

Rector of Wickham, the Revd Jane Isaac, writes:

'St Nicholas Church, Wickham, celebrates its 900th anniversary in 2020. Sited at what's now the junction of the A32 and Southwick Road, it's been the church at the crossroads since 1120. What a great opportunity to remember the past, celebrate the present and look to the future!

During 2020 there'll be a year-long programme of special events, put together on your behalf by the St Nicholas' planning team and local community groups. There's the village recipe book too, along with the specially-commissioned Song for Wickham, exhibitions in church featuring highlights of Wickham life past and present, concerts from jazz to classical, lectures, drama – and much, much more!

Most of the events and activities will be free of charge, and any ticket costs will be kept as low as possible. All the latest news and booking details can be found on the church website and in the parish magazine.

And if you've ideas to share or you're interested in sponsoring an individual event during this special anniversary year, please email me at: pjisaac@btinternet.com



St Nicholas Church, Wickham 900th Anniversary Year

Love Is All You Need: Valentine's Weekend

special event Saturday 15th – Sunday 16th February
Enjoy the collection of vintage and modern wedding dresses in church all weekend – and you could wear your own wedding outfit to the Love Is All You Need service. Perhaps you'll renew your wedding vows?

Praise Indeed! Saturday 4th April

Gospel jazz comes to St Nicholas Church!
Don't miss Chris Walker and the Pedigree Jazz Band's unique take on sing-along all-time favourite hymns.



900 Years of English Music Saturday 6th June

Sea shanties, showtunes, psalms and songs – performed by St Nicholas Church's very own choir, along with the choir of St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield.

Open Gardens Saturday 20th June

Enjoy a leisurely afternoon strolling around some of Wickham's award-winning gardens, opened for us by special arrangement.



Summer Lectures June – July

Glass engraver Tracey Sheppard, military expert Lt Col (retd) Jeremy Prescott, medieval historian Professor Robert Bartlett, and biology professor and author Dave Goulson: four specialists in their field share their expertise in this unique, wide-ranging series of talks.

**Full Winter — Summer 2020 events
calendar inside!**

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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<p>Sat 18th Jan  </p> <p>St Nicholas Wickham 900th anniversary exhibition opens</p> <p>Created especially for 2020 by Jane Painter of Wickham History Society.</p> <p></p> <p>The church at the crossroads ~ 1120-2020</p>	<p>Sat 15th / Sun 16th  </p> <p>Love is All You Need</p> <p>Valentine's Weekend special event</p> <p>Saturday 15th, 10.30am – 2.00pm / 3.00pm – 6.00pm and Sunday 16th, 11.30am – 4.00pm</p> <p>Display of wedding dresses and wedding memorabilia.</p> <p>Saturday 15th, 2.00pm – 3.00pm</p> <p>Service, followed by Prosecco and wedding cake.</p>	<p>Fri 6th - 2.00pm  </p> <p>World Day of Prayer</p> <p>Hosted by St Nicholas Church on behalf of the CofE churches in the Bishops Waltham area. Speaker: The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley.</p> <p>Fri 20th - 7.00pm  </p> <p>Call my Bluff</p> <p>Remember the BBC TV show? John Landaw presents Call My Bluff Wickham-style. £10.00 per person, including 2-course evening meal.</p>	<p>Sat 4th - 7.00pm for 7.30pm  </p> <p>Praise Indeed!</p> <p>Radio broadcaster and trad jazz clarinetist Chris Walker and the Pedigree Jazz Band present an evening of gospel singalong favourites. £10.00, to include programme and interval refreshments.</p> <p>Thu 30th - 6.30pm  </p> <p>Song for Wickham</p> <p>Wickham's community song, specially commissioned for 2020 by Wickham Parish Council and written by Steve Knightley, launches at the Parish Assembly 2020. Refreshments.</p>
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<p>Sat 16th - 7.30pm  </p> <p>Hampshire Police Choir</p> <p>A relaxing evening of favourite melodies performed by one of the South of England's most acclaimed choirs. Refreshments.</p> <p><i>The PCC and the St Nicholas 900 planning team would like to thank Wickham Parish Council, Page's of Wickham, Quob Park Wickham Vineyard, Amplify Creative and many individuals for their generous support of the anniversary year's events.</i></p>	<p>Sat 6th - 7.00pm  </p> <p>900 Years of English Music</p> <p>Nine centuries-worth of specially selected songs and music, performed by the parish choirs of Wickham and Shedfield.</p> <p>Sat 20th - 1.00pm - 5.00pm  </p> <p>Open Gardens afternoon</p> <p>Visit prize-winning Wickham gardens, open by special arrangement. Tickets / map £7.00. Refreshments.</p> <p>Fri 19th - 7.00pm  </p> <p>Summer Lecture 1</p> <p>Fri 26th - 7.00pm  </p> <p>Summer Lecture 2</p>	<p>Fri 3rd - 7.00pm  </p> <p>Summer Lecture 3</p> <p>Fri 10th - 7.00pm  </p> <p>Summer Lecture 4</p>	<p>Wed 5th - 7.00pm  </p> <p>Wickham Festival Fringe at St Nicholas Church: acoustic guitar and harp</p> <p>Specially for 2020 and the perfect way to spend a summer's evening and get into that Festival mood! Refreshments.</p>

Look out for the
Autumn — Winter edition of
2020: A Special Year for Wickham,
available in June 2020



2020 Summer Lecture Series:

1: Glass and Eye Tracey Sheppard

Tracey Sheppard designed and engraved the glass windows in St Nicholas Church's Lady Chapel. Her inspiration is the natural world, a love of architecture and a delight in words and well-designed lettering.

3: England in 1120 Prof Robert Bartlett

Professor Bartlett is Wardlaw Professor of Mediaeval History at the University of St Andrews. His lecture sets our parish church's 900th anniversary in a broader twelfth-century context.





2: The Sinking of the Laconia Lt Col (rtd) Jeremy Prescott

Acclaimed keynote speaker Jeremy Prescott tells the story of the sinking of the troop ship RMS Laconia by a U-boat in September 1942 and the bravery of the three U-boat commanders who came to the rescue of the survivors.

4: Averting the Insect Apocalypse Prof Dave Goulson

Specialist in the conservation of insects and Professor of Biology at the University of Sussex, Dave Goulson is the author of several books including the bestseller *Bee Quest*.

The lectures begin at 7.00pm in church and are free of charge – see calendar for dates.

-  At St Nicholas' Church PO17 6HP
-  At Wickham Community Centre PO16 5AL
-  Free entry (but donations welcome)
-  Ticketed event (see website for details)

Information correct at time of publication (January 2020). Events may be subject to change: please check website for latest details.