

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



**Fortnightly Pew Sheet**

**31<sup>st</sup> May & 7<sup>th</sup> June 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 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Trinity Sunday**

**10am**      Group Service (All Saints)

**Hymns:** 7 All creatures of our God and King  
**MP**      327 Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
            728 We have a gospel to proclaim  
            506 O Lord my God!

**Collect for the day:**

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Reading:**      Matthew 28. 16-end (p 806)

**Post communion prayer for the day:**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

## Our services:

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June Trinity I

**8am** Said BCP Holy Communion (St Michael)

**10am** Sung Eucharist (All Saints)

**Hymns:** 148 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow (omit vs 2 & 6)

**AMNS** 217 Be thou my guardian and my guide

212 Who would true valour see

271 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

470 Hills of the North, rejoice

#### Collect for the day:

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

**Readings:** Genesis 12. 1-9 (p 8)  
Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26 (p 784)

#### Post communion prayer for the day:

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of 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:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 6-8pm FOOSC Summer Drinks at The Cloth Hall, Smarden

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Home Study Group at 72 North Street, Biddenden

## Services in the coming weeks

### 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 with visiting preacher Dr Nick Major from Calehill  
Dementia Friends (St Michael)

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

10am Family Eucharist (All Saints)

6pm BCP Evensong (St Michael)

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 4

8am Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

5pm Pizza, Puppets and Praise (All Saints)

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## Prayers



For healing in body, mind and spirit we pray for

**Sharon Muskett,**  
**Jayne Nicolls and Joanna Winston.**

*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

**St Michael:** The funeral of **Tony Lush** has been arranged for **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon** at the church. Please pray for his family and friends during this difficult time. That they will find peace and comfort from our Lord.

Sarah, the Parish Administrator, is on annual leave. She will be back in the office on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**St Michael: FOSC Summer Drinks.** Join us at The Cloth Hall, Smarden on **Wednesday 3rd 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).

**Home Study Group.** We next meet on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30pm at 72 North Street, Biddenden. All welcome.

**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.

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