

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry is available under the Cross at the front right of the church today. If you would like someone to pray with you, the badged team would love to do that for you. If you would like to put in a prayer request via email, send to Rob and Sharon on prayer@stgdeal.org

1st March 2020

Welcome to St. George's Deal

DIARY OF EVENTS

Today 1st March

8am	Quiet Communion (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Matt 4:1-11)
10.30am	Family Communion (Matt 5:33-47)
5pm	Alpha at the Vicarage
7 pm	Pulse for years 7-13 in the Extension
Monday	4.30pm Church Council Standing Committee
	7pm Emerge
Wednesday	10.30am Midweek Communion (Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Matt 4:1-11)
Friday	9.30am Little Fishes Carer and Toddlers in the Hall

Next Sunday – 8th March

8am	Quiet Communion (Genesis 12:1-4a, Matt 4:1-11)
10.30am	Family Communion (Matt 5:33-47)
5pm	Alpha at the Vicarage
6.30pm	The Beat youth worship event for years 7-13

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Sermons/Talks and cell notes on website: www.stgdeal.org

... especially if you are a visitor or with us for the first time today.

We hope you enjoy being here.

Today we gather around the Lord's Table

If you are a visitor and normally take Communion in any other church, you are very welcome to share in the bread and wine. If you prefer, grape juice is available in the pottery cup on the front left of the church.

If you don't normally take Communion then please do still come forward with everyone else – if you keep your hands by your side we would love to pray a short prayer of blessing for you.



At the end of our time together today, please remain in your seats and coffee & tea will be brought around to you. If you are upstairs, please help yourself at the 'drinks point' or come down to the servery. Children are invited to take a cup of squash from the table at the back of church.

Children and young people (0-14) leave part-way through the service to join various groups.

Paddlers (Age 0-2) in the crèche

Divers (Preschool, Reception, Yrs 1 & 2) meet in the extension

Surfers (Yrs 3-6) meet in the foyer and go to the hall

Emerge Sundays for Yrs 7-10 go to Hope House

Thank you to 'Ignite' community for making coffee today

Baptisms and Renewal of Baptism Promises – Easter Day 12th April

We will be opening up the pool on Easter Sunday evening. If you would like to consider being baptised or renew your baptism vows with immersion, please speak with Shiela or Chris. We will be organising a couple of preparation sessions in advance and would like to get the dates in the diary. Six people have already signed up – room for more!

Brighter Evenings for Lent!

Many people have told us how much they appreciated having Nic Harding for our Refresh Weekend last September. Nic has written a short course on 'Sharing our faith' called 'BRIGHTER!' designed to help us grow in confidence in sharing the good news of Jesus. It's interactive with small group discussion and designed for anyone to enjoy and benefit from.

We are asking that you bring your midweek group along if you're in one, but this is for everyone. Four Wednesday evenings beginning on 11th March for prompt start at 7.30pm. Coffee available from 7.15pm

Duggie Dug Dug Awesome Bubble Party!

Brilliant fun praise party for families. Songs, puppets and thousands of bubbles! Smoke filled bubbles, soaring helium bubbles, bounding dry ice bubbles, bubbles in bubbles and even children in bubbles! A spectacular praise part that families will absolutely love.

Where? St. Luke's Lighthouse Church, Hawkinge

When? Saturday 21st March 3pm-4.30pm. Come - & Invite your 'seeker' friends!

Electoral roll – revision prior to Annual Meeting

If you're not already on the roll and would like to be, forms to join are at the Information desk. This is for those who are committed to supporting and helping to resource the life and mission of St. George's, including financially. It also enables you to take part in elections for Church Council members and Churchwardens at the Annual meeting on 30th March at 7pm.

Forms need to be returned by next Sunday 8th March.

Health Advice for Taking Communion

We have received advice from the C of E stating that at present we should simply be following normal best-hygiene practices. This included using tissues to catch coughs and sneezes and binning the tissue; and washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or using sanitizer gel (60%alcohol).

Those with coughs and colds should take the bread only, and not dip it (or a wafer) in the wine as this is an infection risk.

New rota

The new rota is available – if you're normally on it, there should be a hard copy for you at the back, and if you'd like it sent electronically just let us know.

e-bay expert needed!

If you're someone who loves buying and selling through ebay, we've got some bits that could do with being sold. If you can help speak with Chris.

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Give thanks for:

- The Wednesday congregation and their worship and welcome each week

Please pray for:

- The church council (PCC) meeting next week overseeing the resourcing of vision for our life and mission
- Those thinking about being baptised or renewing their baptism promises at Easter
- Beth, Lynne, Tom and our youth teams encouraging our young people in Pulse and Emerge
- Pathfinder Community reaching established young adults, and Marco, Emily and Sam as the core team
- Ray and Yvonne Horton and family following the funeral of Ray Snr this week
- us as a church as salt and light as we take the goodness of God and the good news of Jesus to every segment of our society
- hard-pressed NHS staff coping with winter illness
- all those struggling with flooding
- Shiela & Martin's extended family following a bereavement this week

Please pray for our Mission

Partner for February



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