

St Michael the Archangel, Smarden All Saints, Biddenden



Fortnightly Pew Sheet

26th July & 2nd August 2026

Our services:

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.

Sunday 26th July Trinity 8

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

Hymns: 207 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
AMNS 473 I come with joy to meet my Lord
192 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
403 Now let us from this table rise
214 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Collect for the day:

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 29. 15-28 (pew Bibles p 22)
Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52 (pew Bibles p 789)

Post communion prayer for the day:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung
your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your
body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Our services:
Sunday 2nd August
Trinity 9

8am Said BCP Holy Communion (St Michael)
10am Sung Eucharist with Dr Nick Major (All Saints)

Hymns: 247 I heard the voice of Jesus say
AMNS 217 Be thou my guardian and my guide
115 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
473 I come with joy to meet my Lord
262 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

Collect for the day:

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Saints Readings: Jeremiah 1. 4-5 (pew Bibles p 603)
Colossians 3. 1-4 (pew Bibles p 956)
Luke 15. 1-10 (pew Bibles p 845)

St Michael Readings: Genesis 32. 22-31 (pew Bibles p 26)
Matthew 14. 13-21 (pew Bibles p 790)

Post communion prayer for the day:

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet 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:

Tuesday 28th July 7.30pm Home Study Group at 72 North Street, Biddenden

Wednesday 29th July 2.30pm Funeral of Joanna Winston (All Saints)

Services in the coming weeks

Sunday 9th August – Trinity 10

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' in All Saints, Biddenden

10am Sung Eucharist in St Michael, Smarden

Sunday 16th August – Trinity 11

10am Group Service in St Marys, High Halden

6pm BCP Evensong in St Michael, Smarden

Sunday 23rd August – Trinity 12

8am Said BCP Holy Communion in All Saints, Biddenden

10am Sung Eucharist in St Michael, Smarden

Sunday 30th August – Trinity 13

10am Group Service at St Margaret's, Bethersden

Prayers

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For healing in body, mind and spirit we pray for
Sharon Muskett and Jayne Nicolls.

*It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Joanna Winston**. We pray for her 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: The funeral of Joanna Winston has been arranged for **Wednesday 29th July, 2.30pm** in the church. Please continue to remember Joanna's family and friends in your prayers.

Please note: For one week only Sarah, the Parish Administrator, will be working on Monday 27th July and Friday 31st July.

Home Study Group. We next meet on Tuesday 28th July from 7.30pm at 72 North Street, Biddenden. All welcome.

All Saints: Back by popular demand - **Teddy's Tower of Terror** returns on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st 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: Tues 2-4pm, Thurs and Sat 10am - 12 noon or brought to any Sunday service.

All Saints: Jazz Evening. Join us on Saturday 12th September at 7pm in Biddenden New Hall for an evening of live jazz with the ever-popular "Dr Jazz". Tickets include a Ploughman's Supper, with a licensed bar and raffle available. Tickets £15 each, or £12.50 each for pre-paid tables of 6+. Contact Hazel Ralph on 07739 837260 for tickets.

Keeping **All Saints** open this summer. We're looking for volunteers to help keep the church open for extra hours during the summer. If you can spare a two-hour session, working in pairs to welcome visitors and answer questions, please email julielupton.jl@gmail.com or call 07884 306997. Thank you!

Parishioners are encouraged to share their views through INEQE's anonymous safeguarding survey for the Diocese of Canterbury. Please complete by 11.30pm on Wednesday 9th September 2026: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>



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