



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



Sunday 23rd November – Christ the King

St Peter's, Ightham

10am Holy Communion
Led by Revd Canon June Lawson

St George's, Wrotham

9am Breakfast@Church
Led by Sandy Chapman

10:30am Sung Matins
Led by John Webster

Coming up at St Peter's, Ightham

Tues 25 th Nov	1pm	Ightham School Community afternoon in church centre
	3pm	WI Book Club in the Church Centre
	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Weds 26th Nov	10am	Holy Communion led by Revd Christopher Johnson
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop in the Church Centre
Thurs 27 th Nov	9:30am	Oasis women's group
	10am	Parent & Toddler Group
Sun 30th Nov	1pm	FUNERAL - Norman Maycock
	10am	Benefice Holy Communion led by Revd Marilyn Ilyas
	6pm	4-Parish Advent Service at Church of the Good Shepherd, Borough Green

Coming up at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 24 th Nov	6:45pm	Online prayer group
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 25 th Nov	10:30am	Charity coffee morning
Thurs 27 th Nov	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Fri 28 th Nov	19-11:30am	St GPS PTA event
Sun 30th Nov	10am	Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ightham
	6pm	4-Parish Advent Service at Church of the Good Shepherd, Borough Green

Future dates for your diaries

Thurs 4th Dec	10:30am	FUNERAL – Thomas Bradshaw at St George's, Wrotham
Sat 6 th Dec	1-5pm	Wrotham Christmas Fair
Sat 13 th Dec	7pm	Wrotham Christmas Concert at St George's, Wrotham
Weds 17 th Dec	7pm	Carols in the Square at Ightham
Sat 20th Dec	2pm	WEDDING – Kerry Bigwood & Gary Tween
Sun 21st Dec	4pm	Carol service at St Peter's, Ightham
	6:30pm	Carol service at St George's, Wrotham

Benefice Notices

Benefice Holy Communion service – Sunday 30th Nov 10am

At St Peter's, Church Ightham

There will be a united benefice Holy Communion service at Ightham, starting at 10am on Sunday 30th November. We will be welcoming Revd Marilyn Ilyas to preside. There will be no service at St George's, Wrotham on this day.

Cluster Advent Carol Service – Sunday 30th November 6pm

At Church of the Good Shepherd, Borough Green

Please join us for this service for the Pilgrim Cluster, which will be led by Archdeacon Nick Cornell. The service will not be live streamed. There will be refreshments in the annexe afterwards and all are welcome to stay and chat.

Wrotham Christmas Concert – Saturday 13th December 7pm

At St George's Church, Wrotham

Please join us for a wonderful evening of music with the Wrotham Chamber Festival Choir, conducted by Neil Rollings. Tickets are now available from St George's on Tuesday or Sunday mornings or online here

<https://www.wrothamchurch.org/wcc25.html>

Tickets cost £13 (school aged children free when accompanied by an adult)

Ightham Notices

Thanks

Our welcome and thanks to Reverend Canon June Lawson for taking our Holy Communion service today.

Fairtrade Stall

Thank you to everyone who purchased items at the Fairtrade Stall last Sunday, including those who ordered Advent calendars in advance. The total raised was a magnificent £441.20.

Katharine and Jean hope to return at the same time next year but please remember that the Fairtrade Shop at St Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood is open all year round. Opening hours on their website.

<https://www.fairtradeshopstandrews.co.uk>

Ightham School Choir at Coffee Shop – Weds 10th December 11am

Ightham School Choir will be singing at Coffee Shop on 10th December from 11am. Please come to what is always a lively and entertaining performance.

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

Wrotham Christmas Fayre – Saturday 6th December

Volunteers are needed to help out at the Christmas Fayre 1 to 5pm - helpers needed to cover hourly slots for manning the stalls in the church - Café, cake stall, craft stall and children's craft activity. Donations of home made cakes and savouries are needed, please see notices in the north aisle at church, and sign up or contact Linda Read 07790464789 if you can help. 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 so please support the foodbank if you can

FOODBANK 17/11/25	
Biscuits	LOW
Pasta Sauce	V. LOW
Pasta	LOW
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	LOW
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	V. LOW
Breakfast Bars	V. LOW
Cereal	V. LOW
Puddings / Tinned fruit	LOW
Soup	V. LOW
Tinned meat products	LOW
Tinned Tomatoes	V. 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:

Churchwardens:

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E: llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk
Michelle Lawson: 01634 240598

St George's, Wrotham Contacts:

Churchwardens:

Trish Bradshaw: 01732 885326
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Pastoral Help: Linda 01732 369737

Friends of St George's:

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 November is the British Legion**

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 November 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 13th December**

JOIN US FOR
Christmas
IN THE BENEFICE

ST PETER'S IGHTHAM ST GEORGE'S WROTHAM

Sun 7th December
9am Christingle at
Breakfast@Church

Sat 13th December
7pm Wrotham Christmas
Concert

Weds 17th December
7pm Carols in the Square

Sun 21st December
6:30pm Carols by
Candlelight

Sun 21st December
4pm Carols by Candlelight

CHRISTMAS EVE
3pm Nativity Service
in the Churchyard
11:30pm Midnight
Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE
4pm Crib Service
5:15pm Carols in the
Square
11pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY
10am All Age Christmas
Celebration
10:45am Short Said Holy
Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY
10am Christmas Family
Communion





THE WROTHAM CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
WROTHAM KENT TN15 7AH**

WROTHAM FESTIVAL CHAMBER CHOIR

**Conductor: Neil Rollings
Organ: Nicholas Castell**

**SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025
7.00pm**

THE CHURCH BELLS PEAL FROM 6.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE: £13.00

[SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN FREE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT]

Buy tickets online: <https://www.wrothamchurch.org/wcc25.html>

Tickets Available from: ST GEORGE'S CHURCH [TUESDAY/SUNDAY MORNINGS]



We're delighted to invite you to our **Candlelit Christmas Concert** — a truly special evening of festive music and celebration in support of Dandelion Time.

Wednesday 17th December, from 6:00pm
St Augustine's Chapel, Tonbridge School

Join us in the beautiful surroundings of **St Augustine's Chapel** for a heart-warming night featuring performances by: **The Kent Police Band, Tonbridge Rock Choir, West Kent Junior Voices, Shears Green Junior School**

You'll also have the chance to sing along to traditional carols and enjoy a special festive reading from **Leigh Johnstone** – award-winning garden designer, mental health campaigner and Instagram personality **The Beardy Gardener**.

After the concert, relax with **mulled wine and mince pies**, accompanied by enchanting music from the **Kent County Youth Orchestra**.

All proceeds will help Dandelion Time support children and families across Kent who have experienced trauma and emotional difficulties – helping them heal, grow, and flourish.

Tickets on sale here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dandeliontime>

- Adults: **£20.00**
- Children: **£12.00**

Doors Open: 6:30pm **Concert Begins:** 7:00pm **Approx. Finish:** 8:30pm

We can't wait to share this magical evening with you. Your support makes a lasting difference to the families we help.

With warm festive wishes,
The Dandelion Time Team