

2019 Lent Study Group—Brave: Faith and Works

Jean and John Sweetman are proposing to run a Lent Course in St Andrew's Church of five Monday evenings in Lent, commencing Monday 11th March at 7.30pm



The study is entitled "Brave: Faith and Works" and is based on the book of James, a book of the Bible which is very practical and down to earth. We used this course when we attended Spring Harvest last year and will be obtaining booklets for everyone to use and follow.

If you would like to take part, please sign up on the list at the back of the church or ring us on 01622 728233. All are welcome to attend, even if you cannot manage to come to each session.

Taizé Service—with prayer for healing and wholeness

Sunday 17th March at 5.00pm—come and experience this meditative and thought provoking form of worship

Church Social Events

Loos and Lights Campaign

You can donate by completing a blue form (at the back of church) or, for your 'convenience' (did you see what I did there!!!), we now have a just giving page—justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stnicholas-church



St Nicholas Church Social Committee presents a Ceilidh Friday 1st March, 7pm in Church

Tickets £5 each or £15 family, from Sarah or the office
Bring your own drink and snacks



FREE Film Afternoon for Lent
Saturday 23rd March, 3pm
The Shack (Certificate 12) A Christian drama

And in the halls....

Allington Community Market, 1st March, 12noon to 3pm

Stalls to browse and delicious refreshments from Little Fant Farm

Millennium Green Quiz, 2nd March, 7.30pm

Bring your own drinks, £5 per ticket on 756660



In church...Maidstone Wind Symphony, 2 March, 7.30pm

Tickets via www.maidstonewindsymphony.org **An Evening of Chamber Music**

And in the wider community

Focus on Faith Helen Cooke 'Tough Times in the Life of Job' Weds 20th March,

Ryarsh Village Hall from 9.15am.

Please see leaflets at the back of church for more information

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St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 24th February 2019 - 2nd before Lent

9.30am Oasis
11.00am Holy Communion

and the week ahead

Monday 25th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 26th February

10.00am Schools Visit
3.20pm Palace Wood Explorers
7.30pm Bible Project

Wednesday 27th February

8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Bible Project
3.15pm Allington School Explorers
7.30pm Evening Prayer



Thursday 28th February

9.00am Prayer Space

Friday 1st March

7.00pm Ceilidh in Church

Saturday 2nd March

12noon Private Use
7.30pm Maidstone Wind Symphony Concert

Sunday 3rd March - Next before Lent

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



A Prayer for February

As we come before God may we remember His overwhelming love and compassion for His people. Let us bring our praise joining all those who have gone before us. We pray that we will never lose sight of the Holiness, greatness, faithfulness, the unchanging nature of God.

We continue to thank the Lord for His concern for all people and ask for His guidance as we reach out to those around us. Help us to show love to all those we meet regardless of our own prejudices. May the Lord give us the grace to be His hands, feet and mouth in Allington.

We thank the Lord again for all that is happening within the Church and ask for His protection as His word is proclaimed week by week. Help us to keep our eyes focussed on Jesus and not be distracted by things around us.

Let us give thanks for the Bible Project and ask the Lord to give understanding to all those taking part and hearing the teaching on Sunday. Help us to continue to hear what 'the Spirit is saying to the church. Let us have ears to hear.' But we ask that we not only hear, but act as necessary. May we grow in spirit and truth, not be complacent but seek God's will for us and turn away from those things that aren't helpful.

As we near the Brexit date let us pray earnestly for our leaders, that a beneficial agreement will be reached which will allow us to move forward. Let us pray for all those whose deep feelings on this issue are causing hurt to those around them. May we all keep it in perspective and join in praying for a godly outcome.

Please keep praying for all those issues mentioned on the prayer board and also for those who are on the periphery of the church. May their faith be strengthened and their desire to know more of Jesus grow.

Deanery Confirmation Service, Tues 19th March, 7pm at St Martin's Church, Shepway

Confirmation is a special service in which a person confirms the promises made in baptism. If you have not been confirmed, and wish to investigate the possibility, then please contact Rev Chris or Rev Barry to talk this through.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) & Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Our annual meetings will take place on the evening of Monday the 1st April, in church. There will be a short communion service at 7pm followed by the meetings starting at 7.30pm. The APM is very short and is to elect churchwardens - that is followed by the longer APCM (not too long) at which annual reports are presented and vacant posts on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod are voted upon.

If you wish to put your name forward for Churchwarden or PCC please contact Jenny, the administrator, for the relevant nomination form.

Annual meeting 'packs' will be available for collection from the back of church in due course - all are free to take one, although if you are registered on the Electoral Roll there will be one specifically with your name on it - if you are able to deliver any that would be much appreciated.

Rev Chris



Pray for the sick and anxious

Tanay, Carol Gray, Kirsty, Alfie, Connie Davies and Hazel Neseiyif.

Pray for those who have been bereaved over recent days We pray for the families of Eileen Waters, Jennifer Cornish, Christine Cole, Walter Downing and Daphne Kightley.

Pray for our Deanery This month we pray for All Saints with St Philip, Maidstone and St Philip, Tovil

Pray for our Diocese Jersey: St Martin Le Vieux Clergy : Geraldine Baudains

Pray for our Residents This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Beech Drive, Birchwood Road and Bedford Place.

Pray for our Community our Church Administrator and all who help in the office.

Charity for the month of February Alongside Africa



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.

Electoral Roll (Church membership list)

Every sixth year we are required to draw up a new Electoral Roll, in place of the previous one. This was last done in 2013 and so it is due to be done again this year. If you wish to remain on the Electoral Roll, or join it for the first time, a form needs to be completed - these can be found at the back of church, or can be obtained from the Parish Administrator.

Data Protection Consent Forms signed in 2018 confirm that you have given consent for St Nicholas' to hold your details in the Church Electoral Roll Directory. If you have not completed a consent form you will have to do so to enable the church to hold your information - these forms are also at the back of church, or can be obtained from the Parish Administrator. **CALEB HOWARD - Electoral Roll Officer**