

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



## Fortnightly Pew Sheet

22<sup>nd</sup> February & 1<sup>st</sup> March 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February

#### Lent I

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

**Hymns:** 56 Forty days and forty nights

**AMNS** 129 Lord Jesus, think on me

123 Jesu, lover of my soul

224 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

27 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

### Collect for the day:

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7 (p 2)  
Matthew 4. 1-11 (p 779)

### Post communion prayer for the day:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Our services:**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March Lent 2**

**8am** Said BCP Holy Communion (St Michael)

**10am** Sung Eucharist (All Saints)

**Hymns:** 149 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim  
**AMNS** 343 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

375 I danced in the morning

272 O God, unseen yet ever near

148 At the name of Jesus (omit vs 2 & 6)

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

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** Genesis 12. 1-4a (p 8)

John 3. 1-17 (p 860)

### **Post communion prayer:**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Join our Church family for regular events:**

#### **Tuesdays**

2pm Biddenden Community Library (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 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Home Study Group at the  
home of Kevin Rampling

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm Smarden PCC meeting (Charter Hall)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm Funeral of Benjamin Vowles (All Saints)

## Services in the coming weeks

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 3**

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

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday / Lent 4**

10am Joint Family Eucharist in All Saints, Biddenden  
\*There will be no 4 pm service at St. Michael\*

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Lent 5**

8am Said BCP Holy Communion in All Saints, Biddenden  
10am Sung Eucharist 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.**

**We pray for the family and friends of all those who mourn.**

**All Saints:** We are saddened to share the news of the death of our dear **John Woods** who passed away recently. Funeral details to follow.

We regret to announce the passing of **Benjamin Vowles**. His funeral will be held at All Saints on **5th March at 2.30pm**.

**St Michael:** We announce with sadness the passing of **Patricia Batt**. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at the church on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm**.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Notices

**Home Study Group.** We meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Three Chimneys House, Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden, Kent TN27 8HA. Please contact Kevin Rampling if you require further details on 07793 752922.

**St Michael: Lent Lunches.** All proceeds from the Lent lunches this year will go to **Pilgrims Hospice**. They will run each Friday of Lent 12.30pm-2pm. Cost is £5 per person for soup and bread. **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February:** Gillets, The Street by kind permission of Chris and Clare Holder. **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Chessenden, by kind permission of Giles and Lindsay Hardwick.

**World Day of Prayer, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm** at Smarden Zion Chapel. An Ecumenical service for all faiths prepared for us this year by the women of Nigeria.

**St Michael:** The Guild warmly invites you to join them on **10th March, 12 for 12.30pm** for a **fundraising lunch** at The Swan, Chapel Down Vineyard, Tenterden, TN30 7NG. This includes a talk on the Bayeux Tapestry by Patricia Erskine Hill. Tickets are £45 pp from Vivienne Rose 01233 770349 or Annette Haynes 01233 770367. Closing date for ticket sales 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**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.

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

**St Michael:** Smarden Charter Hall, with St. Michael's Church, will be holding a Spring Fair on **Saturday 25th April**. Parishioners who would like to hire a table to sell arts and crafts, bric-a-brac, and similar items are warmly invited to take part. For further details or to book a table, please contact Barbara Marchant at [bcmarchant@live.co.uk](mailto:bcmarchant@live.co.uk) or 01233 770359.

**St Michael:** The **Maidstone Salvation Army Band and Songsters** will lead a special **Songs of Praise** service at the church on **Sunday 26th April at 5.00pm**. All are warmly invited.

All Saints Biddenden



St. Michael Smarden



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