

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



**All Saints Fortnightly Pew Sheet**

**19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

We are delighted to welcome you to worship today at **St Michael the Archangel, Smarden, and All Saints, Biddenden.**

Whether you are a regular or visiting, you are most welcome.

As we gather in prayer, may you know God's presence and peace, and leave refreshed for the week ahead.

**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.

**Our services:**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Easter 3**

**10am** Family Service (All Saints)  
**6pm** BCP Evensong (St Michael)

**Hymns:** 31 Amazing Grace – how sweet the sound  
**MP** 712 Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
200 Great is Thy faithfulness

**Collect for the day:**

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples  
with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Readings:** Acts 2. 14a, 36-41 (p 882)  
Luke 24. 13-35 (p 856)

**Post communion prayer for the day:**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Our services:

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Hymns:** 162 Jesus, where'er thy people meet  
**AMNS** 122 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
126 The King of love my shepherd is  
134 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep  
148 At the name of Jesus (omit vs 2 & 6)

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

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Readings:** Acts 2. 42-end (p 883)  
John 10. 1-10 (p 868)

#### **Post communion prayer for the day:**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
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:**

Reworn and Wonderful: See notices for dates and times (All Saints)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 10am Biddenden Bookworms (All Saints)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6pm Wedding Rehearsal of Octavia Bray & Kevin Bowman with  
the subsequent wedding on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon (St Michael)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Home Study Group at 72 North Street, Biddenden

## Services in the coming weeks

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Easter 5

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

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 6

- 9.30am 'Breakfast Church' (All Saints)  
10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael) with the APCM after the service

## Contacts

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## Prayers



For healing in body, mind and spirit we pray for

**Sandy Harris, Joan Mortley,  
Sharon Muskett and Jayne Nicolls.**

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

**All Saints:** The burial of ashes for Norman Heath will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11am.

**St Michael:** The burial of ashes for Harold Hilder will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

# Notices

**Alpha Course** starting today, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April in Biddenden. Please contact Rev'd Jayne for more details.

**All Saints: "Reworn and Wonderful"** Clothes Sale in the church. Every Tuesday 2-4pm, Thursday 10-12 noon and Saturday 10-12 noon until 19<sup>th</sup> May. Prices from £5. Proceeds to support the Flower Festival.

**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.

**Home Study Group.** We meet on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at 72 North Street, Biddenden. All welcome.

## Would You Consider Joining the PCC?

We warmly invite you to play a more active role in the life of our church community by joining the **Parochial Church Council (PCC)**. Being part of the PCC is a meaningful way to support our churches and help shape their future mission and ministry. If you are aged 16 or over, a communicant member and have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months, we would be delighted to hear from you. To find out more or to have an informal chat, please speak with Rev'd Jayne or one of the Churchwardens: **St Michael:** Edward Demery or David King. **All Saints:** Martin Giles or Nigel Ralph. We would love to welcome you into this important and rewarding role.

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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