St Michael the Archangel, Smarden
All Saints, Biddenden

Fortnightly Pew Sheet

1st & 8th November 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 1st November – All Saints' Day

8am	Said BCP Holy Communion (St Michael)
10am	Sung Eucharist inc. remembering loved ones (All Saints)
4pm	All Soul's Service (St Michael)

Hymns: 208 O happy band of pilgrims
AMNS 122 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
170 The Church's one found. (omit vs. 3)
70 It is a thing (omit vs. 4 & 5)
305 For all the saints (omit vs. 3 & 5)

Collect for the day:
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading:
Psalm 34. 1-10 (pew Bibles p 448)
Matthew 5. 1-12 (pew Bibles p 779)

All Souls' Reading: John 6. 37-40 (pew Bibles p 864)

Post Communion Prayer for the day:
God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our services:

Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Sunday / 3 before Advent

10.50am Remembrance Service (All Saints)
10.50am Remembrance Service (St Michael)

Hymns: 100 All people that on earth do dwell
AMNS 99 O God, our help in ages past
212 Who would true valour see
292 Eternal Father, strong to save
293 National Anthem (vs. 1 & 3)

Collect for the day:
God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:
Amos 5. 18-24 (pew Bibles p 738)
Matthew 25. 1-13 (pew Bibles p 801)

Post communion prayer for the day:
God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Services in the coming weeks

Sunday 15th November – 2 before Advent
10am Family Eucharist in All Saints, Biddenden
4pm BCP Evensong in St Michael, Smarden

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King / Sunday before Advent
8am Said BCP Holy Communion in All Saints, Biddenden
10am Group Service in St Michael, Smarden

Sunday 29th November – Advent 1
10am Group Service in All Saints, Biddenden

Sunday 6th December – Advent 2
8am Said BCP Holy Communion in All Saints, Biddenden
10am Sung Eucharist in St Michael, Smarden
6pm Carol Service in All Saints, Biddenden

Join our Church family for regular events:

Tuesdays
2pm Biddenden Community Library (All Saints)
3.15pm-4.30pm "The Den" Youth Group (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:

Mon 2nd November 2pm Christmas Tree Festival meeting (All Saints)
Tues 3rd November 6pm PCC Meeting in Smarden Charter Hall (St Michael)
Sat 7th November 9am-12 noon Big Biddenden Breakfast in the New Village Hall
Tues 10th November 10am PCC Meeting in the cabin (All Saints)
Tues 10th November 7.30pm Home Study Group at 72 North Street
Sat 14th Nov 10am-4pm Biddenden Christmas Craft Fair in the village hall

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Prayers

For healing in body, mind and spirit we pray for
Sharon Muskett, Pat Lamm 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.

Notices

All Saints: Join us for **The Big Biddenden Breakfast** on **Saturday 7th November, 9am–12 noon**, at the New Village Hall. Enjoy a breakfast with juice, coffee and toast for £5, or a full English breakfast for £10. There will also be a Christmas Craft Stall, with profits going to All Saints Church. **Tickets:** Julie Lupton - 01580 291658 or julielupton.jl@gmail.com .

Home Study Group: we next meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th November at 72 North Street. All are welcome to this informal study group. Contact julielupton.jl@gmail.com for more information.

All Saints: The Merry Gala Series – The Grand Songbook, Saturday 21st November at 6pm. Enjoy an evening of Musical Theatre, Cabaret, Folksong and Opera. Tickets £15, available from fundraising.biddenden@sbcofe.org or 07718 754636.

St Michael: Ashford Borough Council has given permission for the Horse Chestnut tree, next to the Flying Horse, to be removed due to its poor condition. A date is being arranged for the tree surgeon to carry out the work. Access to the church from this area will be restricted for several days while the work takes place. The date for the tarmacadam work to the area following the tree removal has yet to be confirmed.

All Saints: Friday 4th – Sunday 6th December, 11am-5pm. **Christmas Tree Festival.** All welcome to come and enjoy the beautifully decorated trees.

Christmas Services at:

All Saints
6th December, 6pm Carol Service
24th December, 3pm Crib & Christingle Service
24th December, 11.30pm Midnight Mass
25th December, 9.15am Christmas Day Family Eucharist

St Michael
13th December,, 6pm Carol Service
24th December, 5.30pm Crib & Christingle Service
25th December, 11am Christmas Day Family Eucharist

This year, we will gather at **All Saints, Biddenden** for our **Midnight Mass**, and look forward to celebrating together.

Thank you to everyone who gives to the church financially. We are very grateful for all your support. If you would like to make a one-off donation, or set up a regular donation, an easy and tax efficient way is to use our online giving portal. Use your mobile phone to scan in the relevant code.

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St. Michael Smarden