



**United Benefice of
St Peter's Church, Ightham & St George's Church, Wrotham**
Gathering in Community - Growing in Christ - Going in Service



Sunday 10th August 2025 – Trinity 8

St Peter's, Ightham

10am Holy Communion
Led by Revd Christopher Johnson

St George's, Wrotham

10:30am Service of the Word
Led by Sandy
(No Zoom during August)

Coming up at St Peter's, Ightham

Tues 12 th August	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Weds 13th August	10am	Morning Prayer led by John Webster
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop
Thurs 14 th August		No Oasis women's group – on summer break
		No Parent & Toddler Group – on summer break
Sat 16 th August	4pm	Teddy Bear's Picnic
Sun 17th August	10am	Service of the Word led by John Webster
	6pm	Evensong led by Revd Anna Drew

Coming up at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 11 th August	6:45pm	Online prayer group
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 12 th August	10:30am	Charity coffee morning
Thurs 14 th August	2:30pm	Burial of Ashes
		No Choir Practice
Sun 17th August	10:30am	Holy Communion led by Revd Liz Chapman (No Zoom)

Future dates for your diaries

Mon 18 th Aug	2:30pm	Burial of Ashes at St Peter's, Ightham
Thurs 21st Aug	11:30am	FUNERAL at St Peter's, Ightham
Sat 30 th Aug	7:30pm	Bat Walk at St Peter's, Ightham
Sun 31st Aug	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion service at St George's, Wrotham
Sat 13 th Sept	All day	Kent Ride & Stride
Sat 11 th Oct	7pm	Benefice Harvest Supper at St George's, Wrotham

Benefice Notices

Teddy Bears' Picnic – Saturday 16th August 4pm at St Peter's, Ightham

We will be holding our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic at St Peter's Church, Ightham. Bring your favourite teddy or cuddly toy and dress for the weather. Refreshments available and everyone is welcome!

Extra pairs of hands are needed to help with the churchyard athletics and Teddy bear Zip wire at this event. Please let Naomi know if you are able to help churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Bat Walk in St Peter' churchyard – Saturday 30th August 7:30pm

Save the date! There will be a Bat walk in St Peter's churchyard on Saturday 30th August, talk from 7:30pm, sunset at 7:50pm. Please bring a torch (and bat detector if you have one) and dress appropriately for the weather (including sensible shoes). Meet in the Church centre.

Kent Ride & Stride – Sat 13th September

Walkers and Cyclists needed!

We will once again be supporting Kent Ride & Stride and both churches will be open, with refreshments available at St George's, Wrotham.

If you would like to take part and support either church by walking or cycling around Kent churches and collecting sponsorship, please speak to Linda at Wrotham T: 01732 369737 or email Jane at admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk for more details and a sponsorship form.



Ightham Notices

Monthly Men's Breakfast & Churchyard Working Party

There is no Men's Breakfast or churchyard working party in August. Next date will be Sat 13th September.

Sunday morning refreshments

Please join us for refreshments in the Church Centre after the 10am service. If you can help with these or with serving breakfast at Breakfast@Church, please sign up for a date on the rota – there are lots of spaces to fill! 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 Jane admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk or ring her on 07940 547310 or speak to Naomi on Sunday. Rota link:

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

Donating to St Peters, Ightham

Donations can be made by debit or credit card anytime the church is open, by using the card machine at the back of church. Alternatively, you can donate via our Just Giving Page using the QR code or the link below <https://www.justgiving.com/stpeterschurch-ightham>

Please contact the treasurer if you would like to set up regular giving or to Gift Aid your donations. Email treasurer@ighthamchurch.org.uk Thank you for your support.



Wrotham Notices

Said Holy Communion BCP services on 3rd Sunday of the month

Sadly, due to the difficulty in arranging clergy cover during the vacancy, the PCC have decided that this service will be suspended with effect from August, until a new incumbent is appointed.

Donating to St George's, Wrotham

If you would like to make a one-off donation to St George's Church, you can do so via the online link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/2b1bcc92-1729-4d4f-93b8-3cb86deb8bad>



Please contact the treasurer if you would like to set up regular giving or Gift Aid your donations. Email treasurer@wrothamchurch.org Thank you for your support

Our local 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. Donations of non-perishable goods can be left in the boxes at the back of St Peter's Church or St George's Church or taken directly to COGS. They would also be pleased to receive donations of unopened toiletries.

They are not able to accept any homemade foods.

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

**General stocks are very low
at the moment,
please support the foodbank
if you can**

FOODBANK 21/7/25	
Biscuits	V. LOW
Pasta Sauce	V. LOW
Pasta	V. LOW
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	V. LOW
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	V. LOW
Breakfast Bars	V. LOW
Cereal	V. LOW
Puddings / Tinned fruit	V. LOW
Soup	OK
Tinned meat products	V. LOW
Tinned Tomatoes	V. LOW
Baked Beans	V. LOW
Long life Milk	V. 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	V. LOW
Crisps	V. LOW
Chick Peas, lentils etc	V. LOW

Benefice Contacts:

Rector: Benefice in Vacancy

Safeguarding Lead: Finn Lawson: 07796 783013 safeguarding@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Benefice Administrator: Jane

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Benefice Office: 9am – 1pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays phone: 07940 547310

St Peter's, Ightham Contacts:

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Pastoral Help: Linda 01732 369737

Friends of St George's:

friends@wrothamchurch.org

Regular Activities in the Benefice

Mondays

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. If you have a prayer request, please telephone Linda on 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.'

Tuesdays

St George's Charity coffee morning Tuesdays 10:30am – 12:30pm in **St George's church, Wrotham**. Homemade cakes, hot drinks and friendly chat. Funds raised are split between our nominated charity and St George's projects & maintenance - **Our charity for August is Crossroads Care Kent** <https://www.crossroadskent.org>

Wednesdays

St Peter's Community Coffee Shop Wednesdays 10:15am – 11.45am in the **Church Centre, Ightham**. Homemade cakes, fresh coffee and good company. Raising money for charity and St Peter's – **Our charity for August is The Royal Osteoporosis Society**.

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

Connect Group via Zoom 2nd & 4th Wed evenings - online home group & Bible study. For more info email John Webster llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Thursdays

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

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

Saturdays

Men's Breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month 8:30am at the George and Dragon, Ightham. £13 per person. Booking essential. Email John llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk to register.

Next Breakfast - **Saturday 13th September**

Teddy Bear's Picnic & Churchyard Athletics



*+ "Have a go" sessions
for grown-ups*

**4pm Saturday 16th August
St Peter's Church, Ightham**



For kids

- Teddy bear zip wire
- Crafts including mug painting
- Churchyard Athletics
- Picnic tea



For grown-ups

- *Tea and cake*
- *Have a go at chiming the bells & more*

*Bring your favourite teddy or cuddly toy
and dress for the weather. Everyone is welcome!*



Bat Walk in the Churchyard

7:30pm Saturday 30th August 2025
St Peter's Church, Ightham

Meet in the church centre.

Dress for the weather, bring a torch, wear sensible shoes, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Optional donation to the Bat Conservation Trust

2025 Events Programme

Bridge Chapel Lectures

- 10 July – Conserving portraits
- 11 September – The location of the Medieval Bridge
- 25 September – The history of watercolour painting
- 7 October – Medieval roads in England and Wales: A map

All lectures take place in the fully-accessible Bridge Chapel, and start at 6.30pm. Tickets are free but must be booked.

For detail see: <https://rbt.org.uk/events-resources/forthcoming-events/>



Open days in the Bridge Chapel and Chamber

- **John Thorpe Exhibition and Open Days, 4 June to 30 August 11am until 4pm, Every Saturday, plus Wednesday 4 June, 2 July and 6 August**
Explore two historic buildings while learning more about John Thorpe, an 18th century physician, antiquarian, Senior Warden of the Rochester Bridge Trust, and Fellow of the Royal Society.
- **Heritage Open Days: 13, 14, 20, 21 September 11am until 4pm**
View the Bridge Chapel and Chamber in all their glory, where you will be able to take a closer look at the paintings and furniture as they are used for formal meetings of the Court of Wardens and Assistants.
All entry is free of charge.



THE ASSOCIATION OF THE FRIENDS
OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Visit to the Brogdale Collection

Wednesday October 8th 2025

The prime time for apples and pears

We have arranged a guided tour at Brogdale, home of the National Fruit Collection, at Brogdale Farm, Brogdale Road, Faversham, ME13 8XZ.

The tour will begin at 2pm and lasts for approx. 45 minutes.
Please make your own way to Brogdale Farm.

After this, you may wish to pick your own fruit or join us in the cafe for a full cream tea, or maybe just a hot drink and a jam and cream scone. The tea is booked for 3.30pm.

Cost of your trip – Guided tour £9.50. Full cream tea (optional) £15; hot drink and scone (optional) £6.95.

The marketplace at Brogdale includes shops and a cafe, free parking, toilets and outdoor picnic and play area.

For further information and to book for the tour (and optional cream tea/hot drink and scone, which must be booked in advance), please contact the Friends, tel. no. 01634-832142 or by e-mail, friendsofrochestercathedral@btinternet.com

**If you require a lift or are able to offer a lift to the farm,
please let me know**