

## Men's Breakfast Sat 27th April

I look forward to seeing you all at breakfast. Unfortunately, our speaker from the Samaritans has had to cancel but will be with us at a later date, in the meantime maybe a resident from our group would volunteer and give us all a "good talking to". Brian 759278

## Coming Soon



### Bible Project

The next series covers 1 Corinthians, and starts on Tuesday May 7th. Please pick up a leaflet from the back of church for more information.

### Messy Buildings

Saturday 18th May, 11am-1pm

See Fiona to book



### 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](http://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 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.



# St Nicholas' Church

## Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday

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8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Oasis Communion

### and the week ahead

**Monday 22nd April**— No Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 23rd April - St George's Day Parade**

### Wednesday 24th April

8.30am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion

### Thursday 25th April

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

### Saturday 27th April

8.30am Men's Breakfast

### Sunday 28th April - 2nd of Easter

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, Hazel Neseyif, Carol Jones and Dan.

Pray for those who have been bereaved over recent days We pray for the families of Kathleen Grace, Peter Twort and Marie Harrison.

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

Pray for our Diocese King's Wood

Clergy : Sue Starkings

Pray for our Residents This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Dargate Close, Doddington Court and Eynsford Road

Pray for our Community all the helpers on our Rota's (Refreshments, readers, intercessors, cleaning, Communion assistants)

Charity for the month of April Mercy Ships



### 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.

**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.**