

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



**Fortnightly Pew Sheet**  
**25<sup>th</sup> January & 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

**Our services:**

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.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Epiphany 3**

**8am** Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)  
**10am** Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

**Hymns:** 327 Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
**MP** 31 Amazing grace  
237 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!  
624 Take my life, and let it be  
33 And can it be (omit vs 3)

**Collect for the day:**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** Isaiah 9. 1-4 (p 553)  
Matthew 4. 12-23 (p 779)

**Post communion prayer for the day:**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is  
the light of the world: may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped,  
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **Our services:**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February Epiphany 4 / Presentation of Christ**

**8am** Said BCP Holy Communion (St Michael)  
**10am** Sung Eucharist (All Saints)  
**6pm** Candlemas Service (All Saints)

**Hymns:** 224 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
**AMNS** 157 Breathe on me, Breath of God  
209 Through all the changing scenes of life  
256 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
356 Father, Lord of all Creation

#### **Collect for the day:**

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

**Readings:** Hebrews 2. 14-end (p 974)  
Luke 2. 22-40 (p 828)

#### **Post communion prayer:**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus  
when he comes to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

#### **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:**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 11.30am Thanksgiving Service of T/L Jane Perrott  
(St Michael)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Home Study Group, 72 North Street

## Services in the coming weeks

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Presentation of Christ**

8am Said BCP Holy Communion in St Michael, Smarden  
10am Sung Eucharist in All Saints, Biddenden  
6pm Candlemas Service in All Saints, Biddenden followed by supper

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2 before Lent**

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' in All Saints, Biddenden  
10am Sung Eucharist in St Michael, Smarden

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday next before Lent**

10am Family Eucharist in All Saints, Biddenden  
4pm BCP Evensong in St Michael, Smarden

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday**

6pm Eucharist with Ashing in St Michael, Smarden

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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

**Home Study Group.** We meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 72 North Street. All welcome. Email [julielupton.jl@gmail.com](mailto:julielupton.jl@gmail.com) for more info.

**St Michael:** We are saddened to share the news of the death of Jane Perrott who passed away recently. A Thanksgiving Service for her life will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 11.30am at St Michael, Smarden. We hold Jane and all who knew and cared for her in our thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**All Saints:** Candlemas Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 6pm followed by supper in the village hall. £8 per person. Please bring your own tableware and drinks. Contact Hazel Ralph on 07739 837260 or email: [hazelralph@hotmail.com](mailto:hazelralph@hotmail.com).

**All Saints: Music of Flowers** - a choral concert in the church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm, with the **Kent Chamber Choir** and guest guitarist **Frank McConnell**. Music by Holst, Britten and Beach. Tickets £15 (under 18s free), on the door.

**St Michael: Lenten Concert** on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm (tbc). An evening of Sacred Choral Music performed in the church by the **Tongswood Chamber Choir**. Experience a moving selection of music for the Lenten season. Further details to follow.

**All Saints:** Enjoy an evening concert with the **Kent Police Male Voice Choir** in the church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Admission £12, including raffle entry. Cash bar. Tickets: Lindi Harman 07718 754636 or email [fundraising.biddenden@sbcofe.org](mailto:fundraising.biddenden@sbcofe.org).

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