (ABC School)
- 2.00pm Maidstone District Beavers, Cubs, Scouts association St. Georges

Day Parade and Service at All Saints Church.

Sue and John Richardson are hosting a Farewell to Kent Afro Caribbean Lunch at The Rectory, 135, High Street, Dymchurch TN29 0ID on **Saturday April 26th at Noon** for 12:30pm. If you wish to come please sign the list before Sunday April 6th at Noon so that accurate catering numbers are known...

Please ask John Richardson for further details about the Pilgrimage he is leading with McCabe IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL: FROM PHILIPPI TO CORINTH from February 23rd to March 2nd 2026 if you are interested in joining him with Sue

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, Sindy Jenkins*

Departed

Joyce Parkinson, Mary Wheeler, Emily Jenkins

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Family and
Friends*

**Vicar: All saints, Maidstone with St.
Philip's, and St. Stephen's Tovil**

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**Please note Revd John will be on Leave
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