



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

Gathering in Community - Growing in Christ - Going in Service



## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – Easter 4

### St Peter's, Ightham

10am Service of the Word

6pm Evensong

### St George's, Wrotham

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Holy Communion

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

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop in the Church Centre
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	Oasis
	10am	Toddler group in the Church Centre
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April	3:30pm	St Lawrence School Bell ringing practice
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>11am</b>	APCM and lunch

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

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	6:45pm	Prayer Group on Zoom
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10:30am	Charity Coffee morning
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30am	Bible Study
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Breakfast Church</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Sung Matins</b>

### Diary Dates

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 <b>St George's</b> but...
		... No 10:30am service at <b>St George's</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Wrotham Arts Festival at <b>St George's</b>
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

## 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.

## What Next?

We are most grateful to Revd Canon Tim Hatwell for enabling us to get used to working with Ightham as a Benefice. However, come August, both parishes will be in search of a new Rector, whose time will be shared between the two parishes. To help with this, the benefice will be writing a parish profile for possible candidates to peruse and see if they feel called to lead us. To this end the profile will include information about us now, our hopes for the future and what we are looking for in a new Rector. We would very much appreciate your thoughts and 'What Next' forms are available in church so you can let us know your suggestions. Please record your ideas and either hand it in at a Church Service or Coffee Morning OR email it to [info@wrotham.church.org](mailto:info@wrotham.church.org) by **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

## Wrotham Arts Festival 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May

The festival will be taking place in St George's Church and the village hall. There will be over 50 artists exhibiting and selling their work in the church and craft and refreshments will be available in the village hall. This is a free event suitable for the whole family to enjoy!

## 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 @ 15/4/24

Biscuits	LOW
Pasta Sauce	V. LOW
Pasta	LOW
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	OK
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	LOW
Breakfast Bars	V. LOW
Cereal	V. LOW
Puddings / Tinned fruit	OK
Soup	V. LOW
Tinned meat products	OK
Tinned Tomatoes	V. LOW
Baked Beans	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

## 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

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

### St Peter's, Ightham Contacts:

#### Churchwardens:

[churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk)

Ian Gordon: 01732 882732

Naomi Webster: 07421 832919

#### Safeguarding Lead:

Finn Lawson: 07796 783013

[safeguarding@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ighthamchurch.org.uk)

**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)