



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



## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – Trinity 9

### St Peter's, Ightham

#### 10am Service of the Word

Led by Michelle Lawson

#### 6pm Evensong

Led by Revd Anna Drew

### St George's, Wrotham

#### 10:30am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Liz Chapman

(No Zoom during August)

### Coming up at St Peter's, Ightham

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> August	2:30pm	Burial of Ashes
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> August	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> led by Revd Chris Johnson
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> August		No Oasis women's group – on summer break
		No Parent & Toddler Group – on summer break
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>FUNERAL - William Fowler</b>
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> led by Revd Richard Howlett

### Coming up at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> August	6:45pm	Online prayer group
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> August	10:30am	Charity coffee morning
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> August		No Choir Practice
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Matins</b> led by John Webster (No Zoom)

### Future dates for your diaries

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7:30pm	Bat Walk at <a href="#">St Peter's, Ightham</a>
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion service</b> at <a href="#">St George's, Wrotham</a>
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All day	Kent Ride & Stride
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10-11:45am	Macmillan Coffee Morning - Church Centre at <a href="#">St Peter's, Ightham</a>
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7pm	Wrotham Music Festival Concert at <a href="#">St George's, Wrotham</a>
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7pm	Benefice Harvest Supper at <a href="#">St George's, Wrotham</a>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11am	Fairtrade stall in church centre at <a href="#">St Peter's, Ightham</a>

## Benefice Notices

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

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

### Bat Walk in St Peter's churchyard, Ightham – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> August 7:30pm

There will be a Bat walk in St Peter's churchyard on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> Sept

#### 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](mailto:admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk) for more details and a sponsorship form.



### Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Peter's, Ightham Wednesday 24th Sept 10am-11:45am

Please save the date! Details to follow.

## Ightham Notices

### Thanks

Our welcome and thanks to Reverend Anna Drew who joins us from Holy Trinity, Twydall, to take our Sunday Evensong service.

### Help needed at St Peter's Community Coffee Shop

A huge thank you to Di Coleman who has baked for Coffee Shop since it began; both she and her sausage rolls will be greatly missed and another of our lovely helpers is having to stand down for family reasons. If anyone feels able to help at Coffee Shop by baking, helping and baking or helping (either regularly or on the reserve list) Jenny Webster would be delighted to hear from them. We are an equal opportunity kitchen! [inhjk.webster@btinternet.com](mailto:inhjk.webster@btinternet.com) or 07752 463238.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:treasurer@ighthamchurch.org.uk) Thank you for your support.



## Wrotham Notices

### Thanks

Our welcome and thanks to Reverend Elizabeth Chapman for taking our Sunday morning service this week.

### 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](mailto: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 4/8/25	
Biscuits	✓ LOW
Pasta Sauce	LOW
Pasta	LOW
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	V. LOW
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	V. LOW
Breakfast Bars	V. LOW
Cereal	LOW
Puddings / Tinned fruit	V. LOW
Soup	OK
Tinned meat products	✓ LOW
Tinned Tomatoes	LOW
Baked Beans	LOW
Long life Milk	✓ LOW
Cartons of juice / squash	LOW
Sweetcorn	V. LOW
Other tinned Veg	V. LOW
Tuna & other tinned fish	LOW
Spag Hoops/ Mac Cheese	✓ LOW
Crisps	LOW
Chick Peas, lentils etc	✓ LOW

## Benefice Contacts:

**Rector:** Benefice in Vacancy

**Safeguarding Lead:** Finn Lawson: 07796 783013 [safeguarding@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto: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:

**Churchwardens:**

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### St George's, Wrotham Contacts:

**Churchwardens:**

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Trish Bradshaw: 01732 885326

**Pastoral Help:** Linda 01732 369737

**Friends of St George's:**

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

**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 [llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk)

### Thursdays

**Oasis** Weekly, Thursday mornings. Ladies fellowship group. For details please email Bridget at [oasis@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto: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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month 8:30am at the George and Dragon, Ightham. £13 per person. Booking essential. Email John [llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk) to register.

Next Breakfast - **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.**



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## **Visit to the Brogdale Collection**

**Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:friendsofrochestercathedral@btinternet.com)

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