



**United Benefice of
St Peter's Church, Ightham & St George's Church, Wrotham**

Gathering in Community - Growing in Christ - Going in Service



Sunday 3rd May 2026 – Easter 5

St Peter's, Ightham

9am Breakfast@Church

Led by Michelle Lawson

6pm Evensong

Led by John Webster

St George's, Wrotham

10:30am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Christopher Johnson

This week at St Peter's, Ightham

Tue 5 th May	9am	West Kent Autism Parent Support Group in church centre
	1pm	Ightham Primary School Community afternoon
	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Weds 6th May	10am	Morning Prayer led by John Webster
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop
	2:30pm	WI Whist Group in church centre
Thurs 7 th May	9:30am	Oasis Women's Group
	10am	Toddler Group
Sun 10th May	10am	Holy Communion led by Revd Christopher Johnson

This week at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 4 th May		No Prayer Group due to bank holiday
Tues 5 th May		NO COFFEE MORNING this week
Thurs 7 th May	9:30am	Oasis Women's Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Fri 8 th – 10 th May	See flyer	Wrotham Arts Festival in St George's Church
Sun 10th May	9am	Breakfast@Church led by Michelle Lawson at WROTHAM PAVILLION
	10:30am	No 10:30am service at St George's Wrotham, please join us for the 10am Holy Communion service at St Peter's Ightham

Future dates for your diaries

Sun 10 th May	11:30am	APCM at St Peter's Ightham followed by parish lunch (booking required)
Sat 16 th May	10am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning & Plant Sale at St Peter's Ightham
Sun 17 th May	12noon	APCM at St George's Wrotham
Sat 30 th May	10am-2pm	Church 'spring cleaning' at St Peter's Ightham
Sun 31st May	10am	United Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Ightham (No services at St Georges Wrotham)
Tues 2nd June	7:30pm	Installation of Revd Stewart Gibbs at St George's Wrotham
Sat 6 th June	10am-12	FoSG's Plant Sale and Café in St George's Wrotham
Sun 7th June	6pm	Welcome service for Revd Stewart Gibbs at St Peter's Ightham
Tues 14 th July	7pm	The King's Men Concert at St Peter's Ightham

Benefice Notices

Christian Aid Coffee morning, Plant sale & Raffle – Saturday 16th May 10am-12noon

There will be a coffee morning and plant sale at the [St Peter's Church Centre, Ightham](#) on Saturday 16th May 10am -12noon to raise funds for Christian Aid. Donations of cakes and plants would be very

welcome. Please either bring on the day or contact Sarah Reid E: sarahlou8u@gmail.com

Ken and Babs Smith will be running the raffle and would appreciate gifts of raffle prizes. Donations can be dropped at 5 Oldbury Close or let Babs know and bring on the day E: barbarasmith1011@gmail.com



Installation of the new Rector – Tuesday 2nd June 7:30pm at St George's Wrotham

The installation of Revd Stewart Gibbs as Rector of Ightham and Wrotham by Bishop Jonathan Gibbs will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 2nd June in St George's Church Wrotham.

Welcome service for the new Rector – Sunday 7th June 6pm at St Peter's Ightham

There will be a service to welcome Revd Stewart Gibbs to the Benefice at 6pm on Sunday 7th June at St Peter's Ightham.

The King's Men Concert - Tuesday 14th July at St Peter's, Ightham

The King's Men will be returning to give a concert at St Peter's, Ightham, the evening of 14th July. Tickets are £25 and now available from The Hutch Deli – see the flyer at the end of the pew sheet for details.

Ightham Notices

Georgie's Crochet Creation Sale - Sunday 3rd May

Please join us after the Breakfast@Church Service this weekend for Georgie's Crochet Creations sale.

A wonderful range of crochet items, from toy turtles to bookmarks and scrunchies will be available for you to purchase, with all money raised going to support Breakfast@Church. We will be accepting cash or card.



Community Coffee Shop help needed – 4th Wednesday of the month

An extra pair of hands is needed to help at the St Peter's Community Coffee Shop in the church centre on the 4th Wednesday of each month. No baking is required. If you can help, please speak to Jenny Webster on 01732 884819 or email ijnhk.webster@btinternet.com

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and parish lunch – Sun 10th May

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the service on Sunday 10th May (there will be coffee in between!). Afterwards, as usual, we will hold our parish lunch and you are all invited to come along to enjoy a Ploughman's lunch and desserts. To help us with catering numbers, if you are planning to come please could you add your details here: <https://forms.gle/cQxeefGcVDsHdgPm7>

And any offers of help would be gratefully received either directly to Kate or by signing up on the hospitality rota: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FcSeTJHfXr2KSMNyDkGUQrPNs7OUfZtf333dhdyHOiE/edit?usp=sharing>

Church 'Spring Clean' Drop in – Saturday 30th May 10am-2pm

Please drop in between 10am-2pm and help us spring clean the church, ready for the arrival of our new Rector. Come for as long or short a time as you can. There will be a variety of tasks for all abilities and ages and children are welcome too! We'll provide tea and cake to keep everyone energised.

Sunday morning refreshments **Help needed please for May & June dates**

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 Arts Festival – Friday 8th- Sunday 10th May

Friday and Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm in St George's Church. 35 local artists will be exhibiting and selling their work which ranges from oils, pastels, pencils, watercolour, ceramics and photography. Refreshments available in the village hall where you can also see a range of unique crafts. There will be music and entertainment. This is a FREE event.

If anyone can volunteer to bake a cake or serve in the café, please speak to Linda 01732 369737.

Please note: the church will be closed from after the Sunday service on 3rd May to allow for set up of the Wrotham Arts Festival. There is no coffee morning on Tuesday 5th May. Access will be from Friday 8th May during festival opening hours only. Church opening times will revert to normal from Monday 11th May. If you need access at other times - please ring the church warden

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Sunday 17th May

Our annual meeting will be held in church after the 10:30am service and provides your chance to vote for the church wardens and PCC and deanery synod members as well as hear updates on the finances and other aspects of the church governance.

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

Benefice Contacts

Rector: Benefice in Vacancy

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

Benefice Administrator: Jane 07940 547310

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

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

St Peter's Ightham Contacts

Churchwarden

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

Churchwarden

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 '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 divided between our nominated charity and St George's projects & maintenance - **Our charity for May is Heart of Kent Hospice**

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 March & April it is Babons**.

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 7:45pm - 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 will be **Saturday 9th May**



Come and join us on 8th-10th May 2026

Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 11 am to 4pm

St George's Church in the heart of the village will be exhibiting and selling amazing work from over 35 local artists.

The work ranges from oils, pastels, pencils, watercolour, ceramics and photography too.

Refreshments will be available in the village hall where you can see a range of unique crafts.

There will be music and entertainment.

Enter the Artists Lottery for your chance to win an original piece only £1



A FREE event the whole family can enjoy!

We accept cards and cash (but prefer just card payments).
Please join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wrothamarts



Songs for a
summer evening
King's Men

St Peter's Church Ightham TN15 9JD
14th July 2026 Bar 7pm Concert 7.30pm

Tickets £25 by phone or in person:
The Hutch Deli, Sevenoaks Road,
Ightham, Sevenoaks TN15 9AD
01732 781134



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