

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

Now OPEN - Virtual Games ... Walk or run 1km per day during the month of May. Registration is £10 per person, 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.

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

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

Keeping in Touch

Anne Baker has moved to Yorkshire to be nearer her family. Mary Garrett has some cards with her new address for those who would like to keep in touch.



St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 7th April - 5th of Lent

Rev Chris is presiding at St Paul's, Boxley Road

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



and the week ahead

Monday 8th April

8.30am	Morning Prayer
7.30pm	Pippin Discussion Group

Wednesday 10th April

8.30am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Holy Communion

Thursday 11th April

9.00am	Prayer Space
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Friday 12th April

2.15pm	St Nicholas' Fellowship - visit to All Saints Church Heritage Trail
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Sunday 14th April - Palm Sunday

9.30am	Oasis
11.00am	Holy Communion

Prayer for April

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches' : Rev 1

As we now reach the end of our teaching series on this book, let us consider what the Spirit has been saying to us & to S. Nic's.

We ask the Lord to bring to our minds those things which stood out. We pray that we may be aware of the Holy Spirit working in the life of the church. We embrace the message of hope in the book.

We give thanks for the good which is happening...the success of Messy church, the eagerness with which so many attend the Bible Project, the good teaching we are having week by week, the friendships, the care for those around, the involvement in the community, the commitment to bringing situations for prayer. Let us praise God with a thankful heart.....it is He who gives the increase to the church.

'So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow.' 1 Cor. 3:7

We pray that the Lord will give us the courage to keep spreading the word, and that He will enable the church to grow....not just numerically but spiritually.

'Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.' Eph 5:11

Let us praise God for being concerned, with us, for our nation. Give thanks that nothing is too hard for the Lord!

Hymn 604 says: 'We have scorned the truth you gave us,
 We have bowed to other lords.
 We have sacrificed the children
 On the altars of our gods.
 O let truth again shine on us,
 Let your Holy fear descend:
 Upon our nation, upon our nation
 Have mercy Lord.'

Let this be our prayer to God as we cry out to Him for our country. We cry out to the Lord to heal our nation, to bring it back to acknowledging Jesus as Lord over all. We ask again that the Brexit negotiations are finalised without any more damage to our nation's stability. We pray for our continued freedom, may we never take it for granted.

As Easter approaches, help us to remember the enormous love God has for us, fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness. We pray that we will reflect that love and joy in the community. Jesus has come to set us free from all that binds us. Whoever Jesus sets free is free indeed! Praise God!

As Rev Chris & Sarah prepare to make their Pilgrimage, let us surround them with our prayers, may the preparations go smoothly, let us support them in prayer every step of the way.

We also pray for Rev Barry, Fiona, Nigel, Julian, Liz as they continue to minister to us. We are very blessed to have them. Help us to be aware of those things we can do to lighten the load.



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 Sibongile Sibanda, Peter Twort, John Matthews and Derek Snell.

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

Pray for our Diocese Margate : St Paul (Cliftonville)

Clergy : Patrick Ellisdon, Nick Ratcliffe

Pray for our Residents This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Cobham Close, Corben Close and Conway Road.

Pray for our Community Doreen and the Flower Arrangers

Charity for the month of April Mercy Ships



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.

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

Rev Chris will be on sabbatical from 23rd April and will return to parish duties on the 18th June. Upon his return the first service that he will preside at will be on the 30th June (a fifth Sunday benefice service at St Nicholas' Church). During this period Rev Barry will carry all parish responsibilities and he can be contacted directly or via the parish administrator or churchwardens - Rev Barry will be changing his day off from Tuesday to Thursday.