

Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 04th August 2024 – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 04th August	8am BCP Morning Prayer	Ash
	9am Holy Communion	Ridley
	10am Morning Worship	Ash
	<i>I am afraid there will not be a Zoom link this week</i>	
	9am Holy Communion	All Saints Hartley
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	3pm Children's Church	Ash
	<i>The last Children's Church – picnic and games – bring a snack and blanket</i>	
Monday 05th August	2.30pm – 4.30pm Chat & Craft	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	<i>Bring a craft or hobby & join together for a chat and refreshments</i>	
Tuesday 06th August	9am Service of Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.30am Bible Study Group	Zoom
	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)</i>	
Wednesday 07th August	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
Thursday 08th August	9am Service of Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.15am Ash Saplings	Ash
	10am Pop In	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	2pm – 4.30pm The Space	Youth & Community Centre, NAG
	<i>Free and welcome to all refreshments, chat, games, or some peace!</i>	
Friday 09th August	9am Morning Prayer	Ridley
	10am Prayer Team Meeting	Ash
Saturday 10th August	10.30am – 12.30pm St Peter's Pop In	Ridley
	<i>Beverages, cake, conversation – why not pop in....</i>	
	12.30 - 2.30pm Social Meeting Place	The Pavilion, NAG
	<i>Meet new people in friendly surroundings, pool, darts board games</i>	

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please
you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

New Testament reading:

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you
to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you
have been called, with all humility and
gentleness, with patience, bearing with one
another in love, making every effort to
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of
peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as
you were called to the one hope of your
calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one
God and Father of all, who is above all and
through all and in all.

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But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Gospel reading: John 6:24-35

The next day, when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work

of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Other readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29

Post Communion prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Vacancy

We remain without a PSO for Ash and Ridley. This is a vital role in the life of our church and we are not properly equipped for our mission and ministry without one.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is the key link between the diocese and the parish/s, concerning safeguarding matters. They have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults, and will seek to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy. The role can be taken by one person or shared, for example with one

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person covering children the other, for vulnerable adults.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will stir up the right person for this role – if that might be you and you would like more information please drop me an email or speak with Rhian.

Saying Farewell to Carol Bridge

On **Sunday 25th August from 3.30pm at Ridley church** there will be a special Group service to say thank you to Carol for her ministry with us over the years in so many different roles. To pray for her as she prepares for her ordination in September and to send her on to her curacy with our love and best wishes.

There will be refreshments – please do put this date in your diary and come to celebrate God's call in Carol's life.

School Swap Shop

ITS BACK!!! The Community Cupboard School Uniform Swap shop.

We are now taking donations of GOOD QUALITY Jumpers, shirts, polo shirts, skirts, dresses, trousers and shorts, shoes, lunch boxes and backpacks.

Donations of these items can be made throughout July, at the Community Cupboard in West Kingsdown during opening hours of Mon, Wed, Fri 10-12 and also Tues & Thurs 12-2pm. Or to Rev Helen.

Uniform will be available to collect throughout August, to provide support to local families and help reduce waste. Please ensure that all items are: CLEAN / FREE OF HOLES / IN GOOD CONDITION

You do not need to be registered to donate or receive uniform items – *poster attached*

Teddy's Tower of Terror

Saturday 26th August 12pm -2pm at Ash church teddies from near and far will once again brave the tower to raise funds for the Community Cupboard and for their owners to enjoy an afternoon of fun, food & music. Can you help? Can you come?

Please do let your friends and family know about the event. *poster attached*

Children's Church to Messy Church

Will be held at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre 3pm – 5pm starting in September.

Messy dates for your diary:

Saturday September 21st : Messy Harvest

Saturday October 19th : Messy Pumpkins

Saturday November 16th : Messy Poppies

Saturday December 28th : Messy Christingle

Praying for Prayers

Please can I ask you to pray through August for the prayer initiative at Ash church which will begin with prayer ministry available after each service from 1st September.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will hold and guide both those praying and those who seek prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings

Eph 4:25-5:2 / John 6:35, 41-51

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