

## Loos and Lights Campaign

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## STILL TIME TO CATCH UP - Virtual Games ...

Walk or run the equivalent of 1km per day during the month of May.

Registration is £10 per person, a celebration medal to all who complete the challenge.



**8th June @ 3pm, FREE Film Afternoon, Mary Poppins Returns**  
Refreshments

available

Use our chair or  
bring your own



## Sunday 16th June, 3pm, Music for a Summer Afternoon, in church

With strawberry cream teas. Retiring collection. Enquiries to 01622 756660

## Dates for your diaries



**6th July, Beer & Bangers**



**18th August, Rounders & Picnic**

## And in the Wider Community

### Friday 24th May, Healing and Wholeness Service, 7pm

St John's Church, Barham, CT4 6PB

### Friday 7th June, Allington Community Market, 12-3pm, in main hall

supporting The Alzheimer's Society Cupcake Day



Please note that Men's Breakfast has been cancelled this month. Our next breakfast will be on Saturday 29th June with a speaker from the Samaritans. Brian 759278

# St Nicholas' Church



## Sunday 19th May - 5th After Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Oasis Communion (with Explorers)
11.30am	Auction of Promises

## and the week ahead

### Monday 20th May

8.30am	Morning Prayer
7.30pm	PCC Meeting

### Tuesday 21st May

3.20pm	Explorers—Palace Wood
7.30pm	BIBLE Project



### Wednesday 22nd May

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

### Thursday 23rd May

9.00am	Prayer Space
5.00pm	CAMRA Curry Club, The Society Rooms
7.30pm	Private Use

### Friday 24th May

10.00am	Mums & Babes Pilgrim
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### Sunday 26th May - 6th of Easter

9.30am	Oasis
11.00am	Holy Communion

## Prayer for May

'The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no-one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' Isaiah 40:28-31

As Rev Chris and Sarah continue on their Pilgrimage along the Camino, let us claim God's promises for them. May He give them strength each day to complete the miles ahead without mishap. We pray that this will be a time of enormous spiritual awareness and blessing for both of them. Let them be protected on all sides and enjoy the experiences they face.

'Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9

We lift up to the Lord all those students taking exams over the next few weeks. We pray that they will go into them calmly and confident in the work they have put in. We ask that they will be able to bring to mind the information they have learned over the last months and get it onto the paper.

We pray also for wisdom for the parents, that they will be able to be relaxed and provide a stable home life at a difficult time.

Let us not fail to remember in our prayers all those in our community who are struggling whether it be health, work, finance or family issues. May they know the presence of a loving Heavenly Father in their lives giving them strength when it's needed most.

Please continue to pray for the people of Sri Lanka, we pray that those who perpetrated the atrocity will come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We give thanks for the congregation of the church who speak of forgiveness. May they be blessed for their faith and be a powerful witness to the love of God.

'The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.' Psalm 9:9-10

As for us in St. Nic's, we echo the words of Psalm 9:1-2...'I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.'



### Pray for the sick and anxious

Rosemary Froude, Emma Hamilton-Barnes and family, Tanay, Carol Gray, Kirsty, Alfie, Connie Davies, Hazel Neseiyif, Carol Jones and Dan.

Pray for those who have been bereaved over recent days We pray for the families of Alan Colegate and Tony Payne.

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

Pray for our Diocese Maidstone: St Michael & All Angels  
Clergy : Neil Bryson

Pray for our Residents This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Giddyhorn Lane, Glenwood Close and Goudhurst Close

Pray for our Community Staff, Pupils and families at Palace Wood Primary School

Charity for the month of May Christian Aid



### 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.**