

Notices

The café is open to all and sundry on Saturday mornings serving light refreshments at highly competitive prices. You are most welcome to come and support us if you don't already do so. We would also welcome new volunteers to help serve, set up and clear down. Even if you only have an hour to spare, this is an hour that saves an hour of somebody else's time.

There is also the River Festival taking place on Saturday 25th July (**Home | Maidstone River Festival**) when the church will be busy with many festivals and the café will be open till about 4 p.m. All offers of help with this alone would be most welcome.

Afternoon of fun with tea, cake and ice cream.
Sunday 12 July 2-5pm In the garden at 156 Loose Road Tickets only for family and friends £5 each. Raffle and bring & buy. Proceeds will go towards the new cooker at St Phillips.
Tickets available from Carol Gupwell or Di Daniels

Gardening at St Philips

We are welcoming any volunteers to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the Gardens at St Philips. If you have any spare time and can help, please speak with Janine Warne or Gwen Moss and they can explain further regarding access and the equipment. Many Thanks

Next PCC Meeting

Tuesday 21st July @ 6.30pm Dove Room
Archbishop Courtenay School

Forthcoming Parish Services in July

Please note that these dates and services can be subject to change

All Saints with St Philips, Maidstone and St Stephen, Tovil

All Saints Church:

19th July – 10am Parish Eucharist

St Philips Church:

26th July 8am – Holy Communion

St Stephens – Archbishop Courtenay School:

26th July – 10am Principal Service - Service of the Word

Everyone is welcome to any of the events and to all our regular services and other activities.

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



Sunday 05th July 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Eucharist with Baptism at All Saints Church

6.30pm Evensong at All Saints

Next Week's Service

Sunday 12th July 2026

10.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people, that in their vocation and
ministry they may serve you in holiness and
truth to the glory of your name; through our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading

Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 11.16–19, 25–end

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Special prayers

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

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this is taking place.**

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