

## 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 13th DECEMBER 2020 ADVENT 3

Time	Service	Reader	Intercessor
9.30am 	<b>Sunday Worship</b> streamed live via Zoom App Join Zoom Worship here <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8365783814">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8365783814</a> Meeting ID: 836 578 3814 Password 424158	Coordinator Helen Wilkins  <b>John 1:6-8,19-28</b>	Coordinator Helen Wilkins

## DAILY OFFICE

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

Time	Service	Reader	Intercessor
Tue - Fri	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>	9.30am 5.00pm	<b>Streamed live via Zoom</b> 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](http://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](mailto:allsaintsstaplehurst@enterprise.net) by 10.00am Thursday



## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH STAPLEHURST SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2020 Year A

### ADVENT 2



## WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

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## 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, Valerie Simpson, Jane Scarff AB/ST  
Barbara Chrimes.

**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

~Weekly Study Bible  
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 Liddecoat ( Cedardale Residential, Queen Road, Maidstone, ME16 0HX, 01622 752117) LF

**Those who have died:** Barrett Manning (The funeral is a family funeral only and the family wishes, instead of flowers, for a donation to go to the air ambulance charity.)

**Baptisms:** Frankie Dorkings Sun 2021 12.00pm (ST)  
 Charles Nolan Sun Tbc. 12.00pm (ST)  
 Jacques Nolan Sun Tbc. 12.00pm (ST)  
 Danny Harris Sun Tbc. 12.00pm (MT)  
 Esther Harris Sun Tbc. 12.00pm (MT)

**Weddings:**  
 April 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	9.30am	ADVENT COURSE CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: AFRICA	Zoom
	5.00pm	ADVENT COURSE (different from the morning course) CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: AFRICA	Zoom
Wed	9.30am	ADVENT COURSE CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: Antarctica	Zoom
	5.00pm	ADVENT COURSE CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: Antarctica	Zoom
Thu	10 1.30pm	FUNERAL (family funeral only) (ST)	Church
Fri	11 1.00pm	WEDDING Jennifer Smith & Neil Jostmeier	Church

## 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.

Only yesterday (4 Dec 2020) did 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

< Covid-19 in the UK: How many coronaviru...

### Maidstone

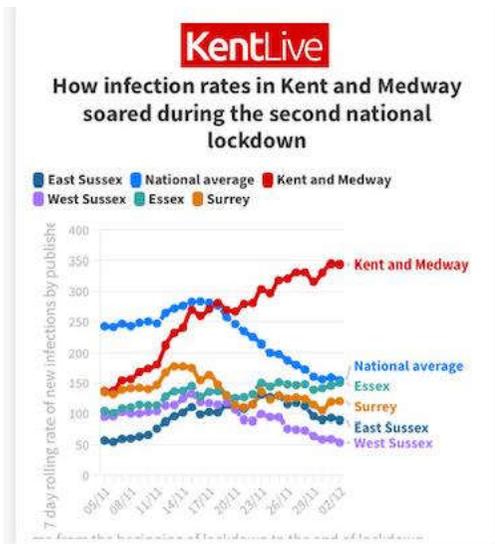
Find out more about the [restrictions in your area](#)

**375** cases per 100,000 people in the latest week 24 Nov-30 Nov. The average area in England had 129.

**645** cases in the latest week 24 Nov-30 Nov

**+137** compared with the previous week

**3,346** total cases to 4 Dec



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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### OUR NEXT GUEST PREACHER



I am John Kimberley a Reader or LLM as we are called in the Oxford Diocese.

I first met Silke around 2005, when my wife was running 4 parishes near Buntingford in Hertfordshire. I am a scientist, have a MSc in Chemistry and worked as an Analytical Chemist for 5 years with Glaxo, before switching to be a Systems Programmer and IT and Internet specialist for the next 32 and a half years still with Glaxo until I retired.

I trained to be a Reader in 2006 and was licensed in 2008. I enjoy preaching and leading worship which I feel I was called to do, although that would have not been in my plans when I was younger.

I am severely sight impaired, but the Kindle and other devices have made it possible for me to keep reading and they are one of God's gifts.

I see science and religion as being much closer to each other than many people think. Science tells us how creation works, while the Scriptures tell us how we should live and the way we should behave. There have been many past misunderstandings between both sides and I try to help bridge the divide between the two. When the Old Testament was written, the authors wrote within the context of what they knew. In another hundred years people's views will not be the same as ours are today, but the essential truths will still be valued. We were given the ability to ask deep questions.

— Yours John.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**DEAR MARGARET**

(HOLDAWAY)

All Saints Church is wishing you a Happy Birthday. We wish you health, joy and love.

We hope your ears have been ringing when we sung Happy Birthday to you last Sunday at our Zoom Service and we were about 60 people.

[https://youtu.be/\\_z-1fTISDF0](https://youtu.be/_z-1fTISDF0)

## ADVENT COURSE

### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Wed 8-16 Dec via zoom

Join here

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

Meeting ID: 836 578 3814

Password 424158



From Wed the 2 Dec - Wed 16 Dec. at 9.30am and at 5.00pm we are going to hold an 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 I will share in leading the sessions, but each will give a different input on each day. The Morning input will differ from the Evening input. We will however travel on the same continent in each week.

We will look at in

Week 2 - Africa

Week 3 - Antarctica

Just zoom by for one or two 😊

## 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 Pelegrín
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 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

## 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

£1175.04



NEW TARGET

£1200

Please support All Saints Church Staplehurst.  
i You can raise FREE donations when you use easyfundraising to shop with 4,000 shops and sites, including

**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>

## 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

With our warmest wishes, from Roger, Linda and Meg !x



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

### ALL SAINTS ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MESSAGES ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE

As we will not be able to display Christmas cards in Church, we will be giving you, members of our All Saints extended family the opportunity to write a short message to go on the All Saints website.

The Church of England theme this year is **Comfort and Joy**, something we all need given the difficult year we have had. Maybe base your message around this theme.

If you wanted to create a piece of art or take a photo of Christmas decorations, we can add that as well.

Please respect copyright laws and create your own artwork and if you decide to take a group family photo including children, remember the photo will be on the internet.

If you don't send a picture or photo we will use the Comfort and Joy logo. You could include your Christian names and location e.g. Staplehurst, Week St.Mary or Luton in your message, but complying with GDPR, we will not show anything more.

We also plan to put messages into a PowerPoint presentation and show a few at the Sunday Zoom service. If you wanted to create a short video message and send us your YouTube link or send us the video, we will try to add those as well.

Please send your message and photo/picture to  
[christmas@allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk](mailto:christmas@allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk)

If you don't have access to technology, drop something in writing to the Church Office.

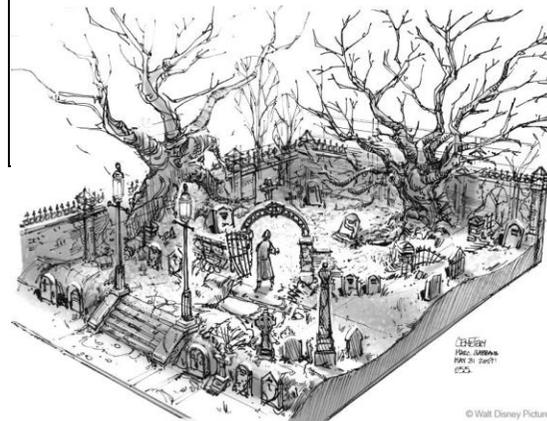
You will then find your photo/picture and message on our Advent and Christmas 2020 Message page at <https://allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk/christmas-2020-messages/> or just click **Christmas 2020 Messages** from the website main menu.



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*