

This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 23rd March	8am BCP Holy Communion	Ash
	9am Morning Worship	Ridley
	10am Holy Communion	Ash
	10.30am Holy Communion	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	<i>Livestreamed Service: https://bit.ly/356qawt</i>	
	10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	6pm BCP Evensong	Ridley
Monday 24th March	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 25th March	9am Morning Prayer	Zoom
	<i>To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email</i>	
	10.30am Bible Study Group	Zoom
	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)</i>	
Wednesday 26th March	7pm RNWK Ministry Team Meeting	As on Agenda
	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	7.30pm Lent Group	Hartley Rectory
	<i>Booking with Rev Joss required</i>	
Thursday 27th March	9am 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, company, games & quizzes</i>	
Friday 28th March	9am Morning Prayer	Zoom
	<i>To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email</i>	
Saturday 29th March	9am Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but
first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of
the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and
peace;
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.**

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and
eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which
is not bread, and your labour for that which
does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so
that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

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my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not
know, and nations that do not know you shall
run to you, because of the Lord your God, the
Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call
upon him while he is near; let the wicked
forsake their way, and the unrighteous their
thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he
may have mercy on them, and to our God, for
he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor
are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my
thoughts than your thoughts.

Gospel reading: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present
who told him about the Galileans whose blood
Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He
asked them, ‘Do you think that because these
Galileans suffered in this way they were worse
sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you;
but unless you repent, you will all perish as
they did. Or those eighteen who were killed
when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do
you think that they were worse offenders than
all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you;
but unless you repent, you will all perish just
as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree
planted in his vineyard; and he came looking
for fruit on it and found none. So he said to
the gardener, “See here! For three years I have
come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I
find none. Cut it down! Why should it be
wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone
for one more year, until I dig round it and put
manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well
and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

**Other readings: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 and
Psalm 61:1-8**

Post Communion prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the
temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Needed

**One year on we remain without a PSO for Ash
and Ridley. As we prepare to enter a vacancy
and look for a new minister this is a vital role
in the life of our church needs to be filled. 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
person covering children the other, for
vulnerable adults.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will stir up the
right person for these roles – ***if that might be
you and you would like more information
please contact me or Ian Nurdin.***

Prayer Breakfast

The next ecumenical Prayer Breakfast will be
on **Saturday 29th March at 9am, Fawkhams
and Hartley Church Centre** .

Please let Mandy Malas or Carol Wilton know
if you will be attending:

amanda_malas@yahoo.co.uk /
carolwilton0@gmail.com

Messy Church

A celebration for everyone – faith, food & fun
for families & individuals of all ages & stages. If
you are under 16, an adult will need to stay
with you. No need to book, just come along!

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**Next meeting Saturday 19th April 3pm – 5pm,
Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre.**-poster
attached

Messy Cathedral this year will be held on **31st
May between 1pm – 3pm** – poster attached

Lent Course

This year's Lent Course will be based around
**The Big Church Read Lent Book 2025 – 'Wild,
Bright Hope'** and held in Hartley rectory. Each
Wednesday from 11th March to 16th April.
Booking is required – poster attached

Prayer Team & Prayer List

The ministry of prayer at Ash church after
Sunday services has now been active for 6
months and it is heart-warming to see that this
service is being well used - thank you to Rev
Dorothy for her leadership and the team for
their dedication. **We are looking to expand
the prayer team** so I ask you again to
prayerfully consider whether God may be
calling you to this ministry and to join the
team. Rev Dorothy would love to hear from
you if you would like more information.

Prayer List – Julia has done and is continuing
to do a wonderful job maintain the list of
those who have asked for the prayers of the
church family. In order to better maintain this
list and serve those on it from April as well as
adhering to the removal of names after 4
weeks the prayer team will in contacting
people on the list to see how they are,
whether we as a church can offer any other
help or support and determine whether they
would find remaining on the list helpful. If
anyone has any concerns about this please
speak with Rev Dorothy or Helen.

New Electoral Roll

Every six years all churches have to prepare a
new electoral roll. The old roll is discarded and
everyone who wishes to take part in the APCM
must complete a new application form. The
deadline for completing the forms in time for the
Ash APCM is **this Sunday 23rd March**. Being on

the church electoral roll is also a good indication
to the Diocese of the membership of the church
so please do renew or start your membership.
Application forms for the electoral roll will be
available in churches or from the Electoral Roll
officer: Ash - Carol Clark (carol@cclark.me.uk –
01474 874526)

Flower Festival Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of V.E. DAY.

To be held at **Ash Church May 3rd - 5th.**

All are welcome to participate in this
important landmark event by creating a flower
arrangement or posy **or** sponsoring an
arrangement in someone's memory **or** by
making a donation towards the event.
Nearer the time there will also be a request for
cakes and help to run the event!

If interested in any way please contact Jean.
jeanbentley51@gmail.com 07985 171403 –
poster attached

Deanery Confirmation Service

Our confirmation service this year will be held
at **Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre at 4pm
on 8th June with Bishop Simon.**

If you would like to be confirmed or would like
any further information about confirmation
please speak with Rev Helen.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ash

Joshua 5:9-12 / Luke 15:1-3,11b – end

Ridley

Exodus 2:1-10 / Luke 2:33-35

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