



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



Sunday 19th October – Trinity 18

St Peter's, Ightham

10am Service of the Word

Led by John Webster

6pm Evensong

Led by Chris Weet LLM

St George's, Wrotham

10:30am Service of the Word

Led by Revd Elizabeth Chapman

Coming up at St Peter's, Ightham

Tues 21 st Oct	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Weds 22nd Oct	10am	Morning Prayer led by John Webster
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop in the Church Centre
Thurs 23 rd Oct	9:30am	Oasis women's group
	10am	Parent & Toddler Group in Church Centre
Sun 26th Oct		BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS – clocks go back 1hr
	10am	Holy Communion led by Revd Marilyn Ilyas
	4pm	In Loving Memory service

Coming up at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 20 th Oct	6:45pm	Online prayer group
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 21 st Oct	10:30am	Charity coffee morning
Thurs 23 rd Oct	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Sun 26th Oct		BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS – clocks go back 1hr
	10:30am	Sung Matins led by John Webster

Future dates for your diaries

Sun 2nd Nov	4pm	Memorial & Thanksgiving service at St George's, Wrotham
Fri 7 th Nov	2-4pm	'Pudding Club' at St George's, Wrotham
Sat 8 th Nov	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at G & D, Ightham – booking required
	10am	Churchyard Working Party at St Peter's, Ightham
Sun 16 th Nov	11am	Fairtrade stall in church centre at St Peter's, Ightham
Sun 30th Nov	10am	Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ightham
	6pm	4-Parish Advent Service at Church of the Good Shepherd, BG
Sat 6 th Dec	1-5pm	Wrotham Christmas Fair
Sat 13 th Dec		Wrotham Christmas Concert at St George's, Wrotham

Benefice Notices

Benefice Harvest Supper thank you

A big thank you to those who came to and/or contributed the food for our joint Harvest Supper last Saturday. It was a lovely relaxing evening with good company and food. Donations of £375 were collected for Poverty and Hope, thank you for your generosity.

Benefice Christmas Carol services - choir rehearsals

There will be 2 Carol Services on 21st December. The first at Ightham at 4.00pm and the second at Wrotham at 6.30pm.

If you would like to be part of the combined choir, all voices welcome, the rehearsals will be weekly at St George's Wrotham on Thursdays at 7.30pm, starting on Thursday 13th November. please let Carol Kennedy (Ightham) or Neil (Wrotham) know so we can organise music copies.

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 so please support the foodbank if you can

Hearing and Speaking God's Word course - Saturdays 15th & 29th November

You are warmly invited to join us for Hearing and Speaking God's Word; a Bishop's Certificate Course designed specifically for lay people who feel called to explore teaching or preaching opportunities within their church context. Whether you've been wondering if God is nudging you towards a ministry of the Word, or you're already involved in occasional teaching and want to develop your skills, this course offers a wonderful opportunity to discern, learn, and grow in confidence.

Dates: Saturdays, 15th and 29th November

Location: Underriver Village Hall, TN14 0SB (Free on-road parking available)

Time:

- 9:00 am – Light breakfast and fellowship
- 9:30 am – 12:30 pm – Course sessions

Important Information

- A minimum of 10 participants is required for the course to proceed
- The course is free but attendance at both Saturday morning sessions is essential

To be awarded the Bishop's Certificate, participants will need to:

- Attend all 4 sessions (there will be two Saturday mornings for the Speaking God's Word course early 2026)
- Preach in their own church on one occasion
- Obtain feedback from that sermon from two people in the congregation (one of whom must be clergy or LLM)
- Complete a short, written reflection on their learning and growth in faith
- Submit the sermon text, feedback and reflection.

To Register, please contact Revd Serena Willoughby by **31/10/25 at:**
serena.willoughby@rochester.anglican.org

Ightham Notices

In Loving Memory service – Sunday 26th October 4pm

Please join us for this reflective service as we remember those we love but see no longer. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for loved ones, and you are warmly invited to stay for tea and cake afterwards.

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, price £4.95 - please give your order and money to me by Thursday 6th November. They will be available for collection when the Fairtrade stall comes on Sunday 16th November.

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

Thanks

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

Church Cleaning – Weds 29th October 10am

There will be a church cleaning morning on 29th October from 10am. Please bring your own cleaning equipment eg. dusters, brushes, dustpan, vacuum cleaner etc. Refreshments will be provided.

Memorial & Thanksgiving Service – Sunday 2nd November 4pm

Please join us for this reflective service as we remember those we love but see no longer. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for loved ones, and you are warmly invited to stay for tea and cake after the service.

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



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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 October is the Diocese Poverty & Hope Appeal**

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 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 8th November**

www.bexleyphoenixchoir.org.uk

Bexley Phoenix Choir

Directed by John MacKenzie - Accompanied by Christine Diggins

Concert

Saturday 25th October 2025 - 7.00pm

Christ Church

Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7BT

A varied programme of sacred and secular music including:

Ecce Novum – O Gjeilo

The Long Day Closes – A Sullivan

California Dreamin' – J Phillips/M Rogers

This Little Light of Mine – G Arch

Rhythm of Life – C Coleman

Tickets £10.00 – Students £5.00 – 16 & under Free

Available from The Parish Office – 07340 851820 or on the door



Come and hear this vibrant Choir at the farewell concert for Christine, our accompanist, singing Sacred and Secular works. Something for everyone!