

## Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Second Sunday Before Advent

### This Week's Services & Events

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>8am BCP Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ridley</b>
	<b>10am Morning Worship</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<i>Service available via Zoom - see email for link</i>	
	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary Fawkham</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
	<b>3pm Songs of Praise</b>	<b>Fawkham &amp; Hartley Church Centre</b>
	<b>2.30pm – 4.30pm Chat &amp; Craft</b>	<b>Fawkham &amp; Hartley Church Centre</b>
	<i>Bring a craft or hobby &amp; join together for a chat and refreshments</i>	
	<b>9am Service of Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ash</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>10am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary Fawkham</b>
	<b>7pm Curzon Country Cinema</b>	<b>Ash Village Hall</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<i>Showing 'Barbie' – tickets £7</i>	
	<b>9am Service of Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ash</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>10.30am 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 (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)</i>	
	<b>10am Pop In</b>	<b>Fawkham &amp; Hartley Church Centre</b>
	<b>2pm – 4.30pm The Space</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Community Centre, NAG</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<i>Free and welcome to all refreshments, chat, games, or some peace!</i>	
	<b>9am Service of Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ridley</b>
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9am Prayer Breakfast</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
	<b>7.30pm Folk@Ash</b>	<b>Ash Village Hall</b>

### Sunday's Readings & Prayers

#### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs  
of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great  
glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and  
glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

#### **New Testament reading:**

##### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons,  
brothers and sisters, you do not need to have  
anything written to you. For you yourselves  
know very well that the day of the Lord will  
come like a thief in the night. When they say,  
'There is peace and security', then sudden  
destruction will come upon them, as labour  
pains come upon a pregnant woman, and  
there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are  
not in darkness, for that day to surprise you  
like a thief; for you are all children of light and  
children of the day; we are not of the night or  
of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as  
others do, but let us keep awake and be

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sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

#### **Gospel reading: Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus said 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where

you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**Other readings: Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123**

#### **Post Communion prayer**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen.**

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

The next film night will be held on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm** showing "Barbie". It is, apparently a film with a deeper message than the title might suggest so why not give it a go. Doors open at 7pm show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £7 – poster attached

#### **Prayer Breakfast**

Our next ecumenical prayer breakfast will be held on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9am at St Mary Magdalene, Longfield**. Come along for food fellowship and to pray for our communities and for the Good News of Jesus to be shared and evident within them. – poster attached

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#### **Folk@ASH**

The Back Room Boys, Ric Ceconi & Phil Burchell will be performing at **Ash Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm**. Tickets are available now from Pets Pantry or 07970 733558 for £10. All proceeds to the Ash Village Hall Restoration Fund. – *poster attached*

#### **Christmas Tree Festival**

If you would like to enter a tree in the annual Christmas Tree Festival at Ash church this year being held **9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December** please find attached details of how to do this. Why not get your creative juices flowing and see what you can come up with. *Full details attached*

#### **Reverse Advent Calendar**

If you would like to take part in the Reverse Advent Calendar campaign for The Community Cupboard this year (place one thing aside each day through Advent for the food bank) the main drop off day **is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December** and this year there will also be a Christmas Fayre as in the poster attached.

Thank you for your care and support for those families who will struggle this Christmas .... Rev Helen

#### **Christmas Decorations Needed Please**

**URGENT REQUEST!** We are looking for pink and purple baubles and tinsel for the Christmas tree at Ash - if we can get enough we can try and match the colour scheme of the Advent Ring candles

If you have any to donate or if you are in any charity shops or happen to see baubles/tinsel for sale at reasonable prices can you please grab some and let us know? Many Thanks Ian & Debbie Nurdin

#### **Ash Christmas Post**

The Holliday family are intending that Ash Christmas Post will operate in a similar way to last year.

We expect to have collection points for cards at Hartley Estates, and via the Hollidays at church, with delivery at 20p per card.

Last collections will be on the weekend of Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th of December. As always, we would appreciate the help of delivery elves; if you can assist, please do get in touch with Jasper.

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**Next Sunday's Readings**  
**Eph 1:15-end / Matt 25:31-end**

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