St Nicholas Church
Notice Sheet

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Great Job Opportunity
Parish Administrator role at
St Nicholas - 9 hours a week.
Please contact Rev Chris for more details or see church website

the BIBLE PROJECT

March 10th & 24th
7.30pm in church

Regular St Nicholas Group Events in March

1st March, 6pm - JAHFA in church
2nd March, 7.30pm - Men's Pub Discussion Group in Pippin
3rd / 10th / 24th / 31st March, 10am - Tuesday Café in church **(NOT 17TH)**
4th March 12noon - CAMRA Lunch Club The Society Rooms, Maidstone
8th March, 10am - Oasis Explorers during Oasis Communion
10th / 24th March, 7.30pm - Bible Project in church
13th March, 10am - Oasis Café with Mums & Babes in church
13th March, 2.30pm - St Nicholas Fellowship in church
19th March, 2.30pm - St Nicholas Mothers' Union in church
19th March, 5.30pm - CAMRA Curry Club The Society Rooms, Maidstone
21st March, 11am - Messy Church in church and hall
22nd March, 12noon - Sunday Lunch Club in main hall
27th March, 9.30am - Faith Explorers in church
28th March, 8.30am - Men's Breakfast in main hall
Back in April, 10am to 12noon - Saturday Club in main hall

See *'St Nicholas Church Groups Explained'* for more information

Electoral Roll—Annual Revision (24th February to 8th March

Each year our Electoral Roll (church membership list) is revised to reflect changes in membership. If you are not already on the roll then you are invited to complete an application form and return it to the church office. Forms can be found at the back of church or contact our administrator to send you one.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) & Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

These meetings will take place on Monday 30th March at 7.30pm, preceeded by an act of worship with communion, at 7pm. The APM is very short and to elect churchwardens - that is followed by the longer APCM (not too long!) at which annual reports are presented and vacant posts on PCC and Deanery Synod are voted upon.
If you wish to put your name forward for Churchwarden, membership of the Church Council or Deanery Synod, please contact Rev Chris for the relevant nomination form.
Annual meeting 'packs' containing the agenda and annual reports will be emailed out in due course. If you require a printed copy, please let our administrator know.

Rev Barry

As already announced Rev Barry has accepted the post of Rector at the churches in Lympne and Saltwood. I am also now pleased to be able to let you know the dates concerned. Barry's last service here will be on Sunday 31st May. We are due to have joint benefice services on this date at 8am at St Andrew's and 10am at St Nicholas. The I ntention is to have a 'bring and share' lunch after the 10am service.
Barry will then be licensed to his new parishes, by Bishop Rose, on Thursday 2nd July at 7pm. All are welcome to attend that licensing and I am sure many of you will wish to be part of this special occasion. Should there be sufficient interest to attend we may consider hiring a coach and a sign up sheet will be at the back of church from mid March for you to note your interest

Rev Chris

Prayer

Hear My Voice

Pray for our Deanery

Please focus your prayers on the people of Christ Church as they begin a new partnership with St Peter's Boughton Monchelsea.

Pray for our Diocese

Sunday 1st	Canterbury Deanery, Its Clergy and People Area Dean : Mark Griffin
Sunday 8th	Canterbury: St Mary Bredin Glergy : Barney De Berry, Stephen Carter
Sunday 15th	Giving thanks for God's Creation
Sunday 22nd	Praying with the Mothers' Union on Mothering Sunday
Sunday 29th	Herne Bay: Christ Church (Hampton: St Andrew) Clergy : Anthony Everett

Pray for our Residents

Sunday 1st	Birnham Square, Bower Close and Bunyard Way
Sunday 8th	Chipstead Close, Cloudberry Close and Castle Road
Sunday 15th	Caroline Crescent, Cranleigh Gardens and Charlock Close
Sunday 22nd	Cheriton Way, Chilham Road and Clement Court
Sunday 29th	Court Drive, Carisbrooke Drive and Clifford Way

Pray for our Community

Sunday 1st	Grapevine, our Editor, contributors and advertisers
Sunday 8th	St Nicholas' Prayer Groups and Healing Team
Sunday 15th	Our Children's & Families Minister and associated work
Sunday 22nd	Mothers' Union
Sunday 29th	St Nicholas Fellowship

Charity of the Month Church Army

ChurchArmy

Church and Community Events in March and Coming Soon

6th March - World Day of Prayer 2020, Praying with Zimbabwe, 11am URC
A service for everyone, see poster on noticeboard for more information

6th March - Allington Community Market, 12noon to 3.00pm

6th March - Maidstone Tennis Club Quiz, 7.00pm in main hall
Tickets £6pp, teams of up to 8, let one of the committee know if you're coming

7th March - SKF Karate England Squad Fundraising Quiz in main hall

14th March - Table Top Sale/Indoor Boot Fair, 9am to 1pm in main hall
Tables £10 set up from 8am. Contact Jenny 07442 534148 to book
Raising funds for Chris' World Challenge trip to Vietnam.

18th March - Focus on Faith, 9.15am at Ryarsh Village Hall
Jean Kerr 'I Can See Clearly' Cost £10 including soup lunch, call 07927 325977 to book

21st March - Clouds Youth Group Fundraising Quiz, 7pm in main hall
Tickets £5pp in advance (message via facebook for payment details)

28th March - Westborough Bowls Club Race Night, 7pm in main hall
£4 pp, 8 pre-recorded races with all bets a £1. Tickets from John 01622 693055

6th April - **FREE introductory 'Worldly Wise' workshop, 7.00pm** in church
Aimed at those with teenagers

25th April - **Beer and Bangers, 7.30pm** in main hall

Mothering Sunday Posies

This year all the posies will be made by children at Messy Church (under Doreen's supervision!) the day before Mothering Sunday. If you would usually make posies up please could we ask that you bring/donate your raw materials (flowers & greenery) to Messy Church. They can be left in the church on Friday afternoon or first thing on Saturday morning. Thank you, Fiona

Easter Lilies

The Easter Lily is a symbol of purity, hope, innocence and peace. At Easter, churches are decorated with lilies to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you would like to remember a loved one at this time, a list will be placed at the back of church later in the month. We ask for a £1 donation for each lily. Doreen

Easter Service dates for your diary (further information to follow)

St Nicholas		
Thursday 9th April	Maundy Thursday Service	7.00pm
Friday 10th April	Good Friday Service	9.30am
	Hour at the Cross	2.00pm
Sunday 12th April	Oasis Communion with Baptism	10.00am
St Andrew's		
Wednesday 8th April	Holy Week Maundy Service	7.00pm
Friday 10th April	Hour at the Cross	2.00pm
Sunday 12th April	Holy Communion	8.00am
	Holy Communion	10.00am