

Notices

The Hitchhikers Guide to the Bible -

At St Philips 10am for 10.30am

- **October 1st – The Acts of the Apostles**
- **October 15th – The Epistles of Paul**
...Romans to Philemon
- **November 19th – Hebrews to James**
- **December 10th – The Book of Revelation**
followed by Lunch.

Sunday Services in October which are as follows:

13th 10:00am Harvest Thanksgiving with Donation of Gifts preferably in tins or packets followed at Noon by The Harvest Barbecue provided by FFF Coastal Catering under the supervision of David. Cost £15 per head payable in cash on the day at St. Stephen's/Archbishop Courtenay School

20th 10:00am Lukeaside Healing Eucharist with Anointing with Oil and Lighting of Candles at St. Philip's

27th 10:00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints.

On Saturday October 5th at 11am John Richardson will be at the All-Saints Community Cafe to meet anyone who is interested in being confirmed before he leaves in the Spring of 2025. A number of people have already indicated that they want a conversation about what is involved and what it means to be confirmed in the context of Christian commitment, discipleship, and worship. The preparation will be arranged on a bespoke basis formed around the needs and understanding of those who wish to move on in this next stage of their Christian journey.

Patronal Festival - Please note that we will be celebrating All Saints Patronal Festival on **Sunday November 3rd in All Saints with only one service that day at 3:30pm** Choral Evensong with Lighting of Candles for All Saints and All Souls. There will be no services in the morning. This will be sung by Wye Parish Church Choir under the direction of Canon Dr. Mark Deller with Jane Hughes on the organ. The preacher will be The Revd Canon Dr. Steve Lillicrap, Team Leader of the Diocesan Deliverance Team and recently retired Rector of Teynham and Area Dean of Ospringe. This service will be followed by Afternoon Tea.

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

**Sunday 29th September 2024
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**



**10.00am – Parish Eucharist at
St Philips for Michaelmas**

Next Week's Service's

Sunday 06th October 2024

**10.00am – Parish Communion at All
Saints**

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

Genesis 18: 1-8

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So, they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said,

'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

Gospel

John 1: 47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Notice update

The trip to Mildmay Hospital on Thursday 12th December 2024, will be going ahead, thank you to all who expressed an interest in the trip. There are still a few places left, if you are interested, please see Revd John Richardson.

Willington Players – Flare Path 5th-9th November.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please speak with Diane Daniels who can get tickets for all evenings.

Autumn Dinner - On Thursday October 31st at 6:30pm for 7:00pm we are holding a three course Autumn Dinner at Maidstone Town Hall. This is a three-course meal with

speakers and is being catered for by our official catered FFF Coastal with David, Paul and Helen in attendance. There are some places left for this dinner in a prestige location and tickets are £35 per head. Please let John or Sue Richardson know if you wish to attend and dress is smart casual. We will be finished by 10pm at the latest.

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,
Derek Warne, Sheila Costello, Lorna Priddle*

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

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