

## Notices

### Vestry Meeting

APCM –The Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM is on Sunday May 26th, 2024. This will be held at St. Stephen's Tovil (Archbishop Courtenay School) at 10am

There will be elections -for 2 Church Wardens to serve for one year. 1 Deanery Synod Member – One year  
3 PCC Members 2 for two years and 1 for one year.

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### All Saints Spring Clean

A big thank you for all those who came and helped clean and tidy up All Saints last Saturday and Monday. The dust and cobweb catchers, the brass buffers, the woodwork polishers and the sorters and tidiers. The church benefited from your love and care. David

Community Cafe - a reminder that the church will be open at 6 p.m. on Fridays for anyone who would like to help with the set-up for the following Saturday: any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Date for your Diary: John and Sue Richardson invite you to an open day at Dymchurch Rectory on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>.

10.30am-12noon – Morning Coffee

12.30pm-2.30pm Afro Caribbean Street Food catered by FFF Coastal Catering FOC

### Update of Celebrating Life Festival from June 21<sup>st</sup> - 30th at All Saints.

After the launch of the Festival on Sunday April 14th in All Saints, the full printed programme is now available in all worship centres. Lists are also available for volunteers to help with stewarding at All Saints throughout the Festival from Friday June 21st to Sunday June 30th. Please sign up as to when you are available for this ministry of welcome.

Archbishop Courtenay School - The school has been enjoying their Collective Worship at Dove Club, after school club. A thank you to all the leaders and helpers. Year 6 have just completed their SATS exams and are preparing for the transitions onto secondary school.

Bible Study Group -10am for 10.30am – 11.30am at St Philips Church - Next Meeting is May 21st – “The Wisdom Literature.. Psalms to The Song of Solomon”

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

Sunday 12th May 2024  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter



10am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

Next Week's Service's

Sunday 19th May  
The Eighth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints  
with Day of Prayer for Celebrating  
Life 9.30-4.30pm with Said Evensong  
at 4pm

### Collect

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour  
Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns  
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever.

### Reading

#### 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

## **Gospel**

### **John 17:6-19**

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

## **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Future Sunday Services May**

- 26<sup>th</sup> 10am St Stephens Morning Worship for Trinity. Followed by The Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM

- **Civic Service will be held on Saturday 18th May at 12noon**

### **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, John Wilson, Paul Crease,  
Joan Bull, Ray Stephens, Derek Warne*

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

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