



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



Sunday 21st September - Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist

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 Elizabeth Chapman

Coming up at St Peter's, Ightham

Tues 23 rd Sept	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Weds 24th Sept	10am	Morning Prayer led by John Webster
	10am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Church Centre
	2pm	White Cliffs U3a group visit
Thurs 25 th Sept	9:30am	Oasis women's group
	10am	Parent & Toddler Group in Church Centre
Sun 28th Sept	10am	Holy Communion led by Revd Richard Howlett

Coming up at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 22 nd Sept	9:15am	St George's School service
	6:45pm	Online prayer group
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 23 rd Sept	10:30am	Charity coffee morning
Thurs 24 th Sept	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Sat 27 th Sept	7pm	Wrotham Music Festival Concert
Sun 28th Sept	9am	Breakfast@Church led by Sandy
	10:30am	Matins led by the Church Warden

Future dates for your diaries

1 st -3 rd Oct	All day	Churchyard tree work at St Peter's, Ightham
Thurs 2 nd Oct	9:15am	Ightham School Harvest service at St Peter's, Ightham
Mon 6th Oct	2pm	FUNERAL – John Kenward at St Peter's, Ightham
Sat 11 th Oct	6:30pm for 7pm	Benefice Harvest Supper at St George's, Wrotham
Sun 26 th Oct	4pm	In Loving Memory service at St Peter's, Ightham
Sun 2 nd Nov	4pm	Memorial & Thanksgiving service at St George's, Wrotham
Sun 16 th Nov	11am	Fairtrade stall in church centre at St Peter's, Ightham

Benefice Notices

Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Peter's, Ightham Church Centre

Weds 24th Sept 10am-11:45am

Fresh coffee, homemade cakes and good company! Plus, a raffle and a 'bring & buy' stall on the theme of harvest. Please come and support this good cause. Everyone welcome.



Ightham Notices

Ad-hoc help needed to facilitate recorded music at funerals/weddings

It is becoming increasingly common that families request recorded music to be played for funerals, memorial and wedding services. Often these services are held during the week when our Sunday AV volunteers are unavailable due to work commitments. We are looking for one or two people who would be prepared, after some training, to play recorded music at these services. If you are able to help, please speak to Jane or Naomi.

Friends of Ightham School event – Weds 24th Sept 6pm at The Hutch Deli

Please come along to The Hutch Deli for drinks and snacks, to hear about the work of the Friends of Ightham School and meet the new headteacher, Ms Earl. Everyone welcome.

Fairtrade Stall – Sunday 16th November

There will be a stall selling fairtrade products after the 10am service on Sunday 16th November. Advent calendars can be ordered in advance – please speak to Jenny Webster for more information.

The Monument to Sir John & Lady Elizabeth Howell

For anyone interested in the history of St Peter's, an article has been published about the monument to Sir John and Lady Elizabeth Howell. You can read the article here

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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! ijnhk.webster@btinternet.com or 07752 463238.

Sunday morning refreshments – **Help needed please for Oct/Nov dates**

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

Greenery & Flowers needed for Harvest

The church flower ladies are looking for donations of garden flowers, autumn foliage, seed heads, grasses etc to create this year's Church harvest festival display. They will be assembling the display, pedestals etc on the morning of **Friday 3rd October**. Donations can be left in the church the day before or brought to church first thing on the 3rd. They are not planning on buying in any extra so are very much relying on community donations! Thank you.

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 15/9/25	
Biscuits	V. LOW
Pasta Sauce	V. LOW
Pasta	LOW
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	LOW
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	V. LOW
Breakfast Bars	V. LOW
Cereal	LOW
Puddings / Tinned fruit	LOW
Soup	OK
Tinned meat products	V. LOW
Tinned Tomatoes	LOW
Baked Beans	LOW
Long life Milk	V. LOW
Cartons of juice / squash	V. LOW
Sweetcorn	V. LOW
Other tinned Veg	LOW
Tuna & other tinned fish	LOW
Spag Hoops/ Mac Cheese	LOW
Crisps	V. LOW
Chick Peas, lentils etc	LOW
MARMITE/PEANUT BUTTER.	V. LOW
Sam	

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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Friends of St George's:

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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 September is Kenward Trust**
<https://kenwardtrust.org.uk>

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 Sept is Macmillan Cancer Support. Our charity for Oct & Nov is COGS Food Bank in Borough Green.**

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

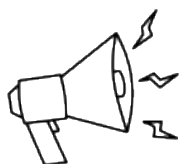
Oasis Weekly, Thursday mornings. Ladies fellowship group. For details please email Bridget at oasis@ighthamchurch.org.uk

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 11th October**



CALLING ALL LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

You are invited to join the



Friends of Ightham School

on the NEW TERRACE at
The Hutch Deli & Café



for drinks and snacks

Wednesday 24th September @ 6pm

Please come along to hear about the work of Friends of Ightham School and meet the new Head Teacher, Ms Earl.

Everybody is welcome! Old friends and new!

If you would like to come, please email Paula Freeman paulapricepp@goolemail.com or call Mark Keenor on 07770 440343



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Dynamics

Lindsay Schofield, Consultant Psychotherapist

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