



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



## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Epiphany 3

### 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

Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2:15pm	WI Book Club
	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
<b>Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> led by John Webster
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9:30am	Oasis women's group
	10am	Toddler Group
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Breakfast@Church</b> led by Michelle Lawson
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> led by John Webster

### Coming up at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6:45pm	Prayer Group on Zoom
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:30am	Charity coffee morning
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	7:30pm	Choir practice
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> led by Revd Christopher Johnson

### Future dates for your diaries

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:30am	Men's & Women's Valentine Breakfast at G&D, Ightham
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7:30pm	4-Parish Cluster Ash Wednesday service at Platt Church
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	TBC	World Day of Prayer service at <a href="#">St Peter's, Ightham</a>

## Benefice Notices

### New Rector announced

We are delighted to announce that Revd Stewart Gibbs will be the next Rector of the Benefice of Ightham and Wrotham. It is hoped he will be installed in May.

Stewart served his curacy at St John's, North Grays (Diocese of Chelmsford) after training for ordination at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Stewart has been incumbent of two parishes in Essex – Hatfield Heath and Sheering, and currently High Ongar with Norton Mandeville. In addition, Stewart has been looking after the parish of Willingale. Stewart has also been Chaplain to St Mellitus Theological College and a teacher at Bancroft's and Brentwood Schools.

Stewart writes - "I am really looking forward to joining you as we begin this new chapter together and discern how God is calling us to be his people in Ightham and Wrotham. I am committed to making everyone feel welcomed and accepted as we reach out those in our village communities. I hope that we will grow in faith to together, deepening our reliance on God and his good purposes for our lives in Christ. I am excited about the opportunities to engage with the local school, community groups and village events to show and share the love of Jesus."

Please pray for Stewart as he gets ready to move, the churches and communities he leaves behind and our own parishes as we prepare to support and welcome him in his leadership at St Peter's and St George's.

### Men's & Women's Valentine Breakfast – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> February 8:30am

As is our custom, ladies are invited to join us in February for breakfast and this year it is actually on Valentine's Day. Everyone is welcome to join us at the George and Dragon pub, Ightham at 8.30 am for a full English Breakfast (continental also available). Price £13. Please book your place by emailing John Webster at [jnhjk.webster@btinternet.com](mailto:jnhjk.webster@btinternet.com)

### Ash Wednesday service – Weds 18<sup>th</sup> February 7:30pm at Platt Church

There will be a service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes for the 4-parish cluster of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Borough Green, St Mary the Virgin Platt Church, St Peter's, Ightham and St George's, Wrotham. This service will be held at Platt Church.



### Connect Group – Lent course

The Connect Group will be following a weekly Lent course, starting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7:45pm. Details to be finalised but if you would like more information, please speak to John Webster.

## Ightham Notices

### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Altar have kindly been given by Carole Cowin in memory of her parents, Alf & Alice, & brother & sister, Christopher & Irene Martin.

### 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](mailto: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>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:treasurer@ighthamchurch.org.uk) Thank you for your support.

## Wrotham Notices

### 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](mailto: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 12/12/26	
Biscuits	V. LOW
Pasta Sauce	V. LOW
Pasta	V. LOW
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	OK
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	V. LOW
Breakfast Bars	V. LOW
Cereal	V. LOW
Puddings / Tinned fruit	OK
Soup	V. LOW
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	OK
Tuna & other tinned fish	V. LOW
Spag Hoops/ Mac Cheese	OK
Crisps	LOW
Chick Peas, lentils etc	OK
MARMITE/PEANUT BUTTER.	V. LOW
Sam	

## Benefice Contacts:

**Rector:** Benefice in Vacancy

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**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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#### Lay Ministers:

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E: [llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk)  
Michelle Lawson: 01634 240598

### St George's, Wrotham Contacts:

#### Churchwardens:

Trish Bradshaw: 01732 885326  
[churchwardens@wrothamchurch.org](mailto:churchwardens@wrothamchurch.org)

**Pastoral Help:** Linda 01732 369737

#### Friends of St George's:

[friends@wrothamchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 January is the Twydall Community Kitchen**

### 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 January & February is Spadework**

**Prayer & Praise via Zoom** 7:45pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Weds of the month. This group meets online for shared prayer and meditation.

**Connect Group via Zoom** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed evenings - online home group & Bible study. For more info email John Webster [llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk)

### Thursdays

**Oasis** Weekly, Thursday mornings. Ladies fellowship group. For details please email Bridget at [oasis@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto: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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month 8:30am at the George and Dragon, Ightham. £13 per person. Booking essential. Email John [llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk) to register.

Next Breakfast will be our Valentine's Breakfast and ladies are invited to join us- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**