

Welcome to

St Michael the Archangel, Smarden

All Saints, Biddenden



Fortnightly Pew Sheet

8th & 15th 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 8th March Lent 3

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

Hymns: 336 All my hope on God (omit vs 2)
AMNS 118 Firmly I believe and truly
343 Be Thou my vision
113 Father, hear the prayer we offer
298 Disposer supreme

Collect for the day:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: Exodus 17. 1-7 (p 56)
John 4. 5-42 (p 861)

Post communion prayer for the day:

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand
the temptations of the world,
the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our services:

Sunday 15th March Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

10am Joint Family Eucharist (All Saints)
Hymns: Brother, sister let me serve you
MP 611 Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness
631 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Collect for the day:

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: John 19. 25b-27 (p 878)

Post communion prayer:

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Join our Church family for regular events:

Tuesdays

2pm Biddenden Community Library (All Saints)

Thursdays

9am Morning Prayer (All Saints)

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 10th March 6pm Biddenden PCC Meeting in the Cabin (All Saints)

Tuesday 10th March 7.30pm Home Study Group at Zion Chapel, Smarden

Saturday 21st March 3pm Kent Chamber Choir "Music of Flowers" (All Saints)

Services in the coming weeks

Sunday 15th March – Mothering Sunday / Lent 4

10am Joint Family Eucharist in All Saints, Biddenden

There will be no 4 pm service at St. Michael

Sunday 22nd March – Lent 5

8am Said BCP Holy Communion in All Saints, Biddenden

10am Sung Eucharist in St Michael, Smarden

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

9.15am Palm Sunday in All Saints, Biddenden

11am Palm Sunday in St Michael, Smarden

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Prayers

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

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

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

All Saints: We are saddened to share the news of the death of our dear **Anne Giles** who has passed away. A Service of Thanksgiving has been arranged for **Wednesday 15th April, 2.30pm** to be held at All Saints.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Notices

Home Study Group. We meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March at **Zion Baptist Chapel**. Please contact Rev'd Jayne if you require further details.

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 13th March: Old School House, The Street** by kind permission of Jennifer Fraser. **Friday 20th March: Obeden Barn, Snugborne Lane, TN27 8PR** by kind permission of Tony and Jackie Richter.

All Saints: Music of Flowers - a choral concert in the church on **Saturday 21st 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: Experience an uplifting evening of choral music in the church with the **Tongwood Chamber Choir**. Join us on **Saturday 28th March at 6.30pm** as the choir presents a rich and inspiring programme. Tickets £15.

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@sbcofe.org.

St Michael: Join us for a cheerful community **Spring Fair** at Smarden Charter Hall on **Saturday 25th April**, supporting the Hall and St Michael's Church. Parishioners can hire tables to sell arts, crafts, and bric-a-brac. To book a table or for details, contact please contact Barbara Marchant at 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.

St Michael: After four years of faithful service, our Church Warden David King, is stepping down. This important role supports our parish, works alongside Rev'd Jayne, and helps shape our church community. If you feel called to serve and make a difference, please speak to Edward Demery.

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