

## Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Sunday Next Before Lent

### This Week's Services & Events

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>8am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>9am Morning Worship</b>	<b>Ridley</b>
	<b>10am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>8am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
	<b>10.30am Morning Worship</b>	<b>Fawkham &amp; Hartley Church Centre</b>
	<i>Live streamed Service:</i>	<a href="https://bit.ly/356qawt">https://bit.ly/356qawt</a>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10.30am Morning Worship</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
	<b>2.30pm Movie Matinee</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
	<i>Watch the Greatest Showman – prep for our Lent course</i>	
	<b>2.30pm – 4.30pm Chat &amp; Craft</b>	<b>Fawkham &amp; Hartley Church Centre</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<i>Bring a craft or hobby &amp; join together for a chat and refreshments</i>	
	<b>7pm Lent Course</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
	<i>Exploring themes of faith, hope and redemption through the music of The Greatest Showman</i>	
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ash</b>
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>10.15am Holy Communion &amp; Ashing</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7.30pm Holy Communion &amp; Ashing</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>10.15am Ash Saplings</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>10.30am Bible Study Group</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (<a href="mailto:susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk">susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk</a>)</i>	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>2pm – 4.30pm The Space</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Community Centre, NAG</b>
	<i>Free and welcome to all - refreshments, company, games &amp; quizzes</i>	
	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ridley</b>

### Sunday's Readings & Prayers

#### Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with  
him and be changed into his likeness, from  
glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

#### New Testament reading:

##### 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts

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to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

#### **Gospel reading: Mark 9:2-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**Other readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Psalm 50:1-6**

#### **Post Communion prayer**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to  
change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **Forty Days of Giving – Lent Action**

Join Rhiannon and her family again this year by setting aside something for the Community Cupboard every day in Lent – praying a short prayer as you add each item that it will be a blessing to the family that receive it. The need is more acute than ever. Please bring your items to church each week

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so we can be constantly providing donations to the Community Cupboard. *Poster attached.*

#### **Lent Course 2024 – 11<sup>th</sup> February**

This year's Lent course will be based around the film and music of The Greatest Showman. It will begin with a matinee showing of the film on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February** followed by five further **Monday evening sessions** exploring the themes of faith, hope & redemption – *poster attached with more info*

#### **Confirmation 2024**

This year's Deanery Confirmation Service will be held on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4pm at St Nicholas, Southfleet.**

If you would like to be confirmed or would like more information about confirmation please speak with Rev Helen, it's not too late to join in. Rev Jayne will be holding 5 preparation sessions beginning on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January** 11.45 - 12.30pm at Longfield church. Please pray for those taking this step in their journey of faith. – *poster attached*

#### **Ash Village Hall Film Night**

The next film night will be held on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** showing "The Escaper" with Michael Caine & Glenda Jackson. Doors open at 7pm show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £7 – *poster attached*

#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

**1 Peter 3:18-end / Mark 1:9-15**