



**United Benefice of
St Peter's Church, Ightham & St George's Church, Wrotham**
Gathering in Community - Growing in Christ - Going in Service



Sunday 23rd August 2026 – Trinity 12

St Peter's, Ightham

10am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Richard Howlett

St George's, Wrotham

10:30am Matins

Led By John Webster

This week at St Peter's, Ightham

Tues 25 th Aug	10am	Church Centre Cleaning
	2:15pm	WI Book Club
	4:30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Weds 26th Aug	10am	Morning Prayer led by John Webster
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop in Church Centre
Thurs 27 th Aug		No Oasis - on summer break
		No Toddler Group – on summer break
Sat 29 th Aug	1pm	WEDDING
	7:30pm	Bat Night at St George's Wrotham
Sun 30th Aug	10:30am	Benefice Service of the Word & Picnic at St George's Wrotham

This week at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 24 th Aug	6:45pm	Prayer Group
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing practice
Tues 25 th Aug	10:30am	Charity Coffee morning
Thurs 27 th Aug		No Oasis - on summer break
		No Choir Practice
	2:30pm	FoSGs Entertainment & sparkling cream tea
Sat 29 th Aug	7:30pm	Bat Night
Sun 30th Aug	10:30am	Benefice Service of the Word & Picnic

Future dates for your diaries

Sat 12 th Sept	All Day	Kent Ride & Stride
Tues 29 th Sept	7:30pm	Standing Committee Meeting on Teams
Sat 3 rd October	Time TBC	Harvest Supper at St Peter's Ightham

Benefice Notices

Teddy Bears' Picnic & Churchyard Athletics - Saturday 22nd August 4pm

We will be holding our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic at St Peter's Church, Ightham. Bring your favourite teddy or cuddly toy and dress for the weather. Refreshments available and everyone is welcome!

Extra pairs of hands are needed to help with the churchyard athletics and Teddy bear Zip wire at this event. Please let Naomi know if you are able to help churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk



Bat Walk in St George's churchyard, Wrotham Sat 29th August 7:30pm

There will be a Bat walk in St George's churchyard on Saturday 29th August, talk from 7:30pm, sunset at 7:56pm. Please bring a torch (and bat detector if you have one) and dress appropriately for the weather (including sensible shoes). Meet in the Church.

United Benefice Service of the Word & Picnic – Sunday 30th August 10:30am

There will be a united benefice Service of the Word at St George's, Wrotham at 10:30am on Sunday 30th August. This will be an outdoor service, weather permitting! The service will be followed by a benefice picnic. Please bring a chair if you are able and also your picnic. Drinks will be provided.

Kent Ride & Stride – Saturday 12th September

Walkers and Cyclists needed!

We will once again be supporting Kent Ride & Stride and both churches will be open, with refreshments available at St George's, Wrotham.

If you would like to take part and support either church by walking or cycling around Kent churches and collecting sponsorship, please speak to Linda at Wrotham T: 01732 369737 or email Jane at admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk for more details and a sponsorship form.



Ightham Notices

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

Sunday morning refreshments

Please join us for refreshments in the Church Centre after the 10am service. If you can help with these, or 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 link, email Jane admin@ighthamchurch.org.uk or speak to Naomi on Sunday.

Rota link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FcSeTJHfxr2KSMNyDkGUQrPNs7OUfZtf333dhdyHOIE/edit?usp=sharing>

August/September help needed as follows:

Sunday 6th September – 3 more volunteers for Breakfast@Church

Sunday 20th September – another volunteer to help Kate

Sunday 27th September – another volunteer to help Maria

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

Entertainment & Sparkling cream tea afternoon – Thurs 27th August 2:30pm

Please see flyer at the end of the pew sheet – booking required.

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

FOOD BANK 10/8/26	
Biscuits	V. LOW
Pasta Sauce	✓ LOW
Pasta	✓ LOW
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	V. LOW
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	V. LOW
Breakfast Bars	V. LOW
Cereal	LOW
Puddings / Tinned fruit	OK
Soup	OK
Tinned meat products	V. LOW
Tinned Tomatoes	✓ LOW
Baked Beans	✓ LOW
Long life Milk	✓ LOW
Cartons of juice / squash	✓ LOW
Sweetcorn	✓ LOW
Other tinned Veg	LOW
Tuna & other tinned fish	LOW
Spag Hoops/ Mac Cheese	V. LOW
Crisps	V. LOW
Chick Peas, lentils etc	OK
MARMITE/PEANUT BUTTER.	V. LOW
SAM	
BAGS NEEDED PLEASE	V. LOW

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

9am – 1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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 August is Pilsdon Community**.

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 August & September is Hearing Dogs for the Deaf**.

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 currently on summer break until September.

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

Now on summer break - we will resume again on 10th September.

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 12th September**

Teddy Bear's Picnic & Churchyard Athletics



*+ "Have a go" sessions
for grown-ups*

**4pm Saturday 22nd August
St Peter's Church, Ightham**



For kids

- Teddy bear zip wire
- Crafts
- Churchyard Athletics
- Picnic tea

For grown-ups

- Tea and cake
- Have a go sessions

*Bring your favourite teddy or cuddly toy
and dress for the weather. Everyone is welcome!*

Thursday 27th August – 2.30pm

St George's Church, Wrotham
Step back to the
1940's

...and enjoy a sparkling cream
tea with entertainment in the
company of 'Maggie Smith,
Judi Dench and Joan
Plowright'.

£10 donation for tickets in
advance

Available in church after
Sunday Service, or Tuesday
Coffee Morning, or..



Alison on 07761 249977





International Bat Night



Saturday 29th August

7:30pm

**St George's Church,
Wrotham**



**Join us for a talk about bats and
the opportunity to look and listen
for bats with bat detectors
in the churchyard**

