

St Michael the Archangel, Smarden

All Saints, Biddenden



Fortnightly Pew Sheet

23rd & 30th August 2026

Our services:

Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12

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.

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

Hymns: 4 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
AMNS 391 Lord Jesus Christ
262 Alleluiah, sing to Jesus!
256 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
205 Now thank we all our God

Collect for the day:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: Exodus 1. 8-2. 10 (pew Bibles p 43)
Matthew 16. 13-20 (pew Bibles p 792)

Post communion prayer for the day:

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our services:
Sunday 30th August
Trinity 13

10am Group Service at St Margaret's, Bethersden

Lectionary readings for the day:

Exodus 3. 1-15 and Matthew 16. 21-end

Collect for the day:

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; 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:

Monday 24th August 12 noon Wedding rehearsal of Amelia Thompson & Liam Pickett (St Michael)

Friday 28th August 2pm Burial of Ashes for Susan Marshall (All Saints)

Saturday 29th August 1pm Wedding of Amelia Thompson & Liam Pickett (St Michael)

Monday 31st August 12 noon-2pm Teddy's Tower of Terror (All Saints)

Thursday 3rd September 2pm Burial of Ashes for Brian Johnson (St Michael)

Services in the coming weeks

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

Sunday 20th September – Trinity 16

10am Family Eucharist with Baptisms in All Saints, Biddenden

6pm BCP Evensong in St Michael, Smarden

Prayers

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



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

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Notices

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 - 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.

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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.

St Michael: Friday 25th September 2026. A talk by Katie Lam, MP for the Weald of Kent, (non-Political) in the church at 7pm, followed by wine and nibbles. Donations for the church would be appreciated at the door.

St Michael: Saturday 26th September 2026. An evening with acclaimed classic and moder guitarist Shaun Murray by popular demand from 7pm. Shaun will be accompanied in some duets by professional guitarist Phillip Bennett. Wine and Nibbles will be available. Admission £15.

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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