

Notices

The Licensing Service of our new Priest in Charge, The Revd Jayne Shillito, will take place on Monday 15th July in St Michael, Smarden at 7.00pm. Light refreshments will be served after the service, and it would be helpful to know how many will be attending for catering purposes. Please let the church office know if you are attending by emailing Sarah on office@sbcofe.org

Christian Aid Coffee Morning – Thursday 16th May, 10am-12 noon. There will be cake to go with the coffee and a modest cake stall, should you wish to buy some to take home.

The funeral service of Colin Steere has been arranged for Thursday 16th May, 1pm at All Saints. Please continue to uphold his family in your prayers.

All Saints Flower Festival - 25th-27th May, 10am-5pm. There will be a plant stall, refreshments, musical interludes, and a chance to climb the church tower.

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St Michael the Archangel, Smarden All Saints, Biddenden



Sunday 5th May 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

Our services today

10am Sung Eucharist (All Saints)

Hymns – MP

393 Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

89 Come down, O love divine

501 O Jesus, I have promised (omit vs 2)

37 As the deer pants for the water

200 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

Events this Week

Tuesday 7th May

2pm Biddenden Community Library (All Saints)

Thursday 9th May

10am Said Eucharist (St Michael)

10am Coffee Call-In, Biddenden Community Library and Takeaway Pantry (All Saints)

Friday 10th May

10.30am Coffee Morning (St Michael)

Saturday 11th May

10am Biddenden Community Library and Takeaway Pantry (All Saints)

Prayers

For healing in body, mind, and spirit we pray for
Nick Gibson, Sheilah Drake, Maureen Watson,
and Sharon Muskett.

For the family and friends of **Colin Steere** who has recently died and for all who mourn.

Services in the coming weeks

Thursday 9th May – Ascension Day

10am Said Eucharist (St Michael)

Sunday 12th May – Easter 7

9.30am Breakfast Club (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost

10am Sung Eucharist (All Saints)

10.30am Active Church (St Michael)

Sunday 26th May – Trinity Sunday

8am Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Sunday 5th May 2024

Easter 6

Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 10. 44-end

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' 48 So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5. 1-6

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15. 9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water
of eternal life: may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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All Saints Biddenden



St. Michael Smarden

