

Notices

The Licensing Service of our new Priest in Charge, The Revd Jayne Shillito, will take place tomorrow, Monday 15th July in St Michael, Smarden at 7.00pm.

St Michael: Flower Festival "FloraOlympics." The flower festival finishes today 14th July, 11am-6pm.

All Saints: The funeral service John Tydeman will take place on Wednesday 17th July at 11.30am.

All Saints: THANK YOU to everyone who supported last weekend's fete. Despite the challenging weather, it went well. There was a great atmosphere on site and we have, so far, raised a total of £1,560.94.

Tenterden, Rother and Oxney Benefice: Monday 22nd July - Thursday 25th July, The Benefice will be holding a retreat at Wychcroft Retreat Centre near Godstone, Surrey. The Retreat will be led by Emma Pennington, Canon Missioner at Canterbury Cathedral. The cost per person will be a maximum of £400. This will include full board and lodging. The theme of the Retreat will be Still Waters: Finding Peace in a Troubled World. If you would like to come on the Retreat, please get in touch with Lindsay Hammond (tentvic@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Bookings need to be accompanied by a deposit of £50.

St Michael: Ashford Family Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who contributes items to the Foodbank, by leaving donations in the church porch or in The Community Store. Recent requests have been for 'spreads' - jam, marmite, peanut butter etc. Dried milk powder is always appreciated. The charity is now trying to build up stocks for the school summer holidays - when many families are particularly hard pressed. All donations are gratefully received.

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St Michael the Archangel, Smarden All Saints, Biddenden



Sunday 14th July 2024 Trinity 7

Our services today

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Hymns – AMNS

356 Father, Lord of all Creation

194 King of glory, King of peace

104 For the beauty of the earth

271 Bread of Heaven, on thee we feed

105 All creatures of our God (omit vs 5&6)

Events this Week

Monday 15th July

7pm Licensing of The Revd Jayne Shillito (St Michael)

Tuesday 16th July

2pm Biddenden Community Library (All Saints)

Wednesday 17th July

11.30am Funeral Service of John Tydeman (All Saints)

Thursday 18th July

10am Coffee Call-in, Biddenden Community Library and Takeaway Pantry (All Saints)

Friday 19th July

10.30am Coffee Morning (St Michael)

1.30pm John Mayne School Leavers' Service (All Saints)

Saturday 20th July

10am Biddenden Community Library and Takeaway Pantry (All Saints)

Prayers

For healing in body, mind, and spirit we pray for

Sheilah Drake, Maureen Watson,

and Sharon Muskett.

For the family and friends of **Priscilla Plant** and **John Tydeman**, who have recently died and for all who mourn.

Services in the coming weeks

Monday 15th July

7pm Licensing Service (St Michael)

Sunday 21st July – Trinity 8

10am Sung Eucharist (All Saints)

6pm BCP Evensong (St Michael)

Sunday 28th July – Trinity 9

8am Said BCP Holy Communion (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Sunday 4th August – Trinity 10

10am Sung Eucharist (All Saints)

Sunday 11th August – Trinity 11

9.30am 'Breakfast Church' (All Saints)

10am Sung Eucharist (St Michael)

Sunday 14th July 2024

Trinity 7

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amos 7. 7-15

7 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. 8 And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' 10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Ephesians 1. 3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6. 14-29

14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are

at work in him.' 15 But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' 16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' 17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18 For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' 23 And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' 24 She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' 25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' 26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the
power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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All Saints Biddenden



St. Michael Smarden

