

## Easter Lilies

The Easter Lily is a symbol of purity, hope, innocence and peace. At Easter, churches are decorated with lilies to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you would like to remember a loved one at this time, there is a list at the back of church.

We ask for a £1 donation for each lily.

**Doreen**



## Loos and Lights Campaign

You can donate by completing a blue form (at the back of church) or via our just giving page:—  
[justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stnicholas-church](https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stnicholas-church)

**Coming soon - Virtual Games ...** Walk or run 1km per day during the month of May. Registration is £10 per person and opens on 1st April, a celebration medal to all who complete the challenge. See Grapevine / Notice in Church foyer or Jackie Wilkinson for more information.

## 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.

## Allington Community Market, 5th April, 12noon to 3.00pm

**St Nicholas Church Main Hall** - Refreshments provided by Little Fant Farm  
Come and support your local independent traders.

## 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 31st March - Mothering Sunday

8.00am Benefice Holy Communion—St Nicholas'  
10.00am Benefice Mothering Sunday Service—St Andrew's

### and the week ahead

## Monday 1st April

8.30am Morning Prayer  
7.30pm APCM

## Wednesday 3rd April

8.30am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion with Mothers' Union  
1.00pm School Service

## Thursday 4th April

9.00am Prayer Space

## Friday 5th April

10.00am Mums & Babes with Oasis Café

## Sunday 7th April - 5th of Lent

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



'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 Jnr. 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 Peter Twort, John Matthews, Derek Snell and Geoffrey Massey

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

**Pray for our Diocese** Mothers' Union

**Pray for our Residents** This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Court Drive, Carisbrooke Drive and Clifford Way.

**Pray for our Community** St Nicholas Fellowship.

**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**

#### **Maundy Thursday Communion**

On Thursday 18th April there will be a Maundy Thursday Communion with light Supper, in church, at 7pm. For catering purposes, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

**Rev Barry**