

Welcome to

St Michael the Archangel, Smarden

All Saints, Biddenden



Fortnightly Pew Sheet

22nd & 29th March 2026

Our services:

Sunday 22nd March Lent 5

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

Hymns: 247 I heard the voice of Jesus say
AMNS 224 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
70 It is a thing most wonderful
135 Rock of ages, cleft for me
66 Glory be to Jesus

Collect for the day:

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: Ezekiel 37. 1-14 (p 696)
John 11. 1-45 (p 869)

Post communion prayer for the day:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers
and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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 29th March Palm Sunday

9.15am Palm Sunday Service (All Saints)

11am Palm Sunday Service (St Michael)

Hymns: 9 All glory, laud and honour

MP 435 Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us

478 My song is love unknown (omit vs 4 & 6)

674 There is a green hill far away

580 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Collect for the day:

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Readings: Luke 19. 28-40 (Passion Narrative)

Post communion prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

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 24th March 7.30pm Home Study Group at 72 North Street, Biddenden
Wednesday 25th March 1pm Service of Thanksgiving for Patricia Batt (St Michael)
Saturday 28th March 6.30pm Tongswood Chamber Choir (St Michael)

Services in the coming weeks

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

9.15am Palm Sunday in All Saints, Biddenden

11am Palm Sunday in St Michael, Smarden

Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

6pm Tenebrae Communion service in St Michael's, Smarden

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

Midday Vigil Service in St Michael, Smarden

2pm Hour at the Cross in All Saints, Biddenden

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

9.15am Easter Worship in St Michael, Smarden

11am Sung Eucharist in All Saints, Biddenden

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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: A Service of Thanksgiving for **Patricia Batt** will take place at the church on **Wednesday 25th March at 1pm.**

All Saints: The funeral service of **Anne Giles** will be held at the church on **Wednesday 15th April, 2.30pm.**

All Saints: The burial of ashes for **John Woods** will take place on **Thursday 16th April at 10.30am.** John was much loved in the community and at the coffee morning, which will continue as usual. Join us to support Cynthia and the family and share refreshments as we celebrate his life.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Notices

Home Study Group Lent Course. This course continues on Tuesday 24th March from 7.30pm at 72 North Street, Biddenden. All welcome.

St Michael: Lent Lunches. All proceeds from the Lent lunches this year will go to **Pilgrims Hospice**. Cost is £5 per person for soup and bread. **Friday 27th March 12.30pm – 2pm: Brenton House, Pluckley Road, TN27 8NQ** by kind permission of Alan and Gaynor Hipkiss.

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: 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. For further details, 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.

Could You Join the PCC? Would you consider getting more involved in our church community? Joining the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a great way to support and help shape the life and mission of our churches. If you are 16 or over, a communicant, and have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months, we would love to hear from you. For more information, please speak with Rev'd Jayne or one of the Churchwardens. **St Michael:** Edward Demery / David King. **All Saints:** Martin Giles / Nigel Ralph.

We will soon be thanking **David King** and **Martin Giles**, our Churchwardens, for their faithful service as they step down. Their dedication has been greatly appreciated by both congregations. If you feel called to serve, please contact Rev'd Jayne or one of the churchwardens.

All Saints Biddenden



St. Michael Smarden



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