



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

Gathering in Community - Growing in Christ - Going in Service



## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter 4

### St Peter's, Ightham

#### 10am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Marilyn Ilyas

### St George's, Wrotham

#### 9am Breakfast@Church

Led by Sandy Chapman

#### 10:30am Sung Matins

Led by John Webster

### This week at St Peter's, Ightham

Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> April	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
<b>Weds 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> led by Revd Christopher Johnson
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	Oasis Women's Group
	10am	Toddler Group
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Breakfast@Church</b> led by Michelle Lawson
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> led by John Webster

### This week at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> April	6:45pm	Prayer Group
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30am	Charity coffee morning
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	Oasis Women's Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> led by Revd Christopher Johnson

### Future dates for your diaries

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May		No coffee morning at <b>St George's Wrotham</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Wrotham Arts Festival in <b>St George's Wrotham</b>
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Breakfast@Church at Wrotham will be held at Wrotham Pavillion</b>
		No 10:30am service at <b>St George's Wrotham</b>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	11:30am	APCM at <b>St Peter's Ightham</b> followed by parish lunch (booking required)
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning & Plant Sale at <b>St Peter's Ightham</b>
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	12noon	APCM at <b>St George's Wrotham</b>
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10am-2pm	Church 'spring cleaning' at <b>St Peter's Ightham</b>
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>United Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Ightham</b> (No services at St Georges Wrotham)
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Installation of Revd Stewart Gibbs at St George's Wrotham</b>
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Welcome service for Revd Stewart Gibbs at St Peter's Ightham</b>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm	The King's Men Concert at <b>St Peter's Ightham</b>

## Benefice Notices

### Christian Aid Coffee morning, Plant sale & Raffle – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10am-12noon

There will be a coffee morning and plant sale at the [St Peter's Church Centre, Ightham](#) on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:barbarasmith1011@gmail.com)



### Installation of the new Rector – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June in St George's Church Wrotham. Please put the date on your calendars.

### Welcome service for the new Rector – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 6pm at St Peter's Ightham

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

### The King's Men Concert - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### Community Coffee Shop help needed – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ijnhk.webster@btinternet.com)

### Come to lunch after the APCM – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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>

### Church 'Spring Clean' Drop in – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](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>

## 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

### Wrotham Arts Festival – Friday 8<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May to allow for set up of the Wrotham Arts Festival. There is no coffee morning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Access will be from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May during festival opening hours only. Church opening times will revert to normal from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

**If you need access at other times - please ring the church warden**

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](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**

## Benefice Contacts

**Rector:** Benefice in Vacancy

**Safeguarding Lead:** Finn Lawson 07796 783013 [safeguarding@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ighthamchurch.org.uk)

**Benefice Administrator:** Jane 07940 547310

[admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk) or [administrator@wrothamchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk)

#### Lay Ministers:

John Webster: 01732 884819

E: [llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk](mailto:llm@ighthamchurch.org.uk)

Michelle Lawson: 01634 240598

### St George's Wrotham Contacts

#### Churchwarden

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 '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 April is West Kent Mind**

### 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 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 7:45pm - 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 **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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  
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