

### Safeguarding

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### Calendar of church events

Every Wednesday 9:30am ... Morning prayer at St Nicholas Church

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 10:00am ... Morning Worship at St Nicholas Church

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Sep 10:00am – 6pm Church open all day for Ride & Stride  
2:00 – 4:00pm Autumn Open Day event at St Nicholas

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church  
6:00pm ... 'Pray for Thanington' at St Faiths Hall

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Sep 10.45 for 11:00am ... Bible study group at Warren Lodge

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 12:30pm ... CAMEO lunch at St Nicholas church hall

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sep 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church  
4:00pm ... Thanington Messy Church at St Nicholas Church

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sep 10.45 for 11:00am ... Bible study group at Warren Lodge

Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2:30pm ... Communion at Lark View Care home, Cockering Rd

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church  
6:00pm ... Harvest Celebration at St Faith's Hall

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 10.45 for 11:00am ... Bible study group at Warren Lodge  
8:00pm ... PCC meeting at St Nicholas church hall

### Looking ahead

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 7:00pm ... Church Quiz Night at the ARCA hall

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 10:00am ... Harvest service at St Nicholas Church

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Community Gospel Choir all day – with concert in afternoon.

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday



## St Nicholas + St Faith

# News sheet

## September 2025



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## From the vicar ...



***We are Thanington Parish Church:  
A community of worship, welcome and witness to Christ,  
who are learning from the past, living in the present and  
looking to God's future.***

I hope you have enjoyed the summer. Now, the leaves are already blowing off the trees and we'll soon be celebrating God's provision with our harvest festival and lunch and sharing gifts of food with those in need. Autumn is also a time of change, reminding us to keep looking to God's future for this church.

What sort of future might that be? Firstly, I'm sure God desires us to be a church which knows God's love, shows God's love, and tells others of this love, revealed most clearly in the life of Jesus. Let's all find ways of sharing God's love with other people in Thanington and inviting them to join in.

Secondly, it is a future in which this church will have to focus our time and energy on doing a few things but doing them well. So, please pray for myself and the PCC as we review our priorities this Autumn. But please also pray that God will send others to help us gather in a harvest of people from Thanington.

Thirdly, it is a future in which each of us has a part to play - praying, serving, giving - each according to our God-given abilities, gifts and resources.

*Rev Nick*

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## Church News

**Messy Church** ... restarts on 21<sup>st</sup> September, the third Sunday of the month, 4 – 5:30pm. Activities, bible story, praise and prayer, finishing with tea. Ideal for families with young children. Would you like to help with Messy Church – organising the food or supervising an activity? If so, speak to Rev Nick.

**Come And Meet Each Other (CAMEO)** - The next CAMEO lunch will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 12.30pm either in the church hall. Cost is £7 per person. For more details or to book your place, contact Ann Martin on 01227 769686.

## Autumn open day

As the church is open all day for Ride and Stride on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, we are offering activities and refreshments from 2 – 4pm, inviting people to explore and enjoy their parish church, including: the brass of Thomas Halle, try bell-ringing, flower arranging demo, tombola, bookstall, cakes and drinks in the hall. Please invite friends and neighbours.

## Bible study groups

The Wednesday daytime group restarts on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. This term, we'll be looking at Matthew chapters 5-7 (the sermon on the mount). It's at Warren Lodge, 177 Ashford Road. Arrive from 10.45pm for 11:00am start. Finish at 12. For more info, contact John Field, 07767 777466.

For the Wednesday evening group dates, contact Elizabeth, 07805 030641.

## Church quiz night

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7.00pm at ARCA hall, 151 Ashford Rd. £5 per person.

Come as a team or join one on the night. Bring your own drinks and snacks. All funds raised go towards the roof repair (see below).

**Harvest service and lunch** - Join us for our harvest service at St Nicholas on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, followed by lunch. Gifts of food can be brought to the service and these will be donated to our local food bank. If you would like to stay for the harvest lunch afterwards, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, which will be in church.

**Roof repair** – we need to raise £50,000 to pay for substantial repairs to the church roof (where the tower meets the nave) to prevent more leaks and further internal damage. We currently have around £15,000. We need to find a further £35,000 over the next 6 to 9 months. Please ask God to provide, as we apply for grants, do fund-raising activities and invite donations.

## Ways to give to Thanington Parish Church

The Bible encourages us to give gladly and generously, out of gratitude for God's love. There is a card reader available near the entrance. You can give via our Parish Giving page by scanning this QR code or visit [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk). Or you can put cash in the offering plate if you prefer.

