

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.



Calendar of church events

- Sun 2nd Aug 10:00am ... Morning Worship at St Nicholas Church
- Sun 9th Aug 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church
- Sun 16th Aug 10:00am ... Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church
2:00-4:00pm ... The Meeting Place at Saxon Fields
- Sun 23rd Aug 10:00am ... Holy Communion St Nicholas Church
- Thu 27th Aug 2:30pm ... Communion at Lark View Care home, Cockering Rd
- Sun 30th Aug 10:00am ... Morning Worship at St Nicholas Church

August - Summer Slowdown

The following church activities are on pause during August:
Wednesday Morning Prayer, Pray for Thanington, and Messy Church.

Looking Ahead

- Sun 6th Sep 10:00am ... Harvest service at St Nicholas Church,
followed by a 'bring and share' lunch.
- Wed 9th Sep 9:30am ... Morning Prayer restarts
7:00pm ... PCC meeting at St Nicholas Church hall
- Sat 12th Sep 10:00am – 6:00pm 'Ride and Stride' fundraising event
- Sat 19th Sep 9:30am – 12:00 ... Church clean up party at St Nicholas
- Sat 7th Nov 11:00am ... Confirmation service at Canterbury Cathedral



St Nicholas + St Faith

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From the vicar

***We are Thanington Parish Church:
A community of worship, welcome and witness to Christ,
who are learning from the past, living in the present and
looking to God's future.***

I had hoped that one combined news sheet for July and August would be enough. But, as you will see, there is more news to share before September.

I will be taking some annual leave during the school holidays. If you cannot get through to me, please direct any urgent church matters to our church warden.

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The Meeting Place at Saxon Fields

The Meeting Place takes place again on Sunday 16th August, 2:00 - 4:00pm, in Saxon Fields. We offer café style seating, games, and refreshments from Amanda's camper van. The aim is to help new residents to meet, build relationships, develop community activities and find out about existing community groups in Thanington.

Harvest Festival and lunch

Our harvest service will be on Sunday 6th September at church, a few weeks earlier than usual. Donations of food will be passed onto a local charity.

The service will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in church. To book for lunch, please add your name to the sign-up sheet (near the entrance) and indicate what you can bring. For more details or if you would like to help with the lunch, speak to Ann Martin who is coordinating it.

LIFE groups

Our small groups will restart in September. We could call these LIFE groups because they provide an opportunity for us to read the Bible together and help each other to work out how we can Live In Faith Everyday. There will be a midweek evening group and a Wednesday morning group. If you would like to join a small group please speak to Rev Nick in the first instance.

Ride and Stride – 12th September

Ride and Stride is an annual fund-raising event organised by Friends of Kent Churches to raise money for the repair of church buildings in the county.

Thanington Parish Church has received two grants from Friends of Kent Churches, one to help pay for the repair of the lychgate and repair of the roof.

- Could you take part in the sponsored walk or cycle to raise money both for Friends of Kent Churches and for our church?
- Or could you volunteer to spend an hour at St Nicholas to welcome walkers and cyclists to the church on the day?

For more details speak with Ann Martin or visit www.kentrideandstride.co.uk

Building repairs

There will be repairs to the church taking place during August and possibly some of September. When the internal repairs start, part of the nave around the organ will be out of bounds. Services will continue as normal, but the seating layout will change for a few Sundays.

Church clean up day

Come along to help clean St Nicholas Church on Saturday 19th September, 9:30am–12:00pm. There's something for everyone – from dusting and polishing, to clearing cobwebs and churchyard maintenance. Please come for as long as you can manage. As the saying goes, 'many hands make light work'. And there's refreshments at half-time!

Safeguarding survey

In November 2026 Canterbury Diocese will have a safeguarding audit. To help the Diocese give a fuller picture of how safeguarding is happening in churches, we are all invited to complete an online survey this summer. Scan the QR code or visit <https://inege.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>



Safeguarding matters

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