

## Safeguarding

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## Calendar of church events

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

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 9:30am ... Morning prayer at St Nicholas Church
- Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr 6:30pm ... Maundy Thursday Meal at St Nicholas Church
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2:00 – 3:00pm ... St Nicholas open for prayer and reflection
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Apr 2:00 – 4:30pm ... Easter Fun for Everyone event at St Nicholas
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 10:00am ... Easter Sunday communion service
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Apr 9:30am ... No morning prayer today
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Apr 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church  
6:00pm ... 'Pray for Thanington' at St Faiths, New House Lane
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Apr 9:30am ... No morning prayer today
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Apr 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 9:30am ... Morning prayer at St Nicholas Church
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church  
11:30am ... Short PCC meeting at St Nicholas Church  
4:00pm ... Thanington Messy Church at St Nicholas Church
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Apr 9:30am ... Morning prayer at St Nicholas Church
- Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Apr 2:30pm ... Communion at Lark View Care home, Cockerling Rd

## Looking Ahead

- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May 7:00pm ... St Nicholas Quiz Night at Ashford Road Community Association hall.
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May 11:30am ... Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St Nicholas



St Nicholas + St Faith

# News sheet

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## From the vicar

Our new Archbishop, Dame Sarah Mullally, was installed on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Canterbury Cathedral. Prior to this she made a pilgrimage from St Paul's Cathedral to Canterbury Cathedral – walking the 140km in 6 days.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, she walked through our parish, on the river path. This was the last stage of her pilgrimage. Some of our congregation met her along the way and she gave us a scallop shell as a memento. This is a symbol of pilgrimage (which is traditionally used to pour the water during baptism.)

At her Diocesan welcome service on 28<sup>th</sup> March, Archbishop Sarah explained that this pilgrimage was for her symbolic of the journey from her previous role as Bishop of London to her new role as Archbishop of Canterbury. She invites us to pray for her as she embraces this demanding role, especially for wisdom.

She also reminded us that Christians are 'people of the way'. This description of Christian believers from the first century, speaks of our faith as a journey. We are walking with God through the ups and downs of life. But we are also walking deeper into God, drawing closer to God.

Archbishop Sarah spoke of the need to travel light on pilgrimage, which also means depending upon the help and hospitality of others along the way, learning to receive as well as to give. In this way pilgrimage draws us closer to other people as well as to God.

As Thanington Parish Church, we describe ourselves as '*a community of worship, welcome, and witness, which is learning from the past, living in the present and looking to God's future.*' So, this Easter, I invite us to recommit ourselves to be 'people of the way', the way of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev Nick

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## HOLY WEEK

### **2<sup>nd</sup> April 6:30 – 8:00pm Maundy Thursday Meal**

Gather at St Nicholas Church for a meal, before we read together the events of holy week from Matthew's gospel. To help make sure there's enough food to go round, please sign-up on the sheet in church.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday**

10:45am Hot cross buns served at Canterbury Salvation Army.

11:15am Christians Together in Canterbury Walk of Witness starts.

11:30am - 12:30pm Open air service in St George's Street (n.b. there will not be seating, so bring a chair if you will need to sit down.)

2:00-3:00pm St Nicholas Church will be open for quiet prayer & reflection. Just drop in as and when, find a place to be still and to pray.

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2:00–4:30pm - Easter Fun for Everyone**

Join us at St Nicholas Church for Easter activities, refreshments and stalls. The event will end with a short act of worship at 4pm for people of all ages. Please invite friends and neighbours to come along.

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am – Easter Sunday communion**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Funds raised go towards the church roof repair. To book speak to Ann Martin, 01227 769686.

**Roof repair** – In March, we received a generous grant offer of £16,250 from the National Churches Trust and the Wolfson Foundation. We now have just over £50,000 towards our target of £59,000. Please continue to pray God will provide all that we need. And please consider if you can help to answer that prayer (e.g. make a donation, do a fundraising activity, invite people to events such as Easter Fun for Everyone and the Quiz Night )

### **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](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) . Alternatively, you can put cash in the offering plate. For roof repair donations, please speak to Tony Martin, 01227 769686

