

Calendar of church events

Every Tuesday 7:00pm ... Bell-ringing at St Nicholas Church

Every Wednesday 9:15am ... Morning prayer at 70 Thanington Road

Fri 1st Mar 11am ... World Day of Prayer service at Canterbury Baptist Church

Sun 3rd Mar 10:00am ... Morning Worship at St Nicholas Church

4:00pm ... Thanington Family Worship at St Nicholas Church

6:00pm ... Praise and Prayer at St Faiths Hall, New House Lane.

Mon 4th Mar 12:00pm ... Alpha 2.0 session 3, at 17 Whistable Road, Blean.

Sun 10th Mar 10:00am ... Mothering Sunday - Holy Communion at St Nicholas

Mon 11th Mar 12:00pm ... Alpha 2.0 session 4, at 17 Whistable Road, Blean.

Thu 14th Mar 3:00pm ... Communion at Lark View Care, Cockerling Road

Sun 17th Mar 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

4:00pm ... Thanington Messy Church at St Nicholas Church

Mon 18th Mar 12:00pm ... Alpha 2.0 session 5, at 17 Whitstable Road, Blean

Tue 19th Mar 2:30pm ... PCC meeting in St Nicholas Church hall

Thu 21st Mar 12:30pm ... CAMEO lunch at St Nicholas Church Hall

Sun 24th Mar 10:00am ... Palm Sunday - Holy Communion at St Nicholas

Mon 25th Mar 12:00pm ... Alpha 2.0 session 6, at 17 Whitstable Road, Blean

Tue 26th Mar 11:00am ... Communion at Warren Lodge, 177 Ashford Road

Thur 28th Mar 6:30pm ... Maundy Thursday Meal at St Nicholas Church

Fri 29th Mar 11:20am ... Good Friday Walk of Witness and open air service in
Canterbury (see inside for more details)

1 -3pm ... Church open for quiet prayer and reflection.

Sat 30th Mar 2:00–4:00pm ... Easter Fun for Everyone at St Nicholas Church

Sun 31st Mar 10:00am ... Easter Sunday Communion at St Nicholas Church



St Nicholas + St Faith

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From the vicar

Welcome to St Nicholas. I'm writing this in late February. It feels like Spring is almost upon us. The sun is shining. There are daffodil shoots in the churchyard. By the time you read this, they may even be flowering!

In this part of the world, Spring is a season of new life and hope – more daylight, colourful flowers, chicks and lambs. For many of us, that in itself is a reason to be thankful. But Christians have a much greater reason to be thankful at this time of year as Easter is approaching.

On Good Friday we remember Jesus' sacrificial death: 'Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteousness, to bring you to God.' (1 Peter chapter 3 verse 18). This was the ultimate act of love as Jesus gave up his life for the sins of the world. That morning, I encourage you to join the Good Friday Walk of Witness (details opposite). Our church will be open 1pm-3pm offering a quiet place to pray and reflect.

On Easter Sunday morning, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In his book 'Surprised by Hope', Tom Wright describes the resurrection as the pivotal moment in history, when God's new creation began. The good news is that we can each be part of it, through faith in the risen Christ and the gift of God's Holy Spirit. And we can look forward with hope to the time when God will make all things new. Revelations chapter 21 verse 5: 'He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation chapter 21 verse 5). Let's pray for more of God's new creation in our lives, church and world.

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Church News

Sundays at 4pm – great for families

First Sunday of the month at 4pm, it's Thanington Family Worship.
Third Sunday of the month at 4pm it's Thanington Messy Church.

Maundy Thursday Meal - gather in church at 6:30pm for a meal, before we read the events of holy week from Mark's gospel. To help with the catering, please add your name to the sign-up sheet which will be in church, on the table opposite the main entrance.

Good Friday - the Churches Together Walk of Witness leaves at 11:20am from Canterbury Salvation Army for the short walk to Longmarket for an open air service.

Meet 10:15am at the lychgate to walk together from Thanington.
If you need a lift, please add your name to the sign-up sheet.

1:00–3:00pm Church open for quiet prayer & reflection – just drop in.

Easter Fun for Everyone – Saturday 30th March 2:00–4:00pm at St Nicholas Church, we have an event to celebrate Easter with the wider community, with Easter activities, drinks and cakes, bell-ringing, and we'll celebrate the completion of the lychgate.

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) - CAMEO lunch on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 12.30 – 2:00pm, in the hall, £7 per person. Book in with Caroline Mettam 01227 463622.

Prayer requests –if you have a prayer request, do tell Rev Nick or Rev Christa and we will include it in Wednesday morning prayers.

Ecochurch – Graham Beckett has agreed to be an eco-champion for our church, to encourage this church in caring for creation.

Ways to give to Thanington Parish Church

If you wish to give by card rather than cash, there is a card reader available by the font after the service. You can also give via our Parish Giving page by scanning this QR code or visit www.parishgiving.org.uk

