

**Contagious Holiness, Saturday 13th October, 9.30am-12.30pm, The Vine**

A morning's teaching with Dr Crispin Fletcher-Louis

FREE—see Eventbrite for more information



**Sunday Lunch Club, 14th October at 12.30pm, St Nics Main Hall**

If you normally eat on your own and would like to join us for a 2 course lunch for £5, please sign the list at the back of church.

**Women's Bible Day, Wednesday 17th October, from 9.15am**

Ryarsh Village Hall. 'Life saving surgery from the letter of James' £10 payable on the day includes lunch

**JAZZ Night with Invicta Jazz, Friday 26th October, 7.30pm**

St Nicholas Church, FREE entry, retiring collection for Church funds & Invicta Jazz nominated charity. Bar available.



**Allington Millennium Green Wine & Wisdom, Sat 17th Nov**

7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Hall. £5 per head (incl nibbles) Bring your own drink. 01622 756660

**Beer & Bangers Tasting Evening, Saturday 24th November,**

7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Main Hall, FREE entry (collection for church re-ordering) Any queries to Sarah Lavender, 297307



**St Nicholas Christmas Market, 1st December**

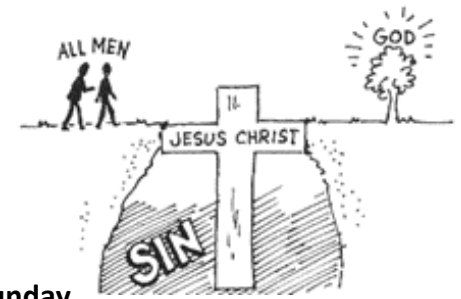
Help needed, please see Sarah Lavender - 297307

**Christmas Tree Festival, 14-16th December**

Help to make this a real spectacle. All trees welcome, any size, any colour - how will you decorate yours? Further information can be found at the back of church.



# St Nicholas' Church



## Sunday 7th October

### Services and Events this Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Morning Worship
- 5.00pm Oasis in the Afternoon
- 6.00pm JAHFA



### and the week ahead

#### Monday 8th October

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 7.30pm Discussion Group - Pippin

#### Tuesday 9th October

- 9.00 - 11.30am Toddler Group
- 1.30 - 3.00pm Palace Wood Harvest Festival

#### Wednesday 10th October

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 3.15pm Allington Explorers
- 7.30pm Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 11th October

- 9.00am Prayer Space

#### Friday 12th October

- 10.00am Mums & Babes with Oasis Café
- 2.30pm St Nicholas Church Fellowship - Main Hall



#### Saturday 13th October

- 9.00am - 12noon Car Park/Gardening Working Party



#### Sunday 14th October - 20th after Trinity

- 9.30am Oasis Harvest Parade
- 11.00am Holy Communion
- 12noon Sunday Lunch Club



### Commemoration Service

St Nicholas Church, Sunday 4th November at 2.30pm.

There will be a service of hymns, readings and prayers for those who have been bereaved and all are welcome to join us. If you wish your loved one to be specifically remembered during that service, whether you can be there or not, then please contact Rev Chris or Rev Barry by the end of October.

### Charity Bottle 2019

The current charity bottle system has been running for a number of years now and it was felt at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee that it is time to review how this operates, particularly as the sums collected tend to be limited and the administration of the process is time consuming.

Therefore our proposal is that, from the New Year, the church will commit to donating £100 to the selected charity of the month, from church finances, with a view to considering an increase year on year. We will no longer have the bottle available at the back of church.

We offer the opportunity for individuals to nominate a Christian charity that is of significance to them for our 2019 charities. The Social and Fundraising Committee will then choose from these nominations as to which charities will be the ones we support next year.

Please nominate your preferred Christian charity to the parish office by 29th October to enable the Social team to prepare their recommendations to PCC. Also, please nominate charities for our Christmas collections (including Church Christmas Card). There should also be the opportunity to donate to other causes during the year as, and when, that committee plan and implement particular events.

Rev Chris

### Help Needed

The coffee rota needs your help. The more people on the rota, the less often each person needs to do it!!

Let Jenny in the office know if you can help.



### Car park tidy up, Saturday 13th October, 9am to midday with refreshments

The aim is to have a good tidy up of the greenery around the car park. Many hands make light work, so if you can make it along your help would be much appreciated. Rev Chris



**Pray for the sick and anxious** Anna, Carol Gray, Stephen Birt, Melvin, Angela, Wally Downing and Tanay.

**Pray for those who have been bereaved over recent days** We pray for the families of Sue Sage (Sutton Valence), Brenda Gale, Irene Coates, Jacqueline Baldwin, and Doris Thomas.

**Pray for our Deanery** This month, as the new school year begins, our prayer focus is the work of Maidstone Street Pastors.

**Pray for our Diocese** People & Clergy of Reculver Deanery  
Area Dean : Anthony Everett

**Pray for our Residents** This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Rocky Hill, Sycamore Crescent and Shearwater.

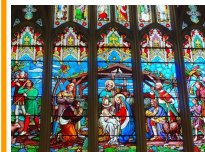
**Pray for our Community** all at The Grove Residential Home

**Charity for the month of October** Winter Shelter



### **Cards Available**

Baptism, Sympathy, Thank You and Thinking of You cards for sale in the Prayer Corner, £1 each. Please put your payment in the wall safe in the entrance foyer.



### **St Nicholas Church Christmas Card**

Paul & Carol have taken a beautiful photo of the stain glass window at All Saint's, Maidstone and have converted it into Christmas Cards which they are selling, in aid of church funds.

The cards are sold in packs of 5, £5 per pack.

Please order by completing the order sheet at the back of church or by seeing Jenny in the Parish Office. Sarah Lavender.