

Notices for the week beginning Sunday 30 October 2022



FROM NICHOLAS

Today, is All Saints Sunday, our patronal festival, when we rejoice in the communion of saints which we profess in the creed – those faithful Christians through the ages who have run the race, kept the faith, and with us, await the crown of glory. A few saints may be formally recognised in the Church's calendar, the vast majority are not. My favourite definition of a 'saint' is a sinner whose life has been redeemed by grace. On this feast day we rejoice in God's immeasurable grace and rejoice in the love and witness of all the saints in whose number we too will one day be counted.

Today, we are also choosing to observe Safeguarding Sunday. You may think it is an odd juxtaposition, and why not observe Safeguarding Sunday on the designated day of 20 November? There are three reasons:

1. There are reminders in the readings for today as to what the life of faith looks like. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' A fundamental principle of how we deal with others.
2. As we reflect on the Saints we contemplate the kind of people we are called to be and therefore how we should live. Safeguarding and keeping others safe is a fundamental part of loving one's neighbour.
3. There are significant pressures on many at present, with the essentials of life such as food and heat at risk. Such conditions may give rise to safeguarding concerns as so it is important that we should be aware and equipped to assist appropriately.

PARISH ECOCHURCH GROUP

Our next meeting will be following the 10am service on Sunday 13 November

This month's Green Tip is: Extend the life of your clothing! Repair, recycle, swap, donate items.



SERVICES IN OCTOBER

30 October – Parish Communion for All Saints Sunday

Please note that this Sunday, 30 October is a single joint service hosted at All Saints at 10.00am. Please put a reminder in your diary, especially if you normally attend Upnor and don't forget clocks go back!



NEW TO FAITH AND OR WANTING TO CONFIRM FAITH

We are starting 'An Introduction to Christian Faith' through the Pilgrim Course. If you are interested in taking part, please speak to Sue Jones or Nicholas

A new date for the confirmation service has been set as 5 February 2023 with Bishop Jonathan. If you are interested in seeking confirmation, please speak to Sue Jones or Nicholas

ALL SAINTS CRAFT GROUP

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am in Pilgrims Pantry Café in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome – bring along your craft! This month we meet this Tuesday, 1 November.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES DEPARTED, ALL SAINTS

Our annual service is on Sunday 6 November 3.00pm. There will be an opportunity to have a name read out and a chance to light a candle following the service.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE (PARISH HALL)

Saturday 26 November 11am-2.00pm

There are several ways to help...

- Please invite friends and family to come along
- Please donate an item to the chocolate tombola
- There will be a Hamper Raffle – could you pledge to contribute an item by signing the sheet at the back of church?
- Help with a stall for an hour or so

MEDWAY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH ALL SAINTS SINGERS

Saturday 3 December 7.30pm All Saints Tickets: Adults £10.00, Children £5.00

This is always a great way to start Christmas. Refreshments will be available

LITTLE LIGHTS

All Saints Baby and Toddlers Tuesday afternoons, from 1.00pm. Carers, babies and toddlers meet for play, craft, snacks, songs a short story and a prayer.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR COFFEE!



PILGRIMS PANTRY Pilgrims Pantry meets every Tuesday morning from 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Tea, coffee and a menu of snacks and light lunches available.

UPCHAT CAFÉ UpChat Café meets on Fridays 10am, at St Philip & St James

DONATIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF THIS PARISH

Donations can be made at our services by cash or cheque in the collection plate, a stewardship envelope or standing order for regular giving please speak to Nicholas, Sue Jones or Alison Mings.



We are now also offering this QR code in our printed materials. Scanning the code with the camera on your smart phone will take you to the Give a Little page for our parish. You can choose how much, whether to Gift Aid, and request a receipt.

SAFE HAVENS

Mental Health Matters can help any resident of Kent or Medway aged 16+ by offering a warm, welcoming, safe and comfortable environment. Contact: 07850 901151 or 07808 79503

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	<p align="center">Prayer Diary 30 October – 5 November 2022</p> <p align="center"><i>“...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)</i></p>
Church’s Ministry	<i>Praying for the people, groups and mission and outreach of the churches in our parish, diocese and worldwide Anglican communion</i>
Community	<i>Praying for our community, our parish and Medway</i>
People of the Parish	<i>Praying for those who live in Frindsbury and Wainscott, (FW), Upnor (U), Chattenden (C) and those who work on Medway City Estate (MCE)</i>

All Saints	Sunday, 30 October
Church’s Ministry	<p>Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.</p> <p>Pray for our Diocesan and Parish Safeguarding Teams</p>
Community	Give thanks for family life and those we hold dear in our hearts, praying for their health, well-being and hope.
People of the parish	Gambit Way (FW), Lingley Drive (FW),
	Monday, 31 October
Church’s Ministry	Pray for all working in education; pray for staff and pupils of Chattenden School
Community	Pray for the work of Tearfund – our supported charity
People of the parish	Songbird Crescent
	Tuesday, 1 November
Church’s Ministry	Pray for our Pioneer Minister, Sue Vallente-Kerr, and family
Community	Pray for the economic well-being of our country. Pray for all struggling and anxious about the cost of living
People of the parish	Admiralty Road (U), Mill Close (FW), Sholden Road (FW)
	Wednesday, 2 November
Church’s Ministry	Give thanks and pray for our church musicians and singers
Community	Pray for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable; pray for those who care for them that they would be strengthened and encouraged. Pray for staff and residents of Ampersand House
People of the parish	Admiralty Terrace, (U), Mill Close (FW)
	Thursday, 3 November
Church’s Ministry	Pray for The Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Gibbs, Bishop of Rochester, and family
Community	Pray for all in positions of leadership and authority that they will govern with integrity and honesty and for the common good.
People of the parish	Albion Place (U), Miller Way (FW), Smeatham Gardens (FW)
	Friday, 4 November
Church’s Ministry	Pray for UpChat Café – for those leading and helping and those coming along – for good fellowship and conversation
Community	Pray for community keyworkers; pray for all working in health and social care
People of the parish	Anthony’s Way (MCE), Millpond Close (FW), Spire Way (FW)
	Saturday, 5 November
Church’s Ministry	Pray for all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit
Community	Pray for our mission and outreach to the community
People of the parish	Ashcroft Road (FW), Moat Lane (U), Station Road (North West) (FW)