

Calendar of church events

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

Sun 3rd May 10:00am ... Morning Worship at St Nicholas Church

12:00pm ... Church Family lunch at St Nicholas Church

Fri 8th May 7:00pm ... Church Quiz Night at Ashford Road Community Association hall.

Sun 10th May 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

11:30am ... Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St Nicholas

6:00pm ... 'Pray for Thanington' at St Faiths, New House Lane

Sun 17th May 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

6:30pm ... 'Thy Kingdom Come' service at St Mary Bredin

Wed 20th May 7:00pm ... PCC meeting at St Nicholas church hall

Sun 24th May 10:00am ... Pentecost - Holy Communion at St Nicholas

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

Thu 28th May 2:30pm ... Communion at Lark View Care home, Cockerling Rd

Sun 31st May 10:00am ... Morning Worship

Looking Ahead

Tue 9th June 7:00pm ... Archdeacons Visitation Service at the Cathedral

Thu 18th June 7:00pm ... Deanery Synod at St Nicholas, Sturry

Sun 5th July 12:00pm ... Church Family lunch at St Nicholas, Thanington



St Nicholas + St Faith

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From the vicar

My Easter eggs are long gone. But did you know it's still Easter? In fact, Easter is a 50-day season during which we celebrate more than the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It includes Ascension Day – when we celebrate Jesus returning to reign with his heavenly Father. And our Easter

season ends on the day of Pentecost – when we celebrate the gift of God's Spirit to Jesus' followers.

These events speak of change and movement in God's mission to the world:

- from the Son of God dwelling here on earth as a human being, to the Spirit of God dwelling within each follower of Jesus.
- from a focus on the Jewish people, to a focus on all peoples
- from Jesus spreading the good news of God's kingdom to his followers doing the same.

Jesus invited his followers to abide in his love and sends them to 'go and bear much fruit, fruit that will last' (John 15:1-16). And Jesus equips us for the task with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit helps us to pray in tune with God's purposes, to walk in God's ways, and to produce the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5: 16-26). As we move from Easter to Pentecost, let's ask God to fill us afresh with God's Spirit and make us more and more fruitful as individuals and as a church.

From Ascension Day to Pentecost, 14th - 24th May 2024, is the Church of England's 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative www.thykingdomcome.global It encourages us to pray each day for five people we care about – asking God to help those people come to know and follow Jesus and to help us play our part in that process. Who will you pray for?

Rev Nick

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Moving On course

In June and July, we will be running a course called Moving On. It's a series of 7 sessions exploring what it means to follow Jesus. Each 90 minute session includes a short video, teaching about the Christian faith and real-life stories, group discussions and time to pray. It's style is relaxed and 'down to earth'. It will take place midweek, with day and time to be decided.

This would suit anybody who wants to refresh and move on in their faith and will also be a way of preparing for confirmation. If you are interested in the course, in confirmation, or both, please speak to Rev Nick by 17th May.

Electoral roll and Annual Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on 10th May 11:30am – 12:15pm in the church after the morning service. It will include elections for Church Wardens, PCC and Deanery Synod. Please speak to Rev Nick if you are interested in any of these roles or just want to know what's involved.

Friday 8th May – St Nicholas Quiz Night at Ashford Road Community Association. Come as a team of 4 - 6 people. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Cost is £5 per person payable on the night. All funds raised will go towards the church roof repair. To book speak to Ann Martin, 01227 769686.

Safeguarding

For all church safeguarding matters, in the first instance please contact David Weeks (Parish Safeguarding Officer) on 07790 276642 or email safeguarding@thaningtonparishchurch.org.uk

Ways to give to Thanington Parish Church

The Bible encourages us to give gladly and generously, out of gratitude to God. There is a card reader available near the entrance. You can also give via our Parish Giving page by scanning this QR code or visit www.parishgiving.org.uk . Alternatively, you can put cash in the offering plate.

If you want to donate specifically for the roof repair, please speak to Tony Martin, 01227 769686

