## **Coming Soon at St Nicholas**

Men's Breakfast

8.30am. We hope to have a speaker from the Samaritans. I look forward to seeing many of you there following what seems to have been a long break!! Brian 759278



Tuesday 2nd July - CAMRA Club, 12noon at The Society Rooms

Saturday 13th July—Messy Picnics



6th July, Beer & Bangers, from 7.30pm in the Main Hall

**18th August, Church Picnic** All very welcome, BYO food





31st August, Invicta Jazz Convert in church

14th September, Jonathan Veira concert in church

### And in the Wider Community

Community Wardrobe - Wednesday 3rd July at St Martin's Church, ME15 7LP Learn how you can help your local community by collecting and donating school uniforms to families in need.

Further information can be found on the church foyer notice board.

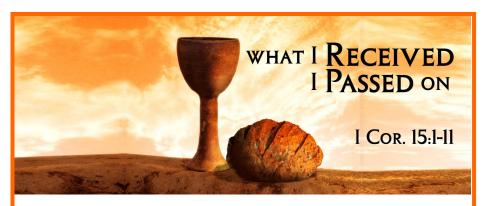
# **Loos and Lights Campaign**

You can donate by completing a blue form (at the back of church) or via our just giving page:  $\!-\!$ 

justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stnicholas-church



Did you know that if you are entered on the membership list of the church (the Electoral Roll) you are entitle to a 'Precinct Pass' that gives you free entry to Canterbury Cathedral? Forms available from the office.



# St Nicholas' Church

#### Sunday 23rd June - 1st after Trinity

9.30am Oasis

11.00am Holy Communion

5.00pm Oasis in Afternoon Communion

#### and the week ahead

Monday 24th June

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 25th June** 

1.00pm-3.00pm Church in Private Use 3.20pm Explorers—Palace Wood

Wednesday 26th June

8.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 27th June** 

9.00am Prayer Space

Friday 28th June

6.00pm Church in Private Use

Saturday 29th June

Men's Breakfast in Main Hall

Sunday 30th June - 2nd after Trinity

8.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Andrew's 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas

#### **Our Prayer for June**

'I urge then, first of all, that requests ,prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.' 1 Timothy 2:1-4

In this time of political confusion, we pray for wisdom for those involved in selecting the next Prime Minister. We ask, Lord, that the candidate chosen will provide strong, wise leadership for our country.

We pray for a speedy conclusion to the Brexit issue, one which allows our country to move forward positively. As we remember the end of the last World War, give thanks for the years of peace in Europe. Let us ask the Lord to bless the other nations within the E.U., may we be able to build harmonious relations with them in the future.

As we continue to study the 1<sup>st</sup> book of Corinthians, let us ask the Lord to help us live lives which are pleasing to Him. May we not do anything which will cause others to stumble or fall. We pray that we will bring salt and light to the world, showing God's presence everyday, revealing His goodness and reflecting His light. We give thanks to the Lord for His concern for our nation and for the opportunity we have to bear witness to the love and mercy of a loving Father. Our desire is for our country to turn again to the Lord and not be led astray by worldly concerns.

Let us thank the Lord for bringing Rev. Chris and Sarah safely through their pilgrimage, may He continue to bless them as they return to their roles within His church. As we move into the Summer, we pray that, through the Holy Spirit, the path forward will be revealed.

Please continue to lift up to the Lord those people within the church who are being challenged by outside situations. Help us to support one another with prayer, by listening, by being available. We are one body, nobody should be struggling alone.

Finally, give thanks that the church in Sri Lanka is able to meet again, pray for their protection and safety. Bless the Pastor who forgave the perpetrators of the bombing. 'Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.' Romans 12:17-18

May the Lord reach out to those men .....He wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of Him. 'Do not be overcome by evil; but overcome evil with good.' Romans 12:21

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13



#### Pray for the sick and anxious

Christine Colyer and family, Gordon Lorimer, Rosemary Froude, Emma Hamilton-Barnes and family, Tanay, Carol Gray, Kirsty, Alfie, Connie Davies, Hazel Neseyif and Dan.

# Pray for all those who have been bereaved over recent days

We pray for the family of Lynda Overton

<u>Pray for our Deanery</u> This month we pray for All Saints, Loose

**Pray for our Diocese** Stour Downs Benefice

Clergy: Chris Denyer

<u>Pray for our Residents</u> This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Howard Drive, Hawkwood and Juniper Close.

<u>Pray for our Community</u> Staff, Pupils and families at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls

**Charity for the month of June** CAST / Family Trust

### **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.

#### **SERMON SERIES**

So far this year we have considered the book of Revelation, followed by Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Our new series will take place across July and will be the book of JAMES. This is a book that is very much about faith in action. There is a brief explanation of the book available at the back of church and a copy of each of the readings we will be using will be available each week.

For August we are going to have a foray into the book of PSALMS and then after the summer, and taking us to Christmas, we will be looking at the book of the prophet ISAIAH

Rev Chris