

Ways to give to Thanington Parish Church

The Bible encourages us to give gladly and generously, out of gratitude for God's love. There is a card reader near the entrance, which is available after the service. You can give via our Parish Giving page by scanning this QR code or visit www.parishgiving.org.uk. Or you can also put cash in the plate if you prefer.



Calendar of church events

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

Every Wednesday 9:15am ... Morning prayer at St Nicholas Church

Sun 7th Apr 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.

Thu 11th Apr 3:00pm ... Communion at Lark View Care, Cockerling Road

Sun 14th Apr 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

Thu 18th April 9:30am ... Mums Matter at Thanington Resource Centre

Thu 18th Apr 12:30pm ... CAMEO lunch at St Nicholas Church Hall

Sun 21st Apr 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church
11:30pm ... Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
4:00pm ... Thanington Messy Church at St Nicholas Church

Tue 23rd April 11:00am ... Communion at Warren Lodge, 177 Ashford Road

Sun 28th Apr 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

Looking Ahead:

Sun 12th May 2:00pm ... Orchard walk followed by tea at St Nicholas Church

Sat 25th May 10:00am ... Clean & tidy-up the church and churchyard.

Sun 26th May 6:00pm ... Taize service at St Nicholas Church.



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From the curate

I was quite moved when reading through the list of names of those who sponsored a peg tile for the recent restoration of the Lychgate. I know there were others who made donations too. Imagine each tile on the Lychgate representing one person who loved this church. You truly “Loved Your Lychgate!” - to use the phrase adopted as part of the campaign.



Jesus referred to Himself as ‘the Gate’. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the gateway through which we find salvation, community and eternal life. As recorded in John 10:9: “I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.” He refers to us like sheep who are safe within His care.

The things that we do as part of this church can also become gateways for other people to encounter Jesus and taste the goodness that he brings. As it says in the Psalms, “Lift up your heads, you gates, be lifted up you ancient doors... That the King of glory may come in!” (Psalm 24:7) Whether it’s Bell-ringing, CAMEO, Messy Church, being out and about in the community or something else, we can all be little gateways for people to join in with what God is doing in this part of Canterbury. Thank you for playing your part – it is truly appreciated.

Blessings

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Church News

Holy Week

Thanks to all who played a part in organising and serving at our Holy Week and Easter events. Thanks especially to all those who decorated the church and played a part in organising and running Easter Fun for Everyone. I know it was a blessing to many people who came along.

Sundays at 4pm

Starting in April, there will be Family Worship each Sunday at 4pm, including Messy Church on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer happens most Wednesdays at 9:15am in the side chapel for 30-40 minutes. All welcome. We use some set prayers but there is also time to pray in our own words or in silence. If you would like us to pray for you a morning prayer, please speak to Rev Nick, Rev Christa or Clary Read. (Please note no morning prayer on 10th April.)

Come And Meet Each Other

CAMEO is an opportunity to enjoy lunch together with others on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 12.30 – 2:00pm, in the church hall. It’s £7 per person. To book a place, speak to Caroline Mettam, 01227 463622.

Mums Matter breakfast - Mums Matter is a gathering to support & encourage mums. Next one is Thursday 18th April 9:30-11:30am at Thanington Resource Centre.

Labyrinth retreat - Aileen will also be leading a retreat on Saturday 4th May, 9:30am – 12:30pm at ARCA hall, with chance to walk a labyrinth. More details from www.mybirth.org.uk or aileen@mybirth.org.uk

New Wine – a few people in the congregation are planning to go to this Christian festival on 25th – 30th July. To find out more, speak to Elizabeth Weeks or Rev Christa or visit www.new-wine.org

Canterbury Deanery Eco-fayre - ideas and inspiration about caring for our planet, on Sat 11th May 10am–2pm at St Peter’s Anglican Church.