

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



**Fortnightly Pew Sheet**

**17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Our services:**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Easter 7**

**10am** Family Eucharist with the APCM after the service (All Saints)

\*Please note there is no 6pm service at St Michael\*

**Hymns:** 445 Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
**MP** 67 Breathe on me, breath of God  
50 Be still, for the presence of the Lord  
99 Come on and celebrate!

**Collect for the day:**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Readings:** Acts 1. 6-14 (p 881)  
John 17. 1-11 (p 875)

**Post communion prayer for the day:**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
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 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 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost

**8am** Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)  
**10am** Sung Eucharist (St Michael)  
**4pm** Flower Festival Songs of Praise (All Saints)

**Hymns:** 247 I heard the voice of Jesus say  
**AMNS** 93 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
156 Come down, O Love divine  
233 O thou who camest from above  
172 Glorious things of thee are spoken

#### Collect for the day:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** Acts 2. 1-21 (p 882)  
John 20. 19-23 (p 879)

#### Post communion prayer for the day:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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:

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 10am-4pm Flower Festival at All Saints

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1pm Wedding Rehearsal of Kelly Thomas & Harry Moore  
(St Michael)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm Home Study Group at 72 North Street, Biddenden

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1pm Wedding of Kelly Thomas & Harry Moore (St Michael)

## Services in the coming weeks

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost

- 8am Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)  
10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)  
4pm Flower Festival Songs of Praise (All Saints)

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

- 10am Group Service (All Saints)

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 1

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

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 2

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

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Trinity 3

- 10am Family Eucharist (All Saints)  
6pm BCP Evensong (St Michael)

## 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.**

*It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Tony Lush**. We pray for his family and friends, that they will find peace and comfort during this very difficult time.*

**Please pray for all those who are mourning their loved ones.**

## Notices

**All Saints: Flower Festival “Rhythm and Bloom” on 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May,** 10am - 4pm each day. Children’s craft activities, refreshments with cakes, the Botanical Bazaar (not on Monday) and musical interludes. The church tower will also be open. On the Sunday afternoon at 4pm we have a special Flower Festival Songs of Praise Service. All very welcome.

**Home Study Group.** We next meet on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm at 72 North Street, Biddenden. All welcome.

**St Michael: FOSC Summer Drinks.** Join us at The Cloth Hall, Smarden on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 6-8pm** for an evening of drinks, canapés and live music in support of church fabric funds. Tickets £15, available from the Community Shop, West End Gallery, or Phil Henwood (01233 770536).

**St Michael: “Choral Tonic,” Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm.** Join us for an uplifting evening of beautiful choral music in the church presented by The Wealden Consort. Described as “an evening of choral music to soothe the soul,” this promises to be a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy a varied and inspiring programme. Tickets £15 and are available from Smarden Community Store, online at [www.wealdenconsort.org.uk](http://www.wealdenconsort.org.uk), or on the door.

**All Saints:** Back by popular demand -**Teddy’s Tower of Terror** returns on Bank Holiday Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August from 12-2pm. **The Great Teddy Round Up:** We’re collecting clean, good-quality teddies and soft toys for the tombola stall at this community event. Donations can be left on the back pews: Tuesdays, 2-4pm, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10am - 12 noon or brought to any Sunday service.

### Thank you

We would like to express our sincere thanks to David King, who has recently stepped down as Churchwarden, and to Martin Giles, who will be stepping down from his role following this morning’s (17<sup>th</sup> May) Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Their faithful service, dedication, and support to both congregations have been greatly appreciated over the years. They have given generously of their time, wisdom, and energy, and their contribution to the life of our churches has been invaluable. We are deeply grateful for all they have done and pray that God will bless them richly in the future.

**With grateful thanks from both congregations.**

All Saints Biddenden



St. Michael Smarden



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