


GENERAL NOTICES

HEALTH, HEALING & SUPPORT GROUP Please let us know if you would like to be put on the Church prayer list, otherwise all prayer requests will be treated confidentially within the Prayer Group. Ron Dear, 01580 891 407

NEXT SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER 2020

ADVENT 4

Time	Service	Reader	Intercessor
9.30am 	Sunday Worship streamed live via Zoom App Join Zoom Worship here https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8365783814 Meeting ID: 836 578 3814 Password 424158	Coordinator Helen Wilkins Luke 1:26-38	Coordinator Helen Wilkins
6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8365783814	ZOOM	

DAILY OFFICE

All are welcome to join in spirit and with their private prayers

Tu – Fr	MPrayer EPrayer	9.30am 5.00pm	Streamed live via Zoom
Login for	MP/EP (2)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85462806272 ID: 854 6280 6272 Passcode: 591288	We are using the CofE daily Prayers online (screen shared) .If you have, have a Bible ready if you wish to follow the readings.

DONATING TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH

www.allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk <https://youtu.be/13297kvky20>

If you wish to make a donation to All Saints Church, you can do so by Standing Order, All cheques are payable to 'All Saints Church PCC'.

You can also now register with the following link (See info earlier in notices):

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintschurchstaplehurst/>

CONTACT DETAILS

Rector: Revd. Silke Tetzlaff 01580 891 258 (Day off ~ Monday)

Church Warden: vacant

Choir Director: vacant

Children's Choir Leader: Jacqui Veitch 07796 487538

Meeting on Fridays at 6.00pm in Church

Administrator: Julia Page 01580 891 258 **Office Opening Times: Tuesday 11.00-4.00pm via e-mail and telephone only.** Please put correspondence into the Green Office

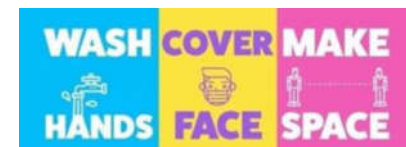
Post box. For our notices to be announced please email the Parish Office

allsaintsstaplehurst@enterprise.net by 10.00am Thursday




ALL SAINTS' CHURCH STAPLEHURST SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2020 Year A

ADVENT 3



WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

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		Jacqui Veitch & Co John 1:6-8, 19-28	Jacqui Veitch & Co

WE PRAY FOR



Roy Jones, Tara Sutton, Jean Clarke, Tracey Crayford, Fiona Neale, Billy Wright, Shirley Saunders, Trevor Ruane, Elaine Martin, Sachin Shah, Tony Emery, Anne Brenchley, Amelia Hamilton, James Parris, Abigail Sharpe, David Gascoyne, Arthur Black, Sarah Courthope, Jeremy Rutaraka, Gary Jackson, Ken Jackson, Mark McCarthey, Pearl Mann, Ellen Brean, Michael House, Tony Poupard, Marie (nee Green), Norman Wallis, Adrienne Russell, Robert Blondizik, Colin Whatmore, Peter Richmond

Lift these and all in need into the healing light of Christ

Home Communion: Ron Dear, Dorothy Hegarty, Jane Scarff, Barbara Chrimes AB/ST
Abbotsleigh: HC 1 Wed/month 11.00am for inform. speak to ST/MT
Staplehurst Manor: HC 2/4 Wed/month 11.30am for inform. speak to MH/ST
Iden Manor: HC 2 Tue/month 3.45pm for inform. speak to MT/ST
 Bib.Stu. Mo/weekly 11.00am for inform. speak to MT/CH
Sobell Lodge: Cof.Mo 1 Fri/month 10.30am speak to SK/ST
Larchmere: HC Delphine Wass speak to ST/MT/MH
Maidstone Home: Des Liddicoat (Cedardale Residential, Queens Road, Maidstone ME16 0HX 01622 752117) 2021

Baptisms: Frankie Dorkings Sun tbc 12.00pm (ST)
 Charles Nolan Sun tbc 12.00pm (ST)
 Jacques Nolan Sun tbc 12.00pm (ST)

Danny Harris Sun tbc 12.00pm (ST)
 Esther Harris Sun tbc 12.00pm (ST)

Weddings: Apr 2021 Simon COLE & Fenella WOOD (ST)
 10 July 2021 Joshua WITHAM & Jessica DUNN (ST)
 14 Aug 2021 Catherine COALES & Marco VINAGRE (ST)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dear All,

The PCC has decided not to start Church Services until Christmas Eve. We felt that it was not worth the risk, but to wait until Christmas when hopefully the infection numbers have come down or at least have stabilised. At the moment they are still rising in our area. Medway has one of the highest infection rates in the country. The decision taken was not unanimous, but a majority of PCC members voted against resuming Worship yet.

DECEMBER				
Date	Time	What	Where	
Wed	16	9.30am	ADVENT COURSE CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: <i>Antarctica</i>	Zoom
		5.00pm	ADVENT COURSE CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: <i>Antarctica</i>	Zoom
Sun	20	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Zoom
Thu	24	5.00pm	Children's Christmas Service (please bring a candle ready to light)	Zoom
	24	7.30pm	Christmas Service	Zoom
	24	9.30pm	Midnight Mass with Holy Communion	Church *
Fri	25	9.30 am	Christmas Morning Worship	Zoom
	25	10.30 am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Church *

*Ticketed – ring Parish Office to book

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Continued.....

For some it will be difficult to understand why we are not resuming worship in church. Please let me explain in a bit more detail why we have taken that decision.

By not opening the church for Sunday worship we are trying to reduce the risk of infections. The clear intention of the public health experts is to reduce interactions as much as possible so that we get through the winter without another wave of infection.

Each church makes their own decision and the majority of All Saints Church PCC has decided to take risk reducing measures by not returning for worship in Church, but to prepare for Christmas Eve and Christmas day with a Communion Service instead.

In the meantime we will continue with zoom, the telephone companion scheme (set up by the Rector during the first lockdown), the Hope worship telephone line for those without WIFI and of course there are many broadcasts on TV and programs on Radio.

As suggested by Bishop Rose how best to work together in Deaneries and Benefices is to list Churches in the Deanery that are administering Communion so that people can apply their common sense if they wish to attend. Please ring the Churches to let them know if you intend to go there due to the restrictions in the numbers that are allowed to attend.

The Medway area, Tier 3, featured on the 10 o'clock news that the numbers of Covid infections are rising more than in any other areas where numbers have stabilised and/or are going down. Medway has now overtaken Swale and Thanet and we are the highest ranking Covid infected area in the country.



Coronavirus infection rates across **Kent** and **Medway** continue to soar above the national average.

Compiling data from Public Health England, we have created a graph to show how these rates have changed during the course of the second lockdown.

While infection rates for the neighbouring home counties seem to have levelled off or fallen away, Kent's figures have more than doubled.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Maidstone

Find out more about the [restrictions in your area](#)

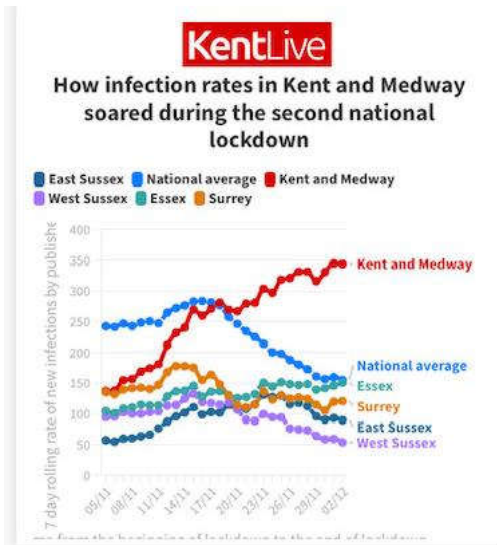
443 cases per 100,000 people in the latest week 1 Dec-7 Dec. The average area in England had 134.

761 cases in the latest week 1 Dec-7 Dec compared with the previous week

+116

4,153 total cases to 11 Dec

123 coronavirus-related deaths registered to 27 Nov



Sadly for the same reasons we cannot administer Home Communion. Unless you are in a bubble with somebody you are not allowed to mix indoors.

Just for information, Germany's lockdown has been extended to the 10th January 2021 and it is only briefly lifted for Christmas. Since the first lockdown we have followed Germany a fortnight later!

The PCC is monitoring the situation regularly and will decide on changes at short notice rather than waiting for the time of an official PCC meeting.

I have informed the Bishop and the Archdeacon of the PCC's decision.

Please join me in prayer that we will all stay safe,

Yours, Silke

WEALD DEANERY COMMUNION SERVICES: (as far as I know)

Benenden Church & Headcorn Church.

For the other churches, please ring up. Their websites are not advertising for Communion Services.

ADVENT COURSE

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Wed 16 Dec via zoom

Join here

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8365783814>

Meeting ID: 836 578 3814

Password 424158



On Wed the 16 Dec. at 9.30am and at 5.00pm we are going to hold our last half an hour Advent Course about Christmas Traditions around the world.

This is instead of Morning and Evening Prayer, but we will of course start and end with a prayer.

Monica and Silke will share in leading the sessions, but each will give a different input. The Morning input will differ from the Evening input.

We will look at Christmas in the Antarctica
Just zoom in 😊

CHRISTMASSY QUIZ

1. When was the first Christmas message by the monarch, and who made it.
2. What famous film star died on Christmas Day in 1977
3. Who wrote the "Christmas Oratorio"
4. When is "stir up" Sunday in the Church of England's calendar.
5. What event took place in Hyde Park on Christmas Day in 1864.
6. Which of the three kings gifted the Holy Child, gold.
7. Who "worshipped the Beloved, with a kiss"
8. Which King was "not a good man"
9. What year was there a Christmas truce between England and Germany
During which a game of football was played.
10. Who wrote "The Little Match Girl"
11. What is a querquedule
12. Who wrote the poem "Christmas"
13. Where would you find the words "Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh"
14. Which King only wanted "a big red India -rubber ball."
15. Which musical instrument was invented by Bartholomew Cristofori.
16. What is a Pelegrin
17. What were the names of the two children in the story "The Snow Queen"
18. Who brought Pinocchio to life.
19. On children's TV what animal was Romuald.
20. What is a schlumbergera.

The answers are available for a £1 donation from Marion Christie and/or the Parish Office. All entries will get a prize and the winner will get an additional special prize.

CHARITY NEWS



HARD PLASTIC LIDS

Thank you to everyone who has continued to save clean hard plastic lids.....and all who will start now. Please either keep them until restrictions at church are lifted or drop them off to 41, Hanmer Way. You do not need to wait until you have a bag full. The lids go to Lush in Maidstone who have them recycled into children's playgrounds, or into containers for their products.

Social Responsibility Committee



MAIDSTONE HOMELESS CARE AT CHRISTMAS

The last day to leave donations on my doorstep of treats, and now, any other non-perishable food, to Maidstone Homeless Care, is **Monday 15th December**. Thank you to those of you who have already given and to those who will be doing so.
Audrey Bullock.

Charity and Social Responsibility Committee

PRACTICAL ACTION

December is the last month to contribute to this Charity. Charity Sunday is the 12th December. Please help this worthwhile cause to help others.

REMINDER RE CHARITY ENVELOPES



Charity donations can be given at any time and should be placed in a PLAIN envelope marked CHARITY and put in the wall safe in Church or delivered to Caroline Highwood or Audrey Bullock.

Please put any money you wish to give to CHARITY on CHARITY SUNDAY in a BLUE ENVELOPE and write FOR CHARITY on the outside. You do not need to fill in all the details unless you wish to gift aid your donation.

ORANGE ENVELOPES are used for REGULAR MONTHLY CHARITABLE GIVING. These may be put in the plate on any Sunday in the month. Tony Henley or Caroline Highwood are able to supply these.

LOOSE MONEY in the collection plate on Charity Sunday, and Blue Envelopes NOT marked "For Charity" will go to the Church.

White weekly offering envelopes continue as usual. Thank you, Charity Committee

WINDOW TRAIL



Christmas Carols Window Trail

Can you guess the Christmas Carol from the window display?

Participating Addresses

- 2 Bower Walk
- Kurahaupo, Headcorn Rd
- Fishers Farmhouse, Fishers Rd
- 1 NorthDown
- 14 Iden Crescent
- 3 Stanley Close
- 3 Weavers Close
- 70 Church Green
- 27 Surrenden Road
- 18 Jeffery Close
- 26 Usborne Close



CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT THE FREE CHURCH

On **Saturday 19th between 4 and 6pm** is the **Nativity Trail** which is designed for families, who will be able to use their mobile phones to scan QR codes. These codes will take them to online links with the Christmas story and a range of craft ideas to try at home. There will also be mulled apple juice and a visit to Father Christmas – all socially distanced.

Weather permitting we are also planning to hold an **outdoor carol service** in the church car park on **Sunday 20th at 4:30pm**. If possible please leave your car at home and walk but if you need to drive please park on the road with due consideration for our neighbours. Thank you

DURING ADVENT

STARS IN MEMORY

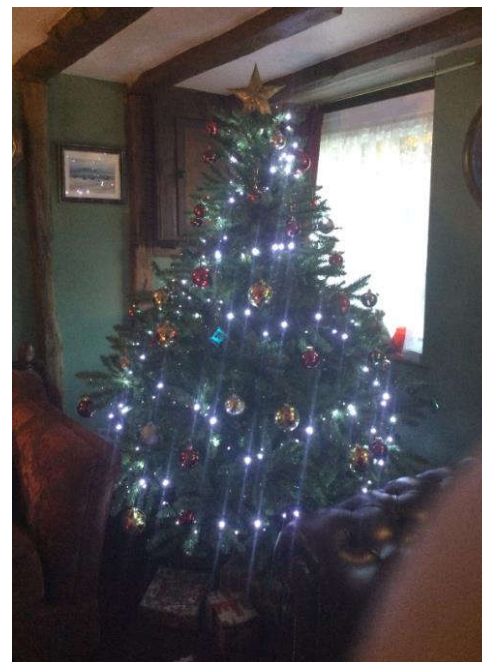


Stars are in Church to remember those who have died. You and those you are remembering will be prayed for on Christmas morning. Babies and young children who have died will be prayed for in Church at 9.30am on Holy Innocent's Day. Please telephone me on 891940 if you would like to write on a star but are unable to get to church. Audrey Bullock

PLEASE NOTE:

Please sanitise your hands before picking up the pen to write, and to hang your star on the tree.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Wishing
all the lovely people
at
All Saints
a joyful festive season.

Lots of Love
John and Sharon xxxx

Please send your message and
photo/picture to
christmas@allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk

<https://allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk/christmas-2020-messages/>



To

Cecil Scarff

Cecil has helped to keep the churchyard tidy for many years. Cecil tidied the churchyard 2-3 times a week. After 14 years Cecil is retiring. We would like to thank Cecil with a gift. If you feel you would like to donate towards Cecil's gift, [please put your donation in the Parish Office Green Post-box, or in the Church porch wall safe or through Caroline Highwood's door.](#)



Many Thanks, All Saints PCC

FUN'D RAISING

Given that with the latest lockdown many of us will be purchasing Christmas presents online please would you remember to take a look and see if you could use Easy Fundraiser?

This supports the church at no additional cost to yourself when you purchase through the Easy Fundraising site.

If you have not used Easy Fundraising before, by clicking on the link the church will receive an additional £5 introductory bonus.

Just to reassure you nobody will know who buys what! The Parish Office gets e-mailed when funds get paid into our church account and how much has been transferred. This happens quarterly.

RAISED £46.29 IN NOVEMBER

£1178.76



NEW TARGET

£1200

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ALL SUPERMARKETS

eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, Boots, M&S, and many more.



IT ONLY TAKES A MOMENT TO GET STARTED.

Sign-up here using our unique link by clicking on now:

Hold the cursor over the link and press 'ctrl' and right click on your mouse

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintschurchstaplehurst>