

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



Sunday 25th October 2026 – Bible Sunday

British Summer Time ends and clocks go back one hour

St Peter's, Ightham

10:30am Holy Communion
Led by Revd Richard Howlett

St George's, Wrotham

9am Breakfast@Church
Led by Michelle Lawson

10am Sung Matins
Led by John Webster

This week at St Peter's, Ightham

Mon 26th Oct	9am	WK Autism Parent Support Group in Church Centre
	1pm	Church Centre Cleaning
Tues 27th Oct	2:15pm	WI Book Club in Church Centre
	4:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 28th Oct	**10am**	**Holy Communion** led by Revd Christopher Johnson
	10:15am	Community Coffee Shop in Church Centre
Thurs 29th Oct	9:30am	No Oasis Women's Group – half term break
		No Toddler Group – half term break
Sun 1st Nov	**9am**	**Breakfast@Church** led by Michelle Lawson
	6pm	**Evensong** led by John Webster

This week at St George's, Wrotham

Mon 26th Oct	6:45pm	Prayer Group
	7:45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 27th Oct	10:30am	Charity Coffee Morning
Thurs 29th Oct	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Sun 1st Nov	**10:30am**	**Holy Communion** led by Revd Christopher Johnson
	4pm	**Memorial & Thanksgiving service** led by Michelle Lawson

Future dates for your diaries

Sun 8th Nov	**10:30am**	**Remembrance Sunday services** at War Memorials
Mon 9th Nov	7:30pm	Ightham PCC Meeting
Fri 13th Nov	9:30am	Church Cleaning morning at St George's Wrotham
Sat 14th Nov	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at the G&D Ightham – Booking required
Sun 15th Nov	11am-12	Fairtrade sale in St Peter's Church Centre
Thurs 19th Nov	2pm	Pudding Club at St George's Wrotham
Sun 29th Nov	**6pm**	**4-Parish Advent Carol Service** at St Peter's Ightham
Sat 5th Dec		Wrotham Christmas Lights Fair
Mon 7th Dec	**7:30pm**	**Installation of Revd Stewart Gibbs** at St George's Wrotham
Sat 12th Dec	7pm	Wrotham Christmas Concert

Benefice Notices

Oasis Women's Group

No meeting on Thursday 29th October due to half-term but we'll be back the following week. Any queries please get in touch with Bridget at oasis@ighthamchurch.org.uk

4-Parish Advent carol service – Sunday 29th November 6pm at St Peter's Ightham

There will be a cluster Advent service at St Peter's Ightham for the 4 parishes of St Peter's Ightham, St George's Wrotham, St Mary the Virgin Platt and Church of the Good Shepherd Borough Green.

SAVE THE DATE! Monday 7th December 2026 7:30pm at St George's Wrotham

Licensing of Revd Stewart Gibbs as our new Rector

The date for the installation service is now confirmed. At the moment, please just save the date .

Choir singers needed for the installation and carol services!

If you are a singer (especially men) and would like to be part of the UB choir for the installation service and the carol services on Sunday 20th December 4pm at Ightham & 6.30pm at Wrotham, please let us know via the link Christmas Carol Services & Rehearsals – Fill in form or let Neil (Wrotham) or Carol (Ightham) carol.a.kennedy@btinternet.com know. Rehearsals start Thurs 19th Nov 7:30pm at Wrotham.

Ightham Notices

In Loving Memory service – Sunday 25th October 4pm

Please join us for this reflective service as we remember those we love but see no longer. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for loved ones, and you are warmly invited to stay for tea and cake afterwards.

Fairtrade Stall – Sunday 15th November 11am – 12noon

A selection of Fairtrade goods including Christmas Cards, Food (including tea, coffee, biscuits and chocolatey Christmas treats) and Unique gifts (handmade and often made from recycled materials) will be on sale.

Fairtrade Advent calendars are available to pre-order price £6.90. If you wish to purchase any, please let Jenny Webster know, no later than Sunday 1st November.

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

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

Memorial & Remembrance Service – Sunday 1st November 4pm

Please join us for this reflective service as we remember those we love but see no longer. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for loved ones, and you are warmly invited to stay for tea and cake after the service.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal 2026

We are organising a collection of Christmas Shoe Boxes for distribution in European countries. If you would like to make up a box, please see the attached flyer with information on what to include and how to make a donation to cover the shipping. Please leave completed boxes at the back of St George's Church by 4th November.

St George's Primary School Yr 5 Bible service – Mon 9th November 10am

Thank you to everyone who donated bibles for Year 5. If you would like to attend the school service on Monday 9th November to see the bibles presented to the children you would be very welcome.

Church Cleaning Morning – Friday 13th November 9:30am

Please come and help us clean the church from 9:30am onwards, ready for December. Please bring your own equipment, dusters, marigolds etc. Many hands make light work! Coffee and tea will be provided.

Christmas Pudding Club – Thursday 19th November 2pm

A festive afternoon of fizz, puddings and good company in St George's Church. Tickets cost £15 and are available in church from Linda on a Tuesday or Sunday morning. Or ring Alison on 07761 249977.

Jam Jars needed

Margaret Barrow would be very pleased to receive donations of any empty jam jars that can be reused for marmalade, please bring them in to church on a Tuesday or Sunday morning.

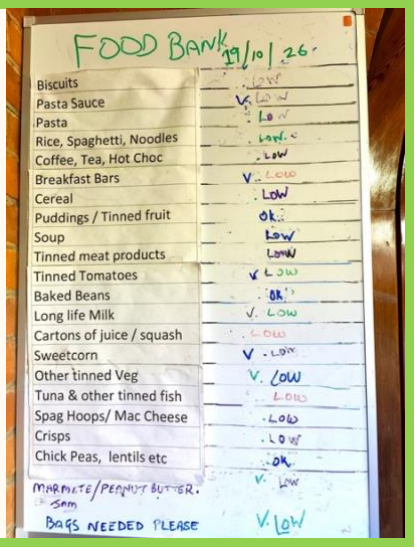
Donating to St George's, Wrotham

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

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

St Peter's Ightham Contacts

Churchwarden

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churchwardens@ighthamchurch.org.uk

Lay Ministers:

John Webster: 01732 884819

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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 14th November.**

Prostate Cancer Research
pcr.org.uk

A message from Michelle & Finn

CAN YOU HELP?

We're not runners, it's not our happy place, BUT we have committed to running 50 MILES across October for Prostate Cancer Research UK.

We have run in the dark, we have run in the rain, we've had to run twice in one day to keep our miles on track… We're doing everything we can to raise £750 for charity.

Any Support you can offer to keep our legs going for the final 25 Miles for this excellent cause would be so really appreciated.



https://tinyurl.com/run50help

HELP MY GIFT GET THERE

Here's my gift to help deliver it to someone who will love it
(please place in the envelope)

£4 | £8 | £20 | OTHER

It costs approximately £7,000 to send a trailer load of shoeboxes to Eastern Europe. Your kind donation towards these costs helps us greatly. If you are able to donate online, it helps us cover the costs and get the shoeboxes delivered more quickly.

Donate now at **shoeboxappeal.org**

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TICK HERE TO GIFT AID MY DONATION

Please only complete the details below if you are over 18, making a personal donation that we can claim Gift Aid on and/or you would like to keep in touch with us.

Please treat all donations I have made to Blythswood for the four years prior to this donation, and future donations I make, as Gift Aid donations. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my charitable donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Cheques should be payable to Blythswood Care

YOUR DETAILS

Please print clearly and in capitals and complete all sections with * so we can claim Gift Aid, if you are eligible

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If you want to change how we keep in touch with you, simply call us on: **01349 830777** or email **info@blythswood.org**



Please follow the guidelines carefully. If restrictions aren't met, shoeboxes may be rejected at customs and won't reach those in need. After checking your box, Blythswood will add a Bible storybook for children, a book for teenagers or a calendar for adults. It will then be delivered to someone in need in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

FAQS

What size shoebox should I use?
Please use an average-sized shoebox. This makes it easier for those who distribute boxes and is fairer for recipients. Flat pack shoeboxes can be purchased from Blythswood offices or your local Blythswood charity shop.

We've delivered over **2.9M BOXES** since 1993

How do I deposit my shoebox?

- Please visit our website **blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal** for details of your closest collection point, which will be online from the end of August
- Hand in to one of our offices or charity shops

If you are unable to deliver your shoeboxes please contact one of our offices on 01349 830777 (Scotland, England and Wales) or 02893 349859 (Northern Ireland).

GIFT TWO SHOEBOXES FOR £28!

For a similar cost to filling and sending a shoebox to disadvantaged people in Europe, Blythswood can help some of the poorest in Asia with two locally filled shoeboxes.

If you've no time, can't get to the shops, have no local collection points or simply can't wrap a shoebox, you can still remember those less fortunate this Christmas by making a donation.

Simply visit **onlineshoebox.org** or scan the QR code and for every £28 donated two children will receive shoeboxes.



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Scotland, England and Wales 01349 830777
Northern Ireland 02893 349859

SHOE BOX APPEAL
REMEMBER ME



Fill a shoebox with simple gifts.
Show disadvantaged people they are not forgotten this Christmas.

Blythswood

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER • 2 PM

CHRISTMAS

PUDDING CLUB



Join us for a festive afternoon of

fizz, puddings and good company

Enjoy a glass of fizz • A selection of hot & cold puddings

Tea & coffee • Table quiz • Raffle

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WROTHAM

TICKETS £15

Available from Linda in church on Tuesday or Sunday or contact Alison: 07761 249977