

Notices: Please let Judy know of anyone who would appreciate a visit or Home Communion and if anyone moves in near you. Many thanks, 270227.

STITCH, CHAT AND CREATE.

Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of the month in the afternoon in the Tower Room, 2pm – 4pm at Wittersham Church. Everyone welcome, old and young, male or female.

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*From the rotas, a polite reminder for
September 17th:-
Coffee: Jane W and Kathy
Church Cleaning: Angela and Jennifer*

Ebony Harvest Festival weekend

Come and see the church beautifully decorated for the Harvest Celebrations on Saturday October 7th and Sunday 8th. There will also be a produce stall.

The church will be open from 10.00 – 4.00 pm

Harvest Evensong

Sunday 8th October at 6.30 pm

All welcome.

**St. John the Baptist, Wittersham
St Mary the Virgin, Ebony**

Sunday September 10th, 2017
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

IN WITTERSHAM THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE SERVICE. MAY WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT QUIET IS THEN KEPT TO ALLOW OTHERS TIME AND SPACE FOR REFLECTION AND PREPARATION.

Welcome to our churches today, if you are a visitor or a newcomer please make yourself known to the clergy or those on duty. All are welcome at the altar rail to receive the sacrament or a blessing.

In Wittersham Church there is a hearing induction loop for all services and large print service books are also available.

The toilet facility at Wittersham is located just outside the Church, turn left and follow the path round to the building on your right. Activities for children are available in the North aisle Children's area of Wittersham Church.

Services today

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Wittersham
10.00 am Active Church with breakfast rolls Wittersham

Collect and readings for 9.00 am

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises;; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle: Galatians 3: 16 - 22

Gospel: Luke 10: 23b to 37

Hymns for Active Church

NHWS 45 Colours of day
NHWS 267 Peace Perfect Peace
NHWS 1 Abba Father
NHWS 365 Who put the colour in the rainbow?

There is no flower dedication this week.

Thank you to Shelagh and Eileen for serving Market coffee last Tuesday.

The choir of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge will be singing Choral Evensong at the notably early time of 5pm in St Mary's Church, Rye on Sunday 17th September. No tickets required.

Some thoughts for prayer: From the Diocesan prayer diary this week. We pray for the Churches of Madagascar, Seychelles, Sheffield, Shinyanga (Tanzania) Shyira, Shyogwe (Rwanda), Sialkot (Pakistan), Singapore and Sittwe (Myanmar).

We pray for all people who have suffered such dreadful losses, injuries and illness because of many of the recent disasters, and especially the hurricane victims as the threat continues and areas are totally devastated. We remember especially all those countries where people are trying to put their lives back together again. We give thanks for the aid agencies who help and bring comfort to all who suffer.

We pray Lord for your broken world and for all areas where there is instability and devastation. We pray for refugees and all who are displaced. We pray for a change of heart for all who think violence is the only answer.

We pray for the Anglican Church throughout the world, for our leaders Archbishops Justin and John and in our own diocese for Bishop Trevor. We pray for all who are locked in the past as the mission of our church grows and we continue to reach out to others.

Thank you Lord for all who took part in the Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride yesterday. We pray for all churches who are helped by the Friends of Kent Churches and other organisations.

We pray for our country and all the challenges we face, asking for integrity and truth from all our leaders and politicians and for meaningful conversations during the next few months.

We thank you for those who have worked hard to establish the Friends of Wittersham Church and give thanks for all who have the vision of care and maintenance of our church beyond the present time.

We pray for our school and the children, staff and governors. In our churches this week we pray for the Sacristan, Verger and Servers.

In our community we remember those who are sick or lonely. We thank you for much healing and that you will bring comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Especially we pray for **Gail, Tony, David, Tony, Elaine, Sue, Steve, Stuart, Lesley, John and Margaret** and all who watch and wait. We remember all whom we have loved but see no longer. May we live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory.

Lastly Lord we commend ourselves and for all whom we pray, to your mercy and protection. May we always be true to your word.

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Services in the coming weeks.....

Sunday 17th September

9.00 am Holy Communion BCP Ebony
10.30 am Matins BCP Wittersham

Sunday 24th September, Harvest

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Wittersham
10.30 am Family Eucharist Wittersham
6.00 pm Evensong Wittersham

Sunday 1st October

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP Ebony
10.30 am Parish Eucharist Wittersham

Weekday services at Wittersham this week:

Monday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30 am Holy Communion
Thursday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Friday	8.30 am Morning Prayer

Coming Events

**Friends of Wittersham Church launch,
Cheese and Wine 6 – 8.30 pm**

.....*Thursday 21st September*

Harvest Service 10.30 am

with a talk about Spitalfields City Farm. Harvest lunch 12 noon. *(Can you make a pudding please? Offers to Judy.)*

.....*Sunday 24 September*

The Spirit of Song – Company of Singers

Choral music from around the world, Conductor Sue Wight, in aid of church repairs.

.....*Saturday 21 October at 7.30 pm*

*Friends of
Wittersham Church
Launch*

*Thursday 21st September at 6.30 pm
Wine and cheese*

*Guided historical walk around the
church 7.30 pm*

