

Notices

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

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Lionel Marchant on Tuesday January 21st after a short illness in Pembury Hospital surrounded by his family.

Fitting and appropriate tributes to Lionel's work for the outstanding contributions to the life of the United Parish of All Saints in so many ways for over 50 years, as well as to the civic and musical life of the County town will be given at a later stage.

In the meantime we hold Helen, Andrew and Jacqui with their family Emily, Henry, Tom and Charlotte in our prayers at this time after their sad and sudden loss.

Lionel's funeral will be held at All Saints Church on Friday 21st February at 11 am. After the service you are welcome to join the family at the Orida Hotel - Maidstone where the family will join you after a private cremation.

The collection will go to Camphill Village Trust.

Sunday Services in February

- 16th 10:00am St. Stephen's/ABC Morning Worship
- 23rd 10:00am All Saints Parish Eucharist

Although John Richardson will be officially retiring as Vicar of Maidstone from Sunday February 2nd, 2025, Bishop Rose has agreed after consultation with the former Archdeacon, Area Dean and Churchwardens on behalf of the PCC, to grant John her Permission to Officiate in the parish, deanery, and diocese from February 2nd, 2025. This means from February 23rd after a two-week holiday John will be available to take Sunday Services, lead the Lent Course and engage in Pastoral Offices and Civic duties and services until the end of April 2025. He will engage with us from three days a week under the directions of the Area Dean and Churchwardens.



**Sunday 02nd February 2025
Candlemas**

**3.30 pm at All Saints - Choral Evensong
with the Maidstone Singers to mark the
retirement of John Richardson as Vicar of
Maidstone, with Neville Emslie as the
preacher.**

There is only one service today.

Next Week's Service

**Sunday 9th February 2025
10:00am Morning Worship at
St Philips Church**

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

Proverbs 3 verses 1-6

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Gospel

Philippians 4 verses 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Additional Notices

The adjourned PCC meeting from 21/1/25 has been re-arranged to 6.30pm on Tuesday 18th February venue to be confirmed.

Just a quick note to remind you that The Willington Players' next production at The Hazlitt is Calendar Girls, a heart-warming and hilarious play by Tim Firth. We will be performing it from **Tuesday 29th April until Saturday 3rd May**. Tickets via Di D

Special prayers

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

*Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler,
Pamela Hocking, Paul Crease, Joan Bull,
Rose Jarvis*

Departed

Lionel Marchant

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Family and
Friends*

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