



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



Sunday 14th December – Advent 3

St Peter's, Ightham

10am Holy Communion
Led by Revd Christopher Johnson

St George's, Wrotham

9am Breakfast@Church
Led by Michelle Lawson

10:30am Service of the Word
Led by Michelle Lawson

Coming up at St Peter's, Ightham

Mon 15 th – Tues 16 th	All day	Tree work in churchyard
Tues 16 th Dec	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Weds 17th Dec	10am	Morning Prayer led by John Webster
	10:15am	Last Community Coffee Shop of the year
	7pm	Carols in the Square
Thurs 18 th Dec	9:30am	Last Oasis women's group of the year
	10am	Last Parent & Toddler Group of the year
		Ightham Primary School Christmas service
Sun 21st Dec	10am	Service of the Word led by Michelle Lawson
	4pm	Candlelit Carol Service

Coming up at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 15 th Dec	6:45pm	Online prayer group
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 16 th Dec	10:30am	Last Charity coffee morning of the year
	2pm	Grange Park School - rehearsal
	6pm	Wedding rehearsal
Weds 17 th Dec	9:30am	St George's PS – Christmas rehearsal
	4pm	St George's PS Christingle service
Thurs 18 th Dec	9am	Grange Park School Christmas service
	11:30am	Church Flowers
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Fri 19th Dec	11am	FUNERAL – Benjamin Mills
Sat 20th Dec	2pm	WEDDING – Kerry Bigwood & Gary Tween
Sun 21st Dec	10:30am	Holy Communion led by Revd Elizabeth Chapman
	6:30pm	Candlelit Carol service

Christmas week dates for your diaries

CHRISTMAS EVE	3pm	Nativity service at St Peter's, Ightham
	4pm	Crib service at St George's, Wrotham
	5:15pm	Carols in the Square at Wrotham
	11pm	Midnight Communion at St George's, Wrotham
	11:30pm	Midnight Communion at St Peter's, Ightham
CHRISTMAS DAY	10am	Christmas Family Holy Communion service at St George's, Wrotham
	10am	All Age Christmas Celebration followed by said Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ightham

Benefice Notices

Wrotham Christmas Concert – Saturday 13th December 7pm

At St George's Church, Wrotham

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)

Christmas Carol services in the Benefice – Sunday 21st December

4pm at St Peter's Church, Ightham

6:30pm at St George's Church, Wrotham

Please join us for a festive candlelit service of lessons and carols, followed by seasonal refreshments.

Ightham Notices

Wednesday Coffee Shop Christmas break

There will be no coffee shop on Wednesdays 24th and 31st December.

Church Centre Cleaner required

St Peter's are looking for someone to clean the Church Centre for a couple of hours each week. Do you know anyone who might be interested? Please contact Naomi by email for more details:

churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk

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>

Wanted:
Church Centre Cleaner
2 hours per week

Please contact Naomi the Church Warden for more information and the job specification
churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk

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

Mince Pies needed for 13th December

If you are able to make mince pies for the refreshments at the Christmas concert, please let Linda Read know T: 01732 369737 M: 07790 464789

Tuesday Coffee Morning Christmas break

There will be no coffee mornings on Tuesdays 23rd and 30th December.

Church Closure

The church will be closed from after the Christmas Day 10am service and will re-open again on 27th December.

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.



Christmastime request from our local Food Bank



With Christmas and New Year fast approaching we are mindful of the **27 families**, including **61 children** that are currently in need of foodbank help and support across the parishes of Borough Green, Platt, Ightham and Wrotham. We would love to be able to continue to help these families and any others that may be referred. So, we are very grateful for your support of the foodbank.

As in previous years, we are aiming to provide extra 'goody' bags containing traditional Christmas items along with special festive treats that would be appreciated by the children (and their mums and dads)! Any donations, small or large, that you can offer over the coming weeks would be very gratefully received.

**Donations of Christmas items to foodbank
by Sunday 21st December**

Thank you to all those who have already been contributing this year, both occasionally and regularly. We are so appreciative. If you have any questions, please talk to Ian 07801 135460 or Steve E: foodbank.cogs@gmail.com

FOODBANK 1/12/25	
Biscuits	V. LOW
Pasta Sauce	LOW
Pasta	OK
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	OK
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	LOW
Breakfast Bars	V. LOW
Cereal	LOW
Puddings / Tinned fruit	OK
Soup	V. LOW
Tinned meat products	LOW
Tinned Tomatoes	LOW
Baked Beans	OK
Long life Milk	LOW
Cartons of juice / squash	V. LOW
Sweetcorn	LOW
Other tinned Veg	OK
Tuna & other tinned fish	LOW
Spag Hoops/ Mac Cheese	OK
Crisps	V. LOW
Chick Peas, lentils etc	OK
MARSHMALLOW BUTTER	V. LOW

General stocks are very low at the moment so please support the foodbank if you can
Donations can be left at the back of both churches or taken directly to COGS, Borough Green

Benefice Contacts:

Rector: Benefice in Vacancy

Safeguarding Lead: Finn Lawson: 07796 783013 safeguarding@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Benefice Administrator: Jane

admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk or administrator@wrothamchurch.org

Benefice Office: 9am – 1pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays phone: 07940 547310

St Peter's, Ightham Contacts:

Churchwardens:

Naomi Webster: 07421 832919
churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Lay Ministers:

John Webster: 01732 884819
E: llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk
Michelle Lawson: 01634 240598

St George's, Wrotham Contacts:

Churchwardens:

Trish Bradshaw: 01732 885326
churchwardens@wrothamchurch.org

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: 07790 464789 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 December is the Children with Cancer 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 December is St Mungo's**

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