St Michael the Archangel, Smarden
All Saints, Biddenden

All Saints Fortnightly Pew Sheet

15th & 22nd 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 15th November - 2 before Advent

Safeguarding Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist (All Saints)
4pm BCP Evensong (St Michael)

Hymns: 456 Make me a channel of Your peace
MP 33 And can it be that I should gain
54 Bind us together, Lord
200 Great is Thy faithfulness

Collect for the day:
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading:
1 Corinthians 13 (pew Bibles p 931)

Post Communion Prayer for the day:
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Our services:

Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King / Sunday before Advent

8am Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)
10am Group Service (St Michael)

Hymns: 140 All hail the power of Jesus' name! (omit vs 2 & 3)
AMNS 126 The King of love my shepherd is
148 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow (omit vs 2 & 6)
433 When I needed a neighbour
202 Let all the world in every corner sing

Collect for the day:
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings:
Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24 (pew Bibles p 693)
Matthew 25. 31-end (pew Bibles p 801)

Post communion prayer for the day:
Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services in the coming weeks

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

Sunday 13th December – Advent 3
8am Said BCP Holy Communion in St Michael, Smarden
9.30am 'Breakfast Church' in All Saints, Biddenden
6pm Carol Service in St Michael, Smarden

Sunday 20th December – Advent 4
8am Said BCP Holy Communion in St Michael, Smarden
10am Sung Eucharist with Christening 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 16th November 10am Christmas Tree Festival meeting (All Saints)
Tues 17th November 6pm PCC Budget meeting (Smarden Charter Hall)
Sat 21st November 7.30pm Merry Opera Gala Evening (All Saints)
Tues 24th November 7.30pm Home Study Group at 72 North Street
Saturday 28th November 1pm Baptisms (All Saints)

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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: 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.

Home Study Group: we next meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th November at 72 North Street. All are welcome to this informal study group. Contact julielupton.jl@gmail.com for more information.

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. The tree surgeon will be carrying out this work on Monday 16th November. 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.

St Michael's Guild: Friday 4th December. Advent cake and Christmas produce sale during the Friday coffee morning in the church. 10.30am to 12 noon. Profits will be divided between Catching Lives charity and St Michael's Guild.

Christmas Services at:

All Saints
6th December, 6pm Carol Service
24th December, 3pm Crib 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