



**St Nicholas Church
Notice Sheet
October**



St Nicholas Harvest Services will be on 13th October at 9.30 and 11am
Please bring your Harvest gifts to one of these services



Saturday 5th October, 7pm
Tickets £5 per adult, £15 per family
Glasses provided but please bring your own drinks.
Will you volunteer to perform on stage?

Contact Sarah (297307) to book your 5 minute slot (sing, dance, mime, recite a poem- the choice is yours) and get your ticket.

Encounter, 13th October, 6.30pm
A New Style of Worship

Following our popular and successful Oasis Praise services that have taken place on a Sunday morning, Encounter, is a service with the emphasis on Praise, aimed at adults.



Regular Church Events in October

CAMRA – Wednesday 2ND, 12noon and Thursday 17TH, 5.30pm at the Society Rooms, Maidstone. Join together for food, drink and fellowship—see Mike Evans for more details
JAHFA - Sunday 6TH, 6.00pm to 7.30pm in church. Led by Fiona Higgs, this is 'Explorers' for Secondary School children

Men's Pub Discussion Group - Monday 7TH, 7.30pm at the Pippin (Rev Barry)



Bible Project - Tuesday 8TH and 29TH, 7.30pm in church
All are welcome to attend as we consider the book of the prophet Isaiah. Refreshments provided (Rev Chris)

Oasis Café with Mums & Babes – Friday 11TH, 10.00am to 12noon in church
(Fiona Higgs)



St Nicholas Fellowship – Friday 11TH, 2.30pm in church



Mothers' Union – Thursday 17TH, 2.30pm in church (Chris Cook)

Mums & Babes Pilgrim – Friday 18TH, 10am in church (Fiona Higgs)

Saturday Club - Saturday 19TH, 10am to 12noon



Men's Breakfast - Saturday 26TH, 8.30am in Main Hall
Please see Brian Davison for further information (01622 759278)

Sunday Lunch Club - Sunday 27TH,

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 (Chris Cook 670240)



Additional Church Events taking place in October



Mother's Union Open Evening - Tuesday 15th, from 7.30pm, in church
A chance to hear what Mothers' Union is involved in locally, nationally and internationally, and how you could get involved.
All are very welcome.



Taizé - Sunday 27th, 5pm in church
A more reflective form of worship

Charity Giving at St Nicholas Church

Each month St Nicholas Church donate £100 to a Christian Charity. This list is drawn up from suggestion made by you. Charitable giving for 2020 is now being discussed. If you have a suggestion, please let the Parish Office know by the end of October. Also required are suggestions for recipients of our Christmas Service Collections and our Church Christmas Card Scheme.

Freewill Offering Envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like to know more, please speak to Geoff Garrett .

Prayer

Pray for our Deanery This month we are especially thinking about the gifts of God's creation, particularly focussing on our local area.

Pray for our Diocese

Sunday 6th	Westgate-on-Sea: St Saviour Clergy: Karen Gooding
Sunday 13th	The United Wye Benefice: Boughton Aluph and Eastwell: All Saints & St Christopher, Brook: St Mary, Elmsted: St James The Great, Hastingleigh: St Mary The Virgin, Petham: All Saints, Waltham: St Bartholomew, Wye: St Gregory & St Martin with Hinxhill: St Mary Clergy: Ravi Holy, Lorraine Lawrence, Linda Cross
Sunday 20th	Guernsey: St Marguerite De La Foret Clergy: Claire Claxton
Sunday 27th	Guernsey: St Saviour Clergy: Mark Charmley, Tracy Charmley

Pray for our Residents This month we focus on the residents and businesses in Sycamore Crescent, Shearwater, Sterling Avenue, Stockbury Drive, Standsted Close, Sheringham Close, Stadler Close, Shaftesbury Close, Somerfield Road, Somerfield Lane, Speldhurst Court, Station Approach, St Lawrence Avenue, St Leonard's Road, St Anne's Close, St Peter's Street and Scotney Gardens.

Pray for our Community Members, Leaders, parents and all involved in Allington Scout Group (Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Pack and Scout Troop).



Charity for the month Winter Shelter Their Volunteer Application form is now available at maidstoneshelter.org.uk

Week of Accompanied Prayer, 24th-30th November 2019

This is a great opportunity to take a bit of 'me' time out of each day, for the period of one week. It isn't about being very 'prayerful' or 'spiritual', it is about allowing yourself some space to re-orientate.

To register your interest contact Angela Redford (angela.redford@hotmail.co.uk or 01622 758641) or pick up an application form from the back of church.



Community Events in October

4th October – Poplar Pre-School Bingo Night, 7.30pm in St Nicholas' Main Hall



11th October – Family Quiz Night, 7.00pm in St Nic's Main Hall – raising funds for one of our JAHFA members, Chris Stone, as he plans his World Challenge trip to Vietnam and Laos. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, Tickets £5 each from Jenny in the office (07442 534148)

Saturday 19th October—Wit & Wisdom at 7.30pm, in St Nicholas' Main Hall £5, tea and coffee provided, please bring your own drinks and snacks. Teams of 6-8 or individuals welcome. Bookings 01622 204569 In aid of THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

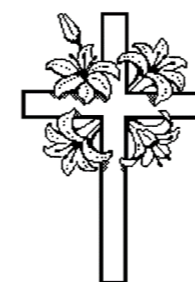
Sunday 20th October at 6.30pm—St Luke's Service of Healing and Blessing
Canterbury Cathedral Crypt



Church Events Coming Soon and dates for your diary

Saturday 2nd November – Folk Concert in Church 7.00pm for 7.30pm Another evening with Jon Cunningham & Steve Shorey, Free Entry with a Retiring Collection for Church Funds.

Sunday 3rd November—A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION, St Nicholas' Church, 2.30pm



There will be hymns, readings and prayers for those who have been bereaved and all are welcome to join us. If you wish your loved one to be specifically remembered during that service then please contact; Revd. Chris Lavender - 01622 297307 rev.chris@hotmail.co.uk or Revd. Barry Knott - 07475 468622 rev.barry@icloud.com

Wednesday 6th November—Coffee Morning at St Nicholas Church from 11am to 12.30pm Admission free, donations for refreshments, Jewellery and Gifts Stalls In aid of THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

7th December—St Nicholas Church Christmas Market If you are able to help in any way, please speak to Sarah Lavender

8th December—Afternoon Christmas Concert in Church 3.00pm Following requests after their concert in June 'Bel Canto' return. Free Entry, Retiring Collection in aid of Church Funds.

14th December—Invicta Jazz Concert in Church 7.30pm, Free Entry, Retiring Collection

19th December—Carols by Candlelight in church, 5.00pm

20th December—Christmas Readings in church, 7.30pm