

Notices

Home Fellowship Group: this friendly group, open to all, meets twice monthly in Biddenden. We enjoy discussing different aspects of our faith and learning from one another. We meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th and 27th May at 72 North Street. If you'd like to see if it's for you, please contact Julie Lupton on 01580 291658 or email julielupton.jl@gmail.com for a chat about it.

All Saints: Chrisitan Aid Week. There will be a coffee morning (and cake!) in the church on Thursday 15th May, 10am-12 noon. A group of Year 3 & 4 children from John Mayne School will sing during the morning. All proceeds go to Christian Aid.

St Michael: Christian Aid Week 11th-17th May. Please put your donations in the envelopes provided. These can be placed in the collection or given to a church warden. Thank you.

All Saints: The funeral of T/L Wendy and John Reeves-Vane will take place in the church on Friday 16th May at 11.30am. Please continue to uphold their family and friends in your prayers.

All Saints: Flower Festival 'Land of Make Believe.' 24th-26th May 10am-4pm. Tower open, plant stall, musical interludes, cakes and refreshments. All welcome.

All Saints: Flower Festival refreshments. If you haven't been approached and would like to offer to bake, serve or wash up etc., please contact Julie Lupton as soon as possible or pick up and complete a volunteer slip from the back of the church. We are saving plastic trays from supermarket fruits etc to use for take-away cakes. Please clean and save any trays and leave them at the back of the church or give them to Julie Lupton. julielupton.jl@gmail.com tel 01580 291658 / 07884306997.

St Michael: Summer Fayre in the Parish Churchyard. 12th July 10am to 3pm. Bric a brac, craft sale, refreshments and cake sale, tower visits and book sale. All welcome.

St Michael: While Bob Barnes recovers from surgery, David and Edward are kindly managing a rota to open and lock the church. We aim to keep it open daily, though occasional closures may occur. Thank you for your understanding, and we wish Bob a swift recovery.

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St Michael the Archangel, Smarden All Saints, Biddenden



Sunday 11th May 2025 Easter 4

Our services today

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Hymns MP – St Michael

200 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

251 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

649 The King of love my shepherd is

575 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Events this Week

Tuesday 13th May

2pm Biddenden Community Library (All Saints)

7.30pm Home Fellowship Group, 72 North Street

Thursday 15th May

9am Morning Prayer (All Saints)

10am Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Biddenden
Community Library and Takeaway Pantry (All Saints)

Friday 16th May

10.30am Coffee Morning (St Michael)

11.30am Funeral of T/L Mr & Mrs Reeves-Vane
(All Saints)

Saturday 17th May

10am Biddenden Community Library (All Saints)

1pm Baptism (St Michael)

Prayers

For healing in body, mind, and spirit we pray for
Anne Giles, Sandy Harris and Sharon Muskett.

For the family and friends of **Wendy and John Reeves-Vane**, all those who have recently died and for all who mourn.

Services in the coming weeks

Sunday 11th May – Easter 4

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Sunday 18th May – Easter 5

10am Family Service with Eucharist (All Saints)

There will be no BCP Evensong in St Michael

Sunday 25th May – Easter 6

8am Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 9.36-end

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10.22-30

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to
be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer for Growth

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your church
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
joy to our worship
and power to our witness.

Help our churches to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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If you would like to make a one-off donation, or set up a regular donation, an easy and tax efficient way is to use our online giving portal. Use your mobile phone to scan in the relevant code.

All Saints Biddenden



St. Michael Smarden



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