

St Michael the Archangel, Smarden All Saints, Biddenden



Fortnightly Pew Sheet

9th & 16th August 2026

Our services:

Sunday 9th August Trinity 10

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.

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Hymns: 148 At the name of Jesus (omit vs 2 & 6)

AMNS 312 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult

292 Eternal Father, strong to save

194 King of glory, King of peace

Collect for the day:

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28 (pew Bibles p 30)
Matthew 14. 22-33 (pew Bibles p 790)

Post communion prayer for the day:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our services:
Sunday 16th August
Trinity 11

10am Group Service at St Mary's, High Halden
6pm BCP Evensong (St Michael)

Hymns: 118 Firmly I believe and truly
AMNS 209 Through all the changing scenes of life
 12 God, that madest earth and heaven

BCP Collect for the day:

O God, who declarest thy almighty power
most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity:
Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace,
that we, running the way of thy commandments,
may obtain thy gracious promises,
and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 45. 1-15 (pew Bibles p 37)
 Matthew 15. 21-28 (pew Bibles p 791)

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:

Monday 11th August 10am Biddenden Bookworms (All Saints)

Friday 14th August 5pm Wedding Rehearsal of Rebecca Taylor & James Deehan
(St Michael)

Saturday 15th August 1pm Wedding of Rebecca Taylor & James Deehan
(St Michael)

Wednesday 19th August 11.30am Funeral of David Anderson (All Saints)

Services in the coming weeks

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

Sunday 6th September – Trinity 14

8am Said BCP Holy Communion in St Michael, Smarden
10.30am 'Farm Church,' White House Farm, Biddenden

Sunday 13th September – Trinity 15

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' in All Saints, Biddenden
10am Sung Eucharist in St Michael, Smarden

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Prayers



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

*For the family and friends of **David Anderson**, those who have recently died and for all who mourn. We pray that they will find peace and comfort during this very difficult time.*

Notices

All Saints: The funeral of David Anderson has been arranged for **Wednesday 19th August, 11.30am** in the church. Please remember David's family and friends in your prayers.

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!

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.

Kent Ride & Stride – Saturday 12th September. **St Michael's** is once again taking part in the Kent Ride & Stride charity event. Tony Richter will be representing the church on his bicycle, visiting as many local churches as possible. A sponsorship form is available in church, and Tony would be very grateful for your support. Please consider sponsoring him before 12th September. Thank you for your generosity.

All Saints: Kent Ride & Stride 2026 - Saturday 12th September. Walk or cycle between Kent churches and help raise funds for All Saints. The church receives 50% of all sponsorship raised. For details and sponsorship forms, visit the Kent Ride & Stride website or contact Lindi Harman on tel: 0771 8754636 or lindi.harman@googlemail.com. Thank you for your support.

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.

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/>



All Saints Biddenden



St. Michael Smarden



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