



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



Sunday 4th October 2026 – Trinity 18

St Peter's, Ightham

9am Breakfast@Church

Led by Michelle Lawson

6pm Evensong

Led by John Webster

St George's, Wrotham

10:30am Harvest Festival

with Holy Communion

Led by Revd Christopher Johnson

This week at St Peter's, Ightham

Mon 5 th Oct	1:30pm	Ightham Primary School Community afternoon
Tues 6 th Oct	2:15pm	WI Book Club
	4:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 7th Oct	10am	Morning Prayer led by John Webster
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop in Church Centre
Thurs 8 th Oct	9:30am	Oasis Women's Group
	10am	Toddler Group
Sat 10 th Oct	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at G&D Ightham – booking required
Sun 11th Oct	10am	Holy Communion led by Revd Christopher Johnson

This week at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 5 th Oct	6:45pm	Prayer Group
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 6 th Oct	10:30am	Charity Coffee Morning
Thurs 8 th Oct	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Sat 10 th Oct	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at G&D Ightham – booking required
	7:30pm	FoSG's Big Band Concert
Sun 11th Oct	9am	Breakfast@Church led by Michelle Lawson
	10:30am	Service of the Word led by Michelle Lawson

Future dates for your diaries

Sun 25 th Oct	4pm	In Loving Memory service at St Peter's Ightham
Sun 1 st Nov	4pm	Memorial & Thanksgiving service at St George's Wrotham
Sun 8 th Nov		Remembrance Sunday

Benefice Notices

Meeting with the Archdeacon

The Benefice Joint Standing Committee met on Monday evening and the Archdeacon dropped in for the beginning of the meeting. He had hoped to have news for us by now but is still unable to confirm when the delay in the arrival of the Rector will end due to circumstances beyond his control. However, he has booked a follow-up meeting for 12th October to meet with the Joint Standing Committee again when hopefully there will be more concrete things to discuss. He did express his gratitude to everyone for keeping things running at this difficult time and his sympathy with our frustration at the ongoing delay and limited information. As soon as there is further news, we will share it.

Men's Breakfast - Sat 10th October 8:30am at The George & Dragon, Ightham

£13 per person. Please let John Webster know by Wednesday 7th October if you'd like to come.

inhjk.webster@btinternet.com

Ightham Notices

October Churchyard 'tidy up'

There is no churchyard tidy-up in October.

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>

Oct/Nov help needed please as follows:

Sunday 25th October – volunteers to help with refreshments after 4pm In Loving Memory service

Sunday 1st November – 1 more volunteer for Breakfast@Church

Sunday 29th November – 2 volunteers

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

The Big Band Concert – Sat 10th October 7:30pm

Come along and hear the 25 piece band play a variety of 'big band' music, including swing, latin rock and pop numbers. Wine and soft drinks will be available in the interval. See attached flyer.



Tickets cost £15 and are available in church on Tuesday and Sunday mornings or online via the link <https://givealittle.co/c/bigbandconcert101026>

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 28/9/26	
Biscuits	V. LOW
Pasta Sauce	V. LOW
Pasta	LOW
Rice, Spaghetti, Noodles	V. LOW
Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc	V. LOW
Breakfast Bars	V. LOW
Cereal	LOW
Puddings / Tinned fruit	LOW
Soup	OK
Tinned meat products	V. LOW
Tinned Tomatoes	V. LOW
Baked Beans	V. LOW
Long life Milk	V. LOW
Cartons of juice / squash	V. LOW
Sweetcorn	V. LOW
Other tinned Veg	V. LOW
Tuna & other tinned fish	V. LOW
Spag Hoops/ Mac Cheese	V. LOW
Crisps	V. LOW
Chick Peas, lentils etc	V. LOW
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 October is Poverty & Hope Appeal**.

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 October is DAVSS, a West Kent based domestic abuse charity**

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 No meeting 29th October.

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

Half term break – no meetings 22nd & 29th October

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 10th October**.

St George's Church, Wrotham TN15 7AH
The Friends of St George's Church
present

The Big Band Concert

Saturday 10th October 2026
7.30pm



A twenty-five-piece Big Band, with saxophones, trumpets, trombones and a rhythm section that includes keyboard, bass and electric guitars and a vocalist, playing a variety of Big Band music, including swing, Latin, rock and pop.

Wine & soft drinks will be available during the interval

TICKETS (in advance): £15

Online: <https://givealittle.co/c/bigbandconcert101026>

At the Church: Tuesday & Sunday mornings
& on the door

