

Church Events...

Sunday Lunch Club

If you normally eat alone and would like to join us for a 2 course lunch for £5 please sign the sheet at the back of church. Look forward to seeing you.



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

Coming soon - Virtual Games

FREE Film Afternoon for Lent

Saturday 23rd March, 3pm

The Shack (Certificate 12) A Christian drama



Jazz & Swing Concert, Friday 17th May, 7.30pm in church

St Nicholas Church presents Medway Big Band . FREE ENTRY, retiring collection

GRAND AUCTION OF PROMISES - Sunday 19th May

You've noted the date of the auction but now we need your offers of services or activities that could be auctioned—it could be providing a dinner, car cleaning, gardening etc. etc.

When you've thought of your offer please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of church. For further details see Grapevine.

And in the halls....

Kettle Bridge Clogs Annual Quiz Night, Sat 23rd March 2019, 7.30pm

Tables of 6/8, £6 per person (BYO Food and Drink), quiz@kettlebridgeclogs.org for tickets.

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

A Workshop Exploring Anna Chaplaincy with Older People

At St Benedict's in West Malling on 2nd April, an opportunity to explore ministry with older people and those with dementia, including Anna Chaplaincy.

If this is something you feel you may be interested in then please speak to

Easter Concert, Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm, All Saints Church, Maidstone

Tickets £12. Please see poster on church foyer notice board



St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 17th March - 2nd of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Oasis Communion
5.00pm	Taizé



and the week ahead

Monday 18th March

8.30am	Morning Prayer
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Tuesday 19th March

3.20pm	Palace Wood Explorers
7.00pm	Confirmation Service, St Martin's, Shepway

Wednesday 20th March

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

Thursday 21st March

9.00am	Prayer Space
2.30pm	Mothers' Union
5.00pm	CAMRA Curry Club, The Society Rooms

Friday 22nd March

10.00am	Mums & Babes Pilgrim
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Saturday 23rd March

8.30am	Men's Breakfast
3.00pm	FREE Film Afternoon for Lent



Sunday 24th March - 3rd of Lent

9.30am	Oasis
11.00am	Holy Communion
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'God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile': Max Lucado, Author.

As we continue to study revelation, let us take heart from the message of hope contained within the book. There may be times when it seems as though we are climbing a mountain, but let us not lose sight of the truth that God is with us every step of the way. We acknowledge that 'The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God and I will exalt Him.'

Exodus 15:2. As Moses did, we praise God for who He is, we thank Him for His love for us.

Again we lift our country up to the Lord as the Brexit issue continues. We ask that a solution will be reached which is good for our nation. We pray for healing between families and friends who are on opposite sides of the debate. Let us unite in praying for a country in which the name of Jesus is openly preached without fear of reprisals.

We pray for our church, that we will be a faithful witness to the love of Jesus. Let Jesus words be put into action : ' A new commandment I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.' John 13:34-35

We ask for the grace to show love to those who are feeling rejected, unlovable and without hope. Especially we pray for Daniel who was touched by that love, may he choose to move forward knowing that Jesus loves Him. Please pray for him and his family.

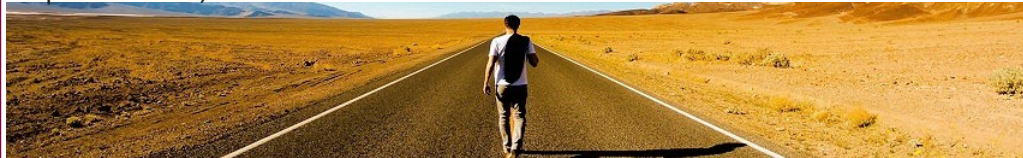
Let's continue to pray for each other, for our families, our neighbours, our community, the church. May we be faithful witnesses to those around us, bringing encouragement to each other and to those we meet. We have a high calling:

'But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a Holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.' 1 Peter 2:9

May the Lord give us the grace to show others how to live in the light of God's mercy and love

Help us Lord to rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer
Romans 12:12

Martin Luther King Jr. said: 'If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, keep moving forward.' With the help of our Lord, we will.



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 Gwendoline Hunter, Geoffrey Massey Eric Ward and Eileen Waters.

Pray for our Deanery This month we pray for St Faith's.

Pray for our Diocese People & Clergy of East Bridge Deanery
Area Dean : Stefan Thomas

Pray for our Residents This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Caroline Crescent, Cranleigh Gardens and Charlock Close.

Pray for our Community our Children and Families' Minister and all her work.

Charity for the month of March Church Army (Graham Nunn)



Cards Available

**** EASTER CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE PRAYER CORNER ****

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.

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

The reports for our annual meetings have now been sent out by email but if you have not had one please take a copy from the back of church. If they have run out please contact me and I will make sure that you are furnished with a copy.

The meetings will take place on Monday 1st April at 7.30pm, following on from a short act of worship which will include communion.

Rev Chris