

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY BCP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY CW

TIME	SERVICES (Year A)	READERS	PRAYERS
8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE Sides person: Adam Houghton Gospel Reading: Matt. 19: 27-end	Gail Bacchus Rom. 12: 16	
10.00AM	PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE Sides Person: Karel Scott, Mary Henley Gospel Reading: Matt. 4: 12-23	Audrey Bullock Isa. 9: 1-4	Mary Henley

CONTACT DETAILS

Rector: Revd. Silke Tetzlaff 01580 891 258 (Day off ~ Monday)

Church Wardens: Adam Houghton 01580 891373, Joanne Evans

Choir Director: vacant



Children's Choir Leader: Jacqui Veitch 07796 487538

Children's Bible craft coordinator: Jacqui Veitch 07796 487538

Administrator: Julia Page 01580 891 258

Office Opening Times: **Tue & Wed 11.00am – 1.00pm**

Please put correspondence into the Green Office Post box.

For our notices to be announced please email the Parish Office

allsaintsstaplehurst@enterprise.net by **10.00am** Thursday

DONATING TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH

www.all saintsstaplehurst.co.uk

If you wish to make a donation to All Saints Church, you can do so by
Standing Order,

All cheques are payable to 'All Saints Church PCC'.

You can also now register with the following link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/all saintschurchstaplehurst/>



Please use this
QR code or the
contactless machine
at the back of church
to make a donation to
help maintain our
church

Registered Charity 1132851



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH STAPLEHURST



SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY BCP
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CW

TIME	SERVICES (Year A)	READERS	PRAYERS
8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE Sides person: Adam Houghton Gospel Reading: John 2: 1-11	Rom. 12: 6-16a Adam Houghton	
10.00AM	PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE Sides Person: Lianne & Bob Price Gospel Reading: John 1: 29-42	Isa. 49: 1-7 Lianne Price	Audrey Bullock

HEALTH, HEALING & SUPPORT GROUP Please let us know if you would like to be put on the Church prayer list, otherwise all prayer requests will be treated confidentially within the Prayer Group. Ron Dear, 1580 891 407



Those who are
Sick:

Abbotsleigh	HC Thu/month 12.00pm for inform. speak to ST
Staplehurst Manor	HC Wed/month 12.00pm for inform. speak to ST Vic Holdaway, Frittenden Road, Staplehurst, TN12 0DG
Iden Manor	HC 3 rd Tue/month 2.30pm for inform. speak to ST
Maidstone Home	Des Liddicoat, (Cedardale Residential, Queen Road, Maidstone, ME16 0HX, 01622 752117)
Moorlands Lodge	Cecil & Jane Scarff, (Moorlands Lodge, Room 115, Portsmouth Road, Hindhead, Surrey GU26 6TJ Tel: 01428 746162 + mobiles)
Those who have died	Anthony Whitehouse, Elaine Cleeves,
Funerals	Tue 20 Jan, Elaine Cleeves, 10.45am, Kent & Sussex Crem ST Thu 29 Jan, Anthony Whitehouse, 10.45am Kent & Sussex Crematorium + 12.30pm Funeral service ~ St Dunstans ST
Burial of Ashes	Wed 4 March Gordon & Marian Sharp 11.00am All Saints Churchyard ST

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DAILY OFFICE

All are welcome to join in spirit and with their private prayers Tue - Fri	MP 9.30am Evening Prayer 5.00pm	Silke's log in https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8365783814 Meeting ID: 836 578 3814 Password 424158 If after 5minutes the above link doesn't work try John & Sharon's log in John & Sharon Wright's log in https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2839943736 Meeting ID: 2839943736, Password: 375115
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On Wed's Please log in at John & Sharon's	9.30am & 5.00pm	On Wed's please always use John & Sharon's log in https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2839943736 Meeting ID: 2839943736 Password: 375115	~Zoom ~St.George's Chapel
	9.30am	MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2026			
Fri	23	7.30pm	BAND PRACTICE
Sun	25	6.00pm	UNITED SERVICE for WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

FEBRUARY

Sun	1	10.00am	CANDLEMAS SERVICE	~ Church
Sun	8	10.00am	PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE	~ Church
Tue	17		SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER at 7PM Please sign up on the list at the back of Church	~ King's Head pub
Wed	18	9.30am & 6.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes & Lent Token	~ Church ~ Church

PCC MEETING DATES 2026

6) Wed 28 Jan 2026 ,
FOLDERS IN CHURCH

Wednesday 28 January 2026 → **Sunday 11 January 2026**

LENT Shrove Tuesday 17 Feb,

Easter Sunday 5 April ,

Sun tbc. April advised by Treasurer – adopting the accounts meeting,
APCM Sun 3 May

If you have any matters that you'd like to put to the PCC please speak to the chair and write/email to **Parish Office**: allsaintsstaplehurst@enterprise.net

and the **PCC secretary**: joanne.evans@btconnect.com and please put in the subject line: **PCC** if possible, 1 week in advance of the next PCC meeting, in order that your item may be added to the Agenda. Thankyou.



CHURCH BANNER

"He calls his own sheep by name". John 10 v3.

The banner is hanging in All Saints Church and is ready to receive Sheep. If you would like your name on a Sheep for the banner please send a donation to: 60-60-08 ac/ 02913488 with reference Sheep.

Then send an email to djbraganza@hotmail.co.uk or a note to me with name(s) clearly printed so there can be no spelling mistakes. Monies raised in this way will go to the Chancel fund. Thank you, Doreen

PLOUGH SUNDAY

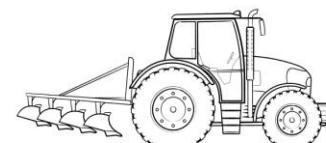
PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE

on

Sunday 8th February 10.00am ~Church

This annual tradition is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and to give thanks for the agricultural blessings we receive.

Please join us as this service which celebrates and honours the important role that farmers play in our community.



LEARN ABOUT CHRISTIANITY



Curious about Christianity? Wondering what the Bible is all about? You're warmly invited to join us for a relaxed, online course exploring the stories of the Bible using beautifully animated Bible project videos as our guide.

Each 40-minute session includes:



A short, thought-provoking video



Open conversation



A safe space to ask questions and share insights

You don't have to be a Christian to join. This isn't about converting anyone. It is about learning, and having chats about the stories that have shaped generations.

It's free. It's online. It's easy to join.

All you need is a Zoom link and a bit of curiosity.

When: 29 January 2026 Starts: 8.00pm

Where: Online via Zoom: Meeting ID: 836 578 3814
Password: 424158

Interested? Questions? Drop me an email at

allsaintsstaplehurst@enterprise.net

What CANDLEMAS MEANS

Candlemas is a Christian feast celebrated every year on **2 February**, marking a moment that sits at the crossroads of history, tradition, and symbolism. It's one of those quieter festivals that still carries a surprising amount of depth and beauty.

What Candlemas Commemorates

- It honours the **Presentation of Jesus at the Temple**, described in **Luke 2:22–40**, when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to Jerusalem 40 days after his birth.
- It also reflects the **Purification of the Virgin Mary**, a ritual prescribed by Jewish law after childbirth.

The name comes from the tradition of **blessing candles** during church services. Candles symbolize Christ as the "light of the world," and many communities historically used this day to bless the candles they would use throughout the year.

Candlemas arrives **40 days after Christmas**, closing the extended cycle of celebrations around Jesus' birth. Some Christian traditions even keep Christmas decorations up until Candlemas.

In some cultures, it's also tied to weather folklore. It shares ancient roots with Candlemas predictions about winter's end.

Across Celtic, Germanic, and broader European folklore, **the time** was seen as a turning point in winter. People believed that the **weather on Candlemas** could predict whether winter would linger or fade. This idea long predates Christianity and was later woven into Candlemas customs.

A classic proverb recorded in British weather lore says:



*"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another fight.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter won't come again."*



Germanic and British traditions used **hedgehogs** or **badgers** as the animals who "predicted" the weather on Candlemas (2 February).

If the animal **came out of its den** and the weather was **sunny**, it would see its shadow and retreat → **more winter ahead**

If the weather was **cloudy**, the animal wouldn't see its shadow → **spring would come sooner**

CHARITY



Church Charity from
April 1st 2025 to March 31st 2026

This Trust offers unique care and support designed for and with young people with cancer.

They fund specialist nurses, youth workers and units in NHS hospitals. This means these patients have dedicated staff and facilities to support them throughout treatment. It is not easy being a teenager on either a children's or adult ward. This Charity sees them through such a difficult time in their lives.

Please give as generously as you are able. Donations may be given in:

1. An orange monthly charity envelope. Get your year's supply from Tony Henley.
2. A plain envelope with "For Charity" on the outside.
3. A blue envelope with "for Charity" on the outside. The latter are available in All Saints Church. All envelopes may be placed at any time in the hole in the wall in the vestibule of All Saints Church, or in the collection plate on any Sunday. Thank you, *Charity & Social Responsibility Committee*

CHURCHES TOGETHER UPDATE

Churches Together brings All Saints, the Free Church, the URC and the Roman Catholic Church in Cranbrook into regular partnership. The group meets quarterly on Zoom and would love an extra representative from All Saints. The next virtual meeting is this Monday, 19th January at 8pm:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81297420580> Passcode 349495

This year we shared in hosting the World Day of Prayer service and delivered Christmas and Easter cards to around 3,200 homes, helping publicise church events and welcome newcomers. Although we usually support Christian Aid collections, we've paused this year due to limited volunteer availability and increased digital giving.

We also share news across our churches, including talks, community events and the Free Church's Community Fridge, which offers free surplus food to local residents. If you're interested in joining the group, please get in touch via the church office or speak to me at church. *Jacqui Veitch, CTiS representative*

DEANERY SYNOD

OPEN MEETING
Wednesday 4th February
at 7:15 for 7:30pm, at the Mission Church, Back Road,
Sandhurst TN18 5JU

Iain Blythe, Diocesan Secretary is going to be with us. This is an open meeting; everyone is welcome. It is an opportunity for us in the Weald Deanery to get to know our Diocesan Secretary on a personal basis. It's about building and strengthening relationships.

Weald Deanery Prayer

Generous God,
you look upon us with love
and mercy.
Build up your people in the
Weald Deanery,
and make our churches
places
of generosity and welcome,
so that we might grow your
kingdom
here in our rural
communities.
May we seek to work as
partners in mission,
desiring the guidance and
strength of the Holy Spirit,
as we live out your Gospel in
our parishes.
This we ask in the name of
your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

