



Morning Prayer

During the building works the Monday and Wednesday morning prayer has been at St Andrew's at 9am. With those works finishing at the end of August we will return to St Nicholas' on those days, however we will be continuing to meet at 9am (rather than 8.30am) as this makes for a more consistent pattern across our two churches.

Rev Chris

If anyone has any spare empty coffee or jam jars, I would be most grateful if you would let me have them - it's jam and chutney making time again. Please leave them in church or in my porch (70 Poplar Grove). Thank you, Mary Gentry

Men's Breakfast

Please note that there will be no breakfast this month due to holidays. Our next breakfast will be Saturday 28th September with hopefully a little more than a boiled egg! Brian 759278



Coming Soon at St Nicholas

30th August, Invicta Jazz Concert in church, 7.30pm
FREE Entry with retiring collection. Bar available.



8th September, Sunday Lunch Club

If you normally eat alone and would like to join us for a 2 course lunch for £5 please sign up on the list at the back of church.

14th September, FKC Ride & Stride

Hundreds of churches will be open between 10am and 6pm for you to cycle or walk between - you choose your route length/time and number of churches. Gary Nevill is raising money as he cycles, with 50% going to the Friends of Kent Churches to maintain churches in Kent and the other half sent back to St Nicholas. Do speak to him for more information, or perhaps sponsor him - form at the back of church.



**14th September, Concert in church,
7.30pm start**



Tickets £8, available from the Parish Office.
Please see notice board for more information



Psalm 148
Praise the Lord

St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 25th August - 10th after Trinity

9.30am Oasis
11.00am Holy Communion

and the week ahead

Church closed while our facilities are updated

Monday 26th August - Bank Holiday

No Morning Prayer

Wednesday 28th August

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
No Holy Communion
No Evening Prayer

Thursday 29th August

9.00am Prayer Space (Main Hall)

Friday 30th August

7.30pm Invicta Jazz Concert in church

Sunday 1st September - 11th after Trinity

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



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) 'VISION DAY'

On Saturday 12th October the PCC will be having a day out. We are all going to Holy Cross, Bearsted, to spend some time considering the future 'vision' of the church.

This is an opportunity to celebrate all that St Nicholas' Church does and then for some 'BLUE SKY THINKING' about who we are as a church and where we are going.

To help the PCC think things through we would like to consult all who are part of our activities. We are therefore going to carry out a consultation process over the summer - that sounds very grand but what it really means is that for a one month period, at each service and in other relevant forums, we will hand out a slip of paper with one question on it for you to consider and to respond accordingly - there will be a box at the back of church for your response, or you can do so by email if you wish. All the responses will be gathered together and will help towards the discussion process at the vision day on the 12th October.

The 'vision day' is not about answers or coming up with a strategy, or plan. It is about opening our minds to what possibilities are out there for developing as a church in this community. The consultation period will start on Sunday 18th August and finish on Sunday 15th September. **Rev Chris**

Current PCC Members

Rev Chris - Chair

Rev Barry

Angela Redford - Churchwarden	Michael Evans - Churchwarden
Alan Foreman - Deanery Synod rep	Michael Froude-Deanery Synod rep
Erika Catchpole - Deanery Synod rep	
Barbara Stratford (co-opted)	Chris Cook
Christine Colyer	David Salvage
Debbie Hayles	Fiona Higgs
Gill Waite	Jackie Wilkinson
Jenny Stone	Jessica Derham
Nicky Bailey	Nigel Smetham
Ruth Brind	Sarah Lavender



Pray for the sick and anxious

Eunice Vane, Linda Williams, Rosemary Froude and Tanay.

Pray for all those who have been bereaved over recent days

We pray for the families of Agnes Houghton and Averil Wells.

Pray for our Deanery This month we pray for St Nicholas and St Andrew's

Pray for our Diocese Canterbury: St Martin & St Paul Clergy : Mark Griffin

Pray for our Residents This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Mountsfield Close, Malling Terrace and Maxwell Drive.

Pray for our Community Staff, residents and families at Cedardale Care Home

Charity for the month of August Mission Aviation



COFFEE AND CHAT

Meeting 24 September, 10am, back of church

We are thinking of setting up a weekly coffee morning on Tuesdays between 10am and 12noon, at the back of Church, using the new kitchen.

The coffee morning is intended for all; existing church members and those who have no contact with St Nicholas'. Hopefully it will provide a good social opportunity and that it might be of particular value to those who may live on their own. We hope the coffee morning will add yet another way in which St Nicholas can be active in its local community – serving others, which is at the heart of the gospel—this time by providing a regular, friendly and welcoming place to meet over a cup of coffee.

Many of us have grown up children and know just how busy their lives are. We are often reluctant to make additional demands on them and so this coffee morning may well be a place where we can meet with others; others who we can ask if they know of a good electrician etc. or share any other query or concern.

There will be a meeting at 10am on Tuesday 24 September at the back of church (over a cup of coffee or tea) to talk about more details. Please come if you have already volunteered to help, if you have any ideas that might be useful, or if you are just interested to hear more.

Thank you to all who have already expressed interest.

Hope to see you on 24 September, but if you can't come and have a suggestion, please do contact me (email: canonliz.walker@gmail.com Tel. 07434 156563) **Liz Walker**

Liz approached me a little while ago about the possibility of this Coffee & Chat Tuesday Café and I was very happy for her to take things further. I am very encouraged by the enthusiasm shown and look forward to seeing this progress. **REV CHRIS**