



**United Benefice of
St Peter's Church, Ightham & St George's Church, Wrotham**

Gathering in Community - Growing in Christ - Going in Service



Sunday 31st March 2024 – Easter Day

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter

BST begins and clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am



St Peter's, Ightham

10am All Age Worship for Easter
11am Holy Communion (Spoken)

St George's, Wrotham

9am Breakfast Church
10:30am Sung Matins

Holy Week at St Peter's, Ightham

Tues 2 nd April	1pm	Funeral service and burial of the late Alf Hall
	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Wed 3 rd April	10am	Holy Communion
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop in the Church Centre
	8pm	Lent group – week 6
Sun 7 th April	9am	Breakfast Church
	6pm	Evensong

Holy Week at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 1 st April	6:45pm	Prayer Group on Zoom
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 2 nd April	10:30am	Charity Coffee morning
Fri 5 th April	10:30am	Lent course week 6
Sun 7 th April	10:30am	Holy Communion with healing prayers

Diary Dates

Sun 14 th April		NO Breakfast Church at St George's
Sun 14 th April	10:30am	United Benefice Holy Communion with Bishop Jonathan at St George's
	2-5pm	FoSG's Garden Safari
Sun 28 th April	11:30am	Ightham APCM and lunch after 10am service
Sat 11 th May	10am – 12noon	Plant Sale & Coffee shop in aid of Christian Aid at St Peter's
Sun 12 th May	10am	Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's
9 th – 12 th May		Wrotham Arts Festival
Sun 19 th May	12 noon	Wrotham APCM after 10:30am service

Ightham Notices

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Altar have been kindly donated by Carole Cowin in memory of her family who lived in Ightham. Alf, Alice, Christopher & Irene Martin

Revision of Church Electoral Roll

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of St Peter's Church, Ightham, will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on the 31st day of March 2024, and ending on the 13th day of April 2024. After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council on the Church notice boards for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer and from the back of church. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council

Oasis Ladies group

Oasis will resume after Easter on 18th April. However, as so many people will be taking holidays or having other commitments through the summer term, we will not be working through one book, but doing stand-alone studies week by week. The ladies would also like to do a few outings so, if anyone would like to join us, it would be good to contact me first to check what's happening.

Bridget oasis@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Sunday 14th April – United Benefice Service at St George's, Wrotham

Bishop Jonathan will be visiting the benefice, and the morning service will be a united service held at St George's, Wrotham starting at 10:30am. There will be no services at St Peter's on this Sunday.

Sunday 28th April - St Peter's APCM and Lunch

Our annual meeting will be held in church after the morning service and provides your chance to vote for the church wardens and PCC members as well as hear updates on the finances and other aspects of the church governance. It will be followed by lunch in the Church Centre. To help us plan the catering, if you are going to come to lunch, please could you include your details on the form here:

<https://forms.gle/BfWAEjdPZqZ5Ugvd8>

(Click the link or copy and paste it into your browser). If you have any problems, please email your details to Jane and she can add them for you.

admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk



Sunday morning refreshments – can you help?

Please sign up for a date or two on the rota to help with either tea & coffee after the 10am service or with breakfast for Breakfast@Church. If you are doing it for the first time, let us know and we can link you up with someone more experienced. Sign up via the link or email/ring Jane

admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk or ring her on 07940 547310 or speak to one of the Churchwardens on Sunday.

Rota link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FcSeTJHfxr2KSMNyDkGUQrPNs7OUfZtf333dhdyHOiE/edit?usp=sharing>

Science & Religion

For those interested in exploring the relationships between science and religion, The Science and Religion Forum are holding a series of online conferences during 2024. The forum exists to promote discussion between scientific understanding and religious thought:



- 13th-14th June - Continuous and co-creation: Emergence in a Scientific Age
- 28th-29th October - Science, Causality and God: Divine Action in a Scientific Age
- 27th-28th November - Filling and Surrounding the World: Pan(en)theism in a Scientific Age

To find out more about the Forum speak to Finn or Michelle (Ightham)

To register for the conference visit <https://tinyurl.com/srf2024>

Wrotham Notices

Sunday 14th April – United Benefice Service at St George’s, Wrotham

Bishop Jonathan will be visiting the benefice, and the morning service will be a united service held at St George’s starting at 10:30am as usual. There will be no Breakfast Church service on this Sunday.

Friends of St George’s Spring Garden Safari – Sunday 14th April 2-5pm

The Friends of St George’s Church are holding a Garden Safari on Sunday 14th April from 2-5pm. Garden maps will be available to collect from the church porch for £5. Tea and cake will be available in the church for £3.50, together with craft stalls. Please put the date on your calendars and join us for a lovely afternoon.

COGS Food Bank

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Borough Green operates a weekly food bank, offering support to local families and individuals who cannot afford the essentials in life. If you would like to donate to the food bank, non-perishable goods can be left in the trolley at the back of St Peter’s Church, in the box at the back of St George’s Church or taken directly to COGS.

Stock levels are VERY low at the moment and any contribution will be greatly appreciated. They would also be grateful for donations of shopping bags.

Thank you for your generosity which continues to make a difference.

FOODBANK STOCKS @ 25/3/24

Biscuits	V. LOW
Pasta Sauce	V. low
Pasta	V. LOW
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	OK
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	Low
Breakfast Bars	V. low
Cereal	V. low
Puddings / Tinned fruit	OK
Soup	LOW
Tinned meat products	OK
Tinned Tomatoes	OK
Baked Beans	OK
Long life Milk	LOW
Cartons of juice / squash	V. LOW
Sweetcorn	V. low
Other tinned Veg	OK
Tuna & other tinned fish	V. LOW
Spag Hoops/ Mac Cheese	OK
Crisps	OK
Chick Peas, lentils etc	V. Low
	Low

SHOPPING BAGS NEEDED

Benefice Contacts:

Rector: Revd Canon Tim Hatwell rector@ighthamchurch.org.uk or rector@wrothamchurch.org
phone: 07799 601546 The Rector's day off is usually Friday

Administrator: Jane Woodrow-Clark admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk or administrator@wrothamchurch.org
Benefice Office: 9am – 1pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays phone: 07940 547310

St Peter's, Ightham Contacts:

Churchwardens:

churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Ian Gordon: 01732 882732

Naomi Webster: 07421 832919

Safeguarding Lead:

Finn Lawson: 07796 783013

safeguarding@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Pastoral Help: Please contact the Rector

Friends of St Peter's:

Friendsofstpetersightham@gmail.com

St George's, Wrotham Contacts:

Churchwardens:

churchwardens@wrothamchurch.org

Trish Bradshaw: 01732 885326

Pauline Smith: 01732 886156

Safeguarding Officer:

Stephanie Munn: 07885 356701

s-g-officer@wrothamchurch.org

Pastoral Help: Linda 01732 369737

Friends of St George's:

friends@wrothamchurch.org

Regular Activities in the Benefice

St Peter's, Ightham

St Peter's Community Coffee Shop Wednesdays
10:15am – 11.45am in the Church Centre.
Homemade cakes, fresh coffee and good company.
Raising money for charity – **Our charity for April is Spadework** in Offham.

Prayer & Praise via Zoom 7:45pm on 1st Weds of the month. This group meets online for shared prayer and meditation. Contact rector@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Connect Group via Zoom 2nd & 4th Wed evenings - online home group & Bible study. For more info email John Webster inhjk.webster@btinternet.com

Oasis Weekly, Thursday mornings. Ladies fellowship group. For details please email Bridget at oasis@ighthamchurch.org.uk

St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group Thursdays at 10am in the Church Centre, during term time. Offering friendly chat, toys for the children and a cup of tea. All welcome.
Kirsty Mitchem 01732 885072

Men's Breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month 8:30am at the George and Dragon, Ightham. £10 per person. Booking essential. Email John inhjk.webster@btinternet.com to register.
Next breakfast – **Saturday 13th April.**

St George's, Wrotham

Prayer Group via Zoom Every Monday 6:45pm except Bank holidays. This group meets online to pray for the world, the parish and wider community. Contact prayer@wrothamchurch.org

For those in need of prayer...

If you have a prayer request, please telephone Linda T: 01732 369737 M: 07790464789 or send an email to prayer@wrothamchurch.org
Also contact her if you wish to be added to the email St George's 'prayer circle.'

Monday Evening Bible Study Group 7:45pm on 1st & 3rd Mondays. This group meets in person. Contact Sandy Chapman: 07517 658582
sandy@billchapman.me.uk

St George's Charity coffee morning Tuesdays 10:30am – 12:30pm in St George's church. Homemade cakes, hot drinks and friendly chat. Raising money for charity - **Our charity for April is Tearfund**

Friday Morning Bible Study Group 10:30am on 2nd & 4th Fridays. This group meets in person. Contact Gill Johnson whego888@tiscali.co.uk