

Welcome to
St Michael the Archangel, Smarden
All Saints, Biddenden



Fortnightly Pew Sheet
14th & 21st December 2025
Advent 3 & 4

We are delighted to welcome you to worship today at St Michael the Archangel, Smarden, and All Saints, Biddenden. Whether you are a regular member of our church family or visiting for the first time, you are most welcome. We gather as one community to share in prayer, hear God's Word, and celebrate His love. May you know His presence and peace during our time together and leave refreshed and encouraged for the week ahead.

Our services:

Sunday 14th December
Advent 3

9.30am	'Breakfast Church' (All Saints)
10am	Sung Eucharist (St Michael)
4pm	Christingle (St Michael)

Hymns: 142 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
AMNS (omit vs 2 & 4)
244 Hark, my soul, it is the Lord
180 Thou, whose almighty word
422 Tell out, my soul

Christingle hymns on separate service booklet

Collect for the day:

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: Isaiah 35. 1-10 (p 574)
Matthew 11. 2-11 (p 786)

Post communion prayer for the day:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Our services:

Sunday 21st December Advent 4

8am	Said BCP Holy Communion (St Michael)
10am	Family Eucharist (All Saints)
6.30pm	Carol Service (All Saints) – service booklet
All Saints:	31 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Hymns	30 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes
AMNS	484 Long ago, prophets knew
	29 The Lord will come and not be slow (choir only)
	26 O come, O come. Emmanuel

Collect for the day:

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: Isaiah 7. 10-16 (p 552)
Matthew. 1. 18-end (p 777)

Post communion prayer:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Join our Church family for regular events:

Tuesdays

2pm Coffee Call-in (All Saints)

Thursdays

10am Coffee Call-in and Biddenden Community Library (All Saints)

Fridays

10.30am Coffee Morning (St Michael)

Saturdays

10am Biddenden Community Library (All Saints)

In addition to our regular events:

Mon 15th Dec, 11.45am – Funeral of T/L Norman Heath (All Saints)

Tues 16th Dec, 9.30am – Smarden School Christmas Service (St Michael)

Tues 16th Dec, 11am – Biddenden Flair meeting (All Saints)

Thurs 18th Dec, 2pm – John Mayne Carol Concert (All Saints)

Friday 19th December, 12.30pm – Biddenden Playschool Nativity (All Saints)

Services in the coming weeks

Sunday 21st December – Advent 4

8am Said BCP Holy Communion (St Michael)

10am Family Eucharist (All Saints)

6.30pm Carol Service (All Saints)

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service (All Saints)

5pm Crib Service (St Michael)

9pm Midnight in Bethlehem (All Saints)

11pm Midnight Mass (St Michael)

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

9.15am Family Christmas Eucharist (St Michael)

11am Family Christmas Eucharist (All Saints)

Sunday 28th December – Christmas I

8am Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

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Prayers



For healing in body, mind and
spirit we pray for

**Anne Giles, Sandy Harris,
Sharon Muskett and Jayne
Nicolls.**

For the family and friends of all
those who have recently died
and for all who mourn.

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

Notices

❖ Christmas Services at: ❖ All Saints

21st December, 6.30pm – Carol Service
24th December, 3pm – Crib Service
24th December, 9pm – Midnight in Bethlehem
25th December, 11am – Family Eucharist

St Michael

14th December, 4pm – Christingle
24th December, 5pm – Crib Service
24th December, 11pm – Midnight Mass
25th December, 9.15am – Family Eucharist

Carols with Cranbrook Town Band – Thursday 18th December,
7.30pm at Zion Baptist Church, Smarden. All are warmly invited.

Sarah, the Parish Administrator, will be on annual leave on Tuesday 30th December. She will be in the office on Tuesday 6th January.

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"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9 vs 6.

All Saints Biddenden



St. Michael Smarden



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