

**Live stream**

Please be aware that all our Sunday 10:30 am services are streamed live and are on YouTube. If you do not want to be seen, please sit towards the middle of the church or at the sides. **Parents and carers who do not want their children filmed should ensure that children remain away from the bottom steps at the front.** Live streaming begins at 10:25 am.

If you have a concern with the live stream, please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officers (Sue Fotheringham or Jean Kerr).

**DIARY OF EVENTS****Today – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

8am	Quiet Communion	1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 John 20: 19-23
10:30am	Family Worship	Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
6pm	No Pulse Group	

**This Week**

Monday	Office Closed for Bank Holiday	
Tuesday	10am – 12noon	Tadpoles (Parents and babies)
Wednesday	10.30am	Midweek Communion Service
	12 – 2pm	Warm Welcome

**Next Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

8am	Quiet Communion	2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20
10.30am	Café Church	2 Corinthians 13: 11-14 Matthew 28: 16-20
	6pm	Pulse for years 7-13

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<https://www.youtube.com/@stgeorgeschurchdeal3665>

# Welcome to St. George's Deal

... especially if you are a visitor or with us for the first time today. We hope you enjoy being here.



**Today is Pentecost - when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on God's people and reaffirm our commitment to live in the power of the Spirit.**

Children and young people are invited to remain in church, there are craft and other activities available

At the end of our time together today, please make your way to the servery or the table at the front of church to serve yourself with tea or coffee and biscuits. Children are invited to take a cup of squash from the table at the back.

**Thank you to The A Team for serving coffee and tea, and washing up today**

**Prayer Ministry is available at the end of our service today. If you would like someone to pray with/for you, the badged team would love to do this and are available at the front of the church.**

## Sean's Induction Service

The induction service was a wonderful occasion and the sermon from Bishop Rose was inspiring. If you were unable to be at the service or watch the live stream, you can catch up on STG's YouTube channel, if you do not have the time, just watch/listen to Bishop Rose's talk

[Induction Service of the Reverend Sean Sheffield Wednesday 13th May 2026 @ 7:30pm](#)

## Ben Craig and Olga Borisova

Ben and Olga are getting married in the church next Thursday at 11am, everyone is welcome to come & support them on this very important step in their lives

## Ironman Trevor Smart

Trevor will be attempting a ½ Ironman (2km swim, 90km cycle and a ½ marathon) for Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia (HSP) on 31st May. Trevor has HSP and wants to raise awareness of this rare neurological condition as well as raising money for the HSP support group. With HSP, messages from the brain do not get to the legs, making walking and standing up from sitting difficult. Trevor has mild HSP, his mobility has deteriorated and running has become very difficult, so the ½ marathon will be a long slow walk, around 6hrs rather than 1hr 45min. He will give it a try and hopes to complete the ½ Ironman in 24 hours. For more information and sponsorship, go to [www.justgiving.com/page/trevor-smart-half-ironman-for-hsp](http://www.justgiving.com/page/trevor-smart-half-ironman-for-hsp) or [hspgroup.org](http://hspgroup.org). There will also be a collection bucket in the church on Sunday 31st May, for people to fill up with sponsorship money and good wishes

## Deal Parochial School Spiritual Garden

The pupils are rejuvenating their Spiritual Garden and have now asked St George's for practical help with setting up the garden. If you are able to help with weeding and planting, please contact Jo Rogers on [churchmanager@stgdeal.org](mailto:churchmanager@stgdeal.org)

## Eco Church Challenge for May

This month's **challenge** is simple – all you have to do is leave your mower in the shed for the month. This will give the flowers naturally present in the lawn a chance to bloom, acting as a valuable source of nectar for hard-pressed bees and other pollinating insects.

## Saturday Prayer Meetings:

The next meeting is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June and then on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Contact Dave Stafford for more information - [worship@stgdeal.org](mailto:worship@stgdeal.org)

## PRAYERS THIS WEEK

### Give thanks:

- That Sean is now firmly in the "hot seat" and quickly getting to know us better and his role in following God's calling to be with us here at St George's
- For a very successful Standing Committee meeting on Monday, for the positive decisions taken and ideas agreed for maintaining the church and God's mission amongst us in Deal
- For our school, college and university teachers who put in so much effort into helping our children and young people through their examinations, especially at this time of year
- For our AV team, who work hard behind the scenes at services and events, for all they have achieved in the recent upgrade of the AV system & new TV installations, and for all they continue to do every week here at STGs
- For others who work on coffee making, maintenance, cleaning, gardening and a host of other jobs. We are so fortunate that there are so many volunteers amongst us

### Please pray:

- Continue to pray for Sean, that God will give him wisdom, discernment and clarity as he makes decisions in his ministry amongst us
- For the other churches in our Deanery, that we may work together to bring God's love to the people of Deal, Sandwich and the surrounding villages
- For those busy studying for and taking exams at schools and universities at this time of the year, may they be conscientious in their preparations and successful in their outcomes
- For our Government and MPs, that they will put a stop to power making and internal bickering and positively strive to ensure that policies made and laws passed will make a real and positive difference to the lives of the majority of people in this country
- For David Burr, who died this week, for Joyce his wife, Stephen & Lorna and for Mick, Margaret & other members of his family & friends at this sad time
- Others we know who are ill or receiving treatment, that they may know God's compassion in their times of need
- For Jack Scanlon and Ellen Larson, who will be married in Bath this Saturday and for Olga Borisova and Ben Craig, who will be married here at St George's on 28th May. We pray that God will bless them throughout their lives together and that their wedding celebrations will go well for them, their families and friends

If you have a prayer request, please contact [prayer@stgdeal.org](mailto:prayer@stgdeal.org)

## Please Pray for our Mission Partners for May:



Making known the suffering and persecution of Christians around the world. Bringing hope through aid, advocacy, empowerment & education to strengthen communities in places where following Jesus is the most dangerous

[Barnabusaid.org](http://Barnabusaid.org)

We do not normally take collections at our services but if you would like to make a donation to the mission & ministry of STG's, please visit our PGS giving page at [parishgiving.org.uk](http://parishgiving.org.uk) & use Parish Code **060606159**. Alternatively speak to one of their friendly advisors on **0333 002 1260**. An offertory plate and donation boxes are situated at the rear of the church and a card reading machine in the foyer, also more information on PGS.10% of all donations received plus Gift Aid will be passed onto our mission partners.