#### 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 <a href="www.parishgiving.org.uk">www.parishgiving.org.uk</a>. Or you can put cash in the offering plate if you prefer.



**Safeguarding** - For all church safeguarding matters, in the first instance please contact David Weeks (Parish Safeguarding Officer) on 07790 276642 or email <a href="mailto:safeguarding@thaningtonparishchurch.org.uk">safeguarding@thaningtonparishchurch.org.uk</a>.

#### Calendar of church events

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

Every Wednesday 10:45am ... Bible Study in the lounge at Warren Lodge

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

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 6:30pm ... Save Thanington Rec (public meeting) at

Thanington Resource Centre.

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

6:00pm ... 'Pray for Thanington' at St Nicholas Church

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 12:30pm ... CAMEO lunch at St Nicholas church hall

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

4:00pm ... Thanington Messy Church at St Nicholas Church

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

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

#### Looking ahead

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 11:30am ... Discussion – Priorities and Plans for our Parish

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 10:00am Remembrance Sunday service



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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 was walking around the orchards at the start of October. It's amazing just how fruitful an apple tree can be. Many of them were covered with clusters of lovely red apples. In some cases, it looked like there were more apples than tree!

This month at St Nicholas we have our harvest service to celebrate God's abundant provision in the world. We will sing "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank the lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love."

But we know that this abundance is not shared out equally in this country. As followers of Jesus, we are called to do what we can to care for those who have less than us. There are three different ways of doing that included in the notices below. Can you find them?

Rev Nick

Rev Nick White Tel:07562 560695 Email: revnickwhite@gmail.com

#### **Church News**

#### Harvest Festival on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

After the harvest service, drinks will be served and you are welcome to stay until harvest lunch is ready. Gifts of food will go to the food bank at Thanington Resource Centre, and shared with local people in need. (N.b. there is a box at the back of the church where you can place items for the food bank throughout the year.)

#### **Pray for Thanington**

Come and pray for our local community together with people from other churches. It happens on the second Sunday of the month, 6-7pm. Please note that on  $12^{th}$  October, there is building work at St Faith's Hall, so we will meet at St Nicholas Church this month.

#### Messy Church

Fun, faith, and food for families on the third Sunday of the month, 4 – 5:30pm. Variety of activities, bible story, praise and prayer, finishing with tea. Ideal for families with young children. If you are interested in joining the team, please speak to Rev Nick.

**Come And Meet Each Other (CAMEO)** - The next CAMEO lunch will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm in the church hall. Cost is £7 per person. For more details and bookings, contact Ann Martin 01227 769686.

#### Bible study groups

All welcome to join the Wednesday morning group, studying Jesus' teaching in Matthew chapters 5-7 (also known as 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.

#### Safer Families seeking help

Safer Families is a charity which cares for families in need of support. They have approached me to ask if anybody from this church could offer temporary support to a local family in crisis by preparing some meals which can be quickly microwaved over the next few weeks. If you can help, please speak to Rev Nick asap.

#### **Canterbury Street Pastors**

Amanda Palethorpe is training to be a volunteer Street Pastor. All being well, she will be commissioned with others on  $1^{st}$  November 2025, 6 - 8 pm at St Paul's, Church Street, CT1 1NH. All welcome to attend this occasion. Please also pray for Amanda and the other new street pastors.

#### **Canterbury Christian Aid group**

Christian Aid is an international relief and development organisation, which works with others to fight injustice and end poverty around the world. Canterbury Christian Aid Group is made up of people from local churches. They meet 3 or 4 times a year to organise fund-raising for Christian Aid. Would you like to get involved? For more details or to express an interest, please contact Julian Chapman at <a href="mailto:julianrchapman@gmail.com">julianrchapman@gmail.com</a> or speak to Rev Nick.