



St Nicholas Church Notice Sheet



November



**A Service of Commemoration,
Sunday 3rd November, 2.30pm**

Hymns, readings and prayers for those who have been bereaved, and all are welcome to join us.

Remembrance Sunday, 10th November Act of Remembrance, 10.50am

Saturday 2nd November
7.00pm for 7.30pm
St Nicholas Church
Poplar Grove
Maidstone ME16 ODE
Free Admission -
Retiring Collection for Church Funds

Another Evening of Folk Music with
Jon Cunningham & Steve Shorey
Modern Folk
Original Songs



Encounter Sunday 17th November, 6.30pm

A service with the emphasis on Praise. If you weren't able to join us for October's service, do come along this month

Regular Church Events in November

JAHFA - Sunday 3rd, 6.00pm to 7.30pm in church. Led by Fiona Higgs, this is a group for Secondary School children to meet together.

Men's Pub Discussion Group - Monday 4th, 7.30pm at the Pippin (Rev Barry)

CAMRA - Wednesday 6th, 12noon and Thursday 21st, 5.30pm at the Society Rooms, Maidstone. Join together for food, drink and fellowship—see Mike Evans for more details



Oasis Café with Mums & Babes - Friday 8th, 10.00am to 12noon in church (Fiona).

St Nicholas Fellowship - Friday 8th, Annual Christmas Lunch - menu choices to Michael Froude before 3rd!



Bible Project - Tuesday 12th, 7.30pm in church

All are welcome to attend as we consider the book of the prophet Isaiah. Refreshments provided (Rev Chris)

Messy Church - Saturday 16th, 11am to 1.30pm

An event for the whole family to come together with craft, games, worship and food. Contact Fiona to book, 07951 777854 (£3 each, £10 a family)



Mothers' UNION Mothers' Union - Thursday 21st, 2.30pm in main hall (Chris Cook)
Christian care for families

Mums & Babes Pilgrim - Friday 22nd, 10am location to be advised (Fiona)



Men's Breakfast - Saturday 30th, 8.30am in Main Hall

Please see Brian Davison for further information (01622 759278)

Other Church Events

17th November, 2pm - Car Park Tidy. If you can spare an hour, please come along (with tools and gardening gloves if you have them), and lend a hand to clear the undergrowth around the car park and church buildings. Refreshments will be provided by Rev Chris!!

Church closed

Week commencing 18th November — new lighting being installed (No Wednesday Communion)

Week commencing 24th November— Week of Accompanied Prayer
Sunday Services will take place as usual

Christmas at St Nicholas - see back page

There is so much coming up; events to attend; help needed; goods to be donated; that we've run out of room!! Please see additional sheet for details, or take a look at our webpage www.stnicholasallington.org.uk

Prayer

Pray for our Deanery This month we focus on St Paul's.

Pray for our Diocese

Sunday 3rd	Allington: St Nicholas Clergy: Chris Lavender, Barry Knott
Sunday 10th	Maidstone: St Martin Clergy: Joyce Addison
Sunday 17th	Boughton Monchelsea: St Peter Clergy: Philip Goodey
Sunday 24th	Faversham Benefice: Preston-Next-Faversham: St Catherine, Ospringe: St Peter & St Paul, Faversham: St Mary of Charity, Brents & Davington: St Mary Magdalene Clergy: Simon Rowlands, Daniel Corcoran

Pray for our Residents This month we focus on the residents and businesses in Tintern Road, Trapham Road, The Spires, Tonbridge Road, Terrace Road, Tichborne Close, Talbot Road, Trevor Drive, The Weavers, The Thatchers, Vicary Way and Victoria Street.

Pray for our Community Members, Leaders, parents and all involved in Guiding within Allington (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Trefoil Guild).

Charity for the month Church Urban Fund



CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD SCHEME

This year we will be running the church Christmas Card scheme again; it is a way of donating to charity and cutting down on the number of cards you need to buy. The money you may have spent on buying Christmas cards for your church friends is donated to an agreed charity. We supply a card with your name on it, you then sign all the other cards and make a donation. You then collect your card—full of signatures. If you would like to join the scheme, please sign the list at the back of church (available between Sunday 10th and 24th November). The cards will be available to sign from Wednesday 27th November until 11th December. You can then collect your card from Sunday 15th December. Any queries to Margaret & David Salvage, 01622 672985, dm.salvage@btinternet.com

Community Events in November

1st November – Allington Community Christmas Market, 1pm in St Nicholas' Halls

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



8th November - ACA Fireworks Night, Gates open at 6pm at the ACA Castle Road. Tickets £7 each or family of 4, £20. Hot food and drinks available.

16th November— Allington Millennium Green Wine & Wisdom 7.30pm
@ St Nics Main Hall
Teams of up to 8 welcome, £5 per head, bring your own drinks.
To book tickets call 01622 756660



28th November-Care for the Family-Left To Their Own Devices?, St Luke's
Katharine Hill and Philip Jinadu explore the effects of growing up in a digital environment and how to make our children feel confident in who they are in a 'selfie obsessed' culture. Book online or call 029 2081 0800

Church Events Coming Soon and dates for your diary



7th December—St Nicholas Church Christmas Market

Donations required for hampers and stalls, including books / bottles / chocolate / gifts and nail varnish (part used is fine as JAHFA are running a nail painting stall)
Also required : soup and cake makers and refreshment servers (sign up sheets available from 10th)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. Refreshments available.



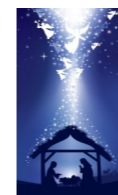
9th/10th/11th December—Christmas at The Rectory
Rev Chris and Sarah invite you to a Christmas Supper at The Rectory at 7pm. Please let Sarah know which evening you are free to join them. sarahlavender59@hotmail.co.uk



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

15th December—Carols by Candlelight in church, 5.00pm, followed by Refreshments

20th December—Christmas Readings and Mulled Wine, in church 7.30pm



24th December— Crib Services at 3.00pm and 4.30pm
Midnight Holy Communion, 11.30pm

25th December— Holy Communion, 8.00am
Oasis Communion, 10am