

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



Fortnightly Pew Sheet

5th & 12th April 2026

Our services:

Sunday 5th April
Easter Day

9.15am Easter Worship (St Michael)

11am Easter Worship (All Saints)

Hymns: 77 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia

AMNS 78 The strife is o'er, the battle done

73 Ye choirs of Jerusalem

501 Now the green blade riseth

428 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Collect for the day:

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son

you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open

in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings: Acts 10. 34-43 (p 891)

John 20. 1-18 (p 878)

Post communion prayer for the day:

God of Life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen

life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, 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 12th April Easter 2

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Hymns: 214 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

AMNS 157 Breathe on me, Breath of God

80 Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise

260 And now, O Father, mindful of the love (vs 1 & 2)

83 Love's redeeming work is done

Collect for the day:

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Readings: Acts 2. 14a, 22-32 (p 882)

John 20. 19-end (p 879)

Post communion prayer for the day:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ

you have assured your children of eternal life

and in baptism have made us one with him:

deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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:

Reworn and Wonderful: 14th, 16th & 18th April (All Saints) see notices

Tuesday 14th April 7.30pm Home Study Group at 72 North Street, Biddenden

Wednesday 15th April 2.30pm Funeral of Anne Giles (All Saints)

Thursday 16th April 10.30am Burial of Ashes for John Wood (All Saints)

Thursday 16th April 2pm Flower Festival Planning (All Saints)

Services in the coming weeks

Sunday 12th April – Easter 2

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Sunday 19th April – Easter 3

10am Family Service (All Saints)

6pm BCP Evensong (St Michael)

Sunday 26th April – Easter 4

8am Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

5pm Songs of Praise with Maidstone Salvation Army (St Michael)

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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.

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

Reminder: please bring your books/electronics for **Books2Africa** to All Saints Church on Tues 2-4, Thurs and Sats 10-12. The last date is 11th April.

All Saints: “Reworn and Wonderful” Clothes Sale in the church. From 14th April - 19th May. Tuesdays 2-4pm, Thursdays 10-12 noon & Saturdays 10-12 noon. Prices from £5. Thursday 16th April is cancelled. Proceeds to support the Flower Festival.

Home Study Group. We meet on Tuesday 14th April, 7.30pm at 72 North Street, Biddenden. All welcome.

Alpha Course starting Sunday 19th April in Biddenden. Please contact Rev'd Jayne for more details.

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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