



St Nicholas Christmas Market - Saturday 10.30 to 2.30
 It's not too late to get involved. If you have time to help setting up / on the day / clearing away - do let Sarah know. What about donations? If you have any items you've been meaning to bring up - do it now (jigsaws, dvds, cds, bottles and chocolate for tombola, cuddly toys, books... the list is endless!)

Oasis Praise Service
Sunday 9th December at 9.30am
 Look forward to seeing you there



Sunday Lunch Club - Christmas Special
Sunday 9th December

If you normally eat alone and would like to join us, please sign the sheet at the back of church

HELP NEEDED

For our Christmas Tree Festival to be a success, we need lots of help, setting up tables, welcoming visitors, serving teas and coffees throughout each day and making cakes. Please sign the lists at the back of church or speak to Karen, Ruth or Margaret



What about submitting a tree?
 Entries are still being accepted - complete and return a form and get decorating.

A Merry Christmas from the East Malling Singers, Sat 15th Dec, 7.30pm
 Christmas carols, mince pies and mulled wine at St James the Great Church, East Malling. Ticket information on the poster in the church foyer.



St Nicholas' Church
Sunday 25th November

Services and Events this Sunday
 9.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Holy Communion

and the week ahead

Monday 26th November

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 27th November

7.30pm PILGRIM



Wednesday 28th November

8.30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Holy Communion
 9.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 29th November

9.00am Prayer Space

Friday 30th November

1.00pm Christmas Market set up

Saturday 1st December

10.30-2.30 Christmas Market

Sunday 2nd December - Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.00am Morning Worship
 4.45pm Oasis in the Afternoon
 6.00pm JAHFA



Our Prayer for November

'I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to Him as I rejoice in the Lord.' Psalm 104:33

As we come again to our heavenly Father, let's enter into His presence with praise. Help us to recognise that all we have comes from Him...He is totally dependable, righteous, His word is always the same, He wants us to be in fellowship with Him. He alone is worthy of our praise.

We give thanks for the glorious Summer, the abundance of the fruit crop. We give thanks also for the growth in the church-spiritual and numerical, for those taking part in the Bible Project, discussion groups, home groups. We ask the Lord to continue to help us grow, as individuals and as a church. We are disciples...called to bring the love of Jesus into the world. May we continue to bear fruit that will last. We pray for the success of the Christmas Market and the Christmas Tree Festival. Let them be a witness to the Community of the life of St. Nicholas. We know that a lot of local people come to events in the Church...we pray for each one of them that they may encounter the love of Jesus.

Jesus said: 'Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11:28.

There are so many around us who need that rest....help us to recognise them and bring the love of Jesus into their lives.

As winter approaches, we lift up all those who find the cold difficult...through financial hardship, homelessness, loneliness. We give thanks for all the agencies who offer help especially the Winter Shelter. Make us aware of any needs we can meet.

We pray for those Christians suffering persecution, who are living in bitterly cold conditions with little hope of aid other than through Western financed Christian aid agencies. We ask that fellow believers will give generously to relieve the suffering of these marginalised families. Let's give thanks for the love and concern of all those who reach out to support those in need. We are so blessed to have freedom from religious persecution. Help us to be mindful of that and to pray that it continues.

On a global scale, we lift up to the Lord those leaders who make decisions on foreign policy which directly affects the treatment of the poorest in society. May they have wisdom as they impose trade sanctions etc. on countries where Christians and other minorities are outcasts and treated harshly. We pray especially for Iran where Christians by birth have been tolerated, but converts from Islam have been persecuted. As sanctions come into force, they are all going to suffer hardship and persecution. We pray for wisdom, compassion and justice as policies are implemented.

'The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.' Psalm 103:6



Pray for the sick and anxious

Kay Whittle, Tanay, Liz Boots, Anna, Carol Gray, Stephen Birt and Melvin.

Pray for those who have been bereaved over recent days

Pray for our Deanery This month our prayer focus is on St Paul's.

Pray for our Diocese People & Clergy of Maidstone: St Luke the Evangelist
Clergy : Arthur Houston, Chris Key

Pray for our Residents This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Tonbridge Road, Terrace Road and Tichborne Close

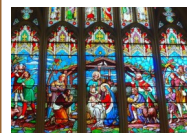
Pray for our Community all at 1st Allington Brownies

Charity for the month of November Open Doors



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.



Christmas Cards (in aid of Church Funds), available in packs of 5, £5 per pack, showing a beautiful photo of All Saint's stain glass window, taken by Paul & Carol.

Order sheet at the back of church or see Jenny in the Parish Office

Church Christmas Card Scheme...

If you would like to join the scheme (for details of how it works see the November issue of Grapevine) please sign the list at the back of church - the list will be there until 2nd December. Cards for signing will be available from 3rd December. You will then be able to collect your card from 19th December.

Any queries to : Margaret & David Salvage
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