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Welcome to All Saints Staplehurst



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WELCOME TO OUR HISTORICAL CHURCH

All Saints Church was built around 1100 to serve the community around Maidstone. The South Door is the Church's best known historical feature and has been authoritatively dated to 1050 and displays some of the oldest ironwork in England still in situ.

The Church boasts two fonts, the original dates back to 1100 and was retrieved from a local farm where it was acting as a feeding trough and is back in use. The second, a replacement, was installed in 1815 and stands in the West Porch.

The West Tower was constructed between 1400 and 1450 and houses the clock and a ring of 10 bells: the oldest (the 9th) dating back to 1605.

The organ is a Father Willis of 1896 which replaced one installed in the nave by the Rev. Thomas Crick. Father Willis organs, known today as Henry Willis & Sons Ltd, is one of the oldest and most famous organ building companies active in the world today, having been in continuous operation since 1845.

SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sunday:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Family Service
2 nd Sunday:	6.30pm	No evening service
	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Parish Communion
3 rd Sunday	6.30pm	Slow Down Service
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Family Communion
4 th Sunday	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Parish Communion (<i>Prayers for healing are offered</i>)
5 th Sunday	6.30pm	No evening service
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Churches Together Service at one of the Churches in Staplehurst

BCP = Book of Common Prayer
CW = Common Worship

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee

We retain the tradition to mark particular Saint Days with a High Mass celebrated on the actual feast days.

St. George's Chapel is always open for quiet prayer.

Home Communion is also available for people who are unable to attend Church for any of our communion services. Please let us know if you wish us to come and administer communion to you.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All Saints Staplehurst is an inclusive church – everyone is welcomed.

The Church is used for Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals and Blessings, in addition to Church and Friends events. We have a well equipped kitchen for serving food and drinks.

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

Why not join one of our many groups, there may be something of interest to you:

Choir – we have an active choir of around 20 or so members who practice Friday evenings in school term time and sing at most morning and evening Sunday services, for weddings and special services.

Children's Choir – meets on Fridays between 6-7pm in term time. The musical repertoire is always very varied and always enjoyable and involves every child according to age and ability. All our Children's Choir team are very experienced and are DBS checked.

Band – our music group plays at the 10am service on the 1st Sunday of the month, a child friendly service, with the opportunity to join in with percussion. Music ranges from traditional to modern and is played on a range of instruments.

Bell Ringing – our tower houses 10 bells ranging from the smallest at 265kg, up to the largest at 994kg. We have one of the largest ringing bands in Kent and welcome new learners. Bell ringing is open to all, the only restriction being that you will need to be tall enough to ring. Ringing is a very sociable and ancient art which our ringers are keen to preserve for future generations. Come along and join us at a Tuesday evening practice from 7.30pm.

Bible Crafts – are available at every Sunday Service, relating to the Service theme of the week.

Flower Arranging – an active group who keep our church looking beautiful

Friends of All Saints – a charity set up to fundraise through events and subscriptions for the upkeep and maintenance of the building fabric. The charity has very simple objectives: to maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct for the benefit of the public, the fabric of the Church, its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments and other chattels, and its churchyard.

Holy Dusters – a small but very dedicated group of people that voluntarily keep the church looking "spick and span" through brushing, hoovering and dusting.

All Age Workshops – everyone welcome to join in with activities including arts & crafts, music, making and baking, colouring and designing. Usually takes place twice a year – at Easter and Advent 9.30am – Midday.