



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

Gathering in Community - Growing in Christ - Going in Service



### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Easter 3

We welcome Bishop Jonathan for this morning's service, during which our 2 lay ministers, John and Michelle, will be formally licensed.

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

#### St Peter's, Ightham

No services today

#### St George's, Wrotham

No Breakfast Church

10:30am Holy Communion

#### This Week at St Peter's, Ightham

Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting on Zoom
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop in the Church Centre
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	Oasis
	10am	Toddler group in the Church Centre
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

#### This Week at St George's, Wrotham

Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April	2-5pm	FoSG's Spring Garden Safari
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	6:45pm	Prayer Group on Zoom
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30am	Charity Coffee morning
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> April		No Bible Study
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

#### Diary Dates

Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	11:30am	Ightham APCM and lunch after 10am service
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	8pm	Wrotham Standing Committee Meeting on Zoom
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10am – 12noon	Plant Sale & Coffee shop in aid of Christian Aid <a href="#">at St Peter's</a>
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Breakfast Church as usual at <span style="color: red;">St George's</span> but...
		... No 10:30am service at <span style="color: red;">St George's</span>
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Wrotham Arts Festival at <span style="color: red;">St George's</span>
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	12 noon	Wrotham APCM after 10:30am service
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	8pm	Joint Standing Committee Meeting at St Peter's Church Centre

## 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>

## Ightham Notices

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

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](mailto:admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk)



### Plant Sale & Coffee shop – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 12 noon

There will be a plant sale and coffee shop in aid of Christian Aid. Plant donations would be warmly welcomed, please bring along on the day. If you have any queries, or wish to donate plants in advance, please get in touch with Sarah Reid E: [sarahlou8u@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlou8u@gmail.com) or T: 01732 789400

### Christian Aid Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May

St Peter's house-to-house collection will return in the same format as last year. Envelopes will be delivered to houses within the village. But, instead of being collected, instructions will be included to donate online or to return your envelope to a designated drop-off location. Our e-envelope may also be accessed here: [www.fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/ightham-st-peters](http://www.fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/ightham-st-peters) or by scanning the QR code.



### 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](mailto: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>



## Wrotham Notices

### 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.

### Revision of Church Electoral Roll

**Notice is hereby given** that the Church Electoral Roll of St George's, Wrotham will be revised by the Parochial Church Council (PCC), beginning on the 13th April 2024 and ending on 4th May 2024. After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the PCC on the Church notice board 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 back of the church. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) on Sunday, 19th May 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 PCC.

### 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.**

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



### Messy Cathedral at Rochester Cathedral

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April 1:30pm-3:30pm**

**Followed by 'bring your own picnic' until 4pm**

**A free event, no booking required**

There will be lots of activities for children and families to do, based on the theme "Breakfast on the Beach". Bishop Simon will be attending and leading communion which follows the activities and after this we are hoping that families will bring a picnic, which they will then be able to eat either in the Cathedral Garth (garden area) or in the Cathedral, depending on the weather.

For more information, please contact Sarah Cabella

E: [sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org)

## Benefice Contacts:

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

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### St Peter's, Ightham Contacts:

#### Churchwardens:

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Naomi Webster: 07421 832919

#### Safeguarding Lead:

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**Pastoral Help:** Please contact the Rector

#### Friends of St Peter's:

[Friendsofstpetersightham@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofstpetersightham@gmail.com)

### St George's, Wrotham Contacts:

#### Churchwardens:

[churchwardens@wrothamchurch.org](mailto:churchwardens@wrothamchurch.org)

Trish Bradshaw: 01732 885326

Pauline Smith: 01732 886156

#### Safeguarding Officer:

Stephanie Munn: 07885 356701

[s-g-officer@wrothamchurch.org](mailto:s-g-officer@wrothamchurch.org)

**Pastoral Help:** Linda 01732 369737

#### Friends of St George's:

[friends@wrothamchurch.org](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Weds of the month. This group meets online for shared prayer and meditation. Contact [rector@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:rector@ighthamchurch.org.uk)

**Connect Group via Zoom** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed evenings - online home group & Bible study. For more info email John Webster [inhjk.webster@btinternet.com](mailto:inhjk.webster@btinternet.com)

**Oasis** Weekly, Thursday mornings. Ladies fellowship group. For details please email Bridget at [oasis@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto: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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month 8:30am at the George and Dragon, Ightham. £10 per person. Booking essential. Email John [inhjk.webster@btinternet.com](mailto:inhjk.webster@btinternet.com) to register.  
Next breakfast – **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays. This group meets in person. Contact Sandy Chapman: 07517 658582 [sandy@billchapman.me.uk](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays. This group meets in person. Contact Gill Johnson [whego888@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:whego888@tiscali.co.uk)