

Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 24th November – Christ the King

This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 24th November Christ the King	8am BCP Holy Communion	Ash
	9am Morning Worship	Ridley
	10am Holy Communion	Ash
	10.30am Holy Communion	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	<i>Live streamed Service:</i> https://bit.ly/356qawt	
	10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	4pm Afternoon Service – afternoon tea at 3.30pm	Ridley
	<i>“Is it too early for Christmas?” – a fun service of your favourite carols, readings and songs as we approach Advent & Christmas – all welcome</i>	
Monday 25th November	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 26th November	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 27th November	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	10am Prayer Team Meeting	Ash
Thursday 28th November	9am Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.15am Ash Saplings	Ash
	2pm – 4.30pm The Space	Youth & Community Centre, NAG
	<i>Free and welcome to all - refreshments, company, games & quizzes</i>	
Friday 29th November	9am Morning Prayer	Zoom
	<i>To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email</i>	
	7.30pm Shanty Night	Ash Village Hall
	<i>An evening of great music with Joe, Dazzle and the crew Tickets £10</i>	

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne
of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and
King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship
at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

New Testament reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and
who was and who is to come, and from the
seven spirits who are before his throne, and
from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the
firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings
of the earth.
To him who loves us and freed us from our
sins by his blood, and made us to be a
kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to
him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.
Amen.

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Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth
will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.
'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord
God, who is and who was and who is to come,
the Almighty.

Gospel reading: John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again,
summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the
King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask
this on your own, or did others tell you about
me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your
own nation and the chief priests have handed
you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus
answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world.
If my kingdom were from this world, my
followers would be fighting to keep me from
being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my
kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him,
'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say
that I am a king. For this I was born, and for
this I came into the world, to testify to the
truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth
listens to my voice.'

**Other readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and
Psalm 93**

Post Communion prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit
of good works, may by you be plenteously
rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Safeguarding Vacancies

We remain without a PSO or lead recruiter 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.

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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.

The lead recruiter looks after the
administration of DBS checks.

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 drop me an email or speak with Rhian.***

Funeral Service for Ray Viney

Ray's funeral service will be held at **Thames
View Crematorium on Tuesday 3rd December
at 3pm**. You are invited after the service for
refreshments at Redlibbets golf club – ***please
let Helen know if you will be attending the
golf club for catering purposes.***

An obituary page has been set up
here <https://www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/128514>
which includes details of the
funeral and an area where you can leave
memories and make a donation to The
Community Cupboard rather than buying
flowers.

Please continue to hold Enid and the whole
family in your prayers at this sad time.

Advent Zoom Services

**On 4th, 11th and 18th December at 8pm we will
be holding a Zoom Taize Advent Service.** An
opportunity to rest and spend some time with
God during the busy Christmas preparation
period. We will be focusing on Hope, Peace
and Joy.

The Zoom link is shown on this week's Notes
and News and the church website. I do hope
you can be there and please invite others. –
poster attached

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Advent Retreat from St Augustine's

To celebrate the season of Advent, St Augustine's College of Theology is delighted to announce their new Advent Audio Retreat for 2024. Over four weeks, they invite you to join them in listening along to our brand-new series on each of the four Sundays of Advent.

Episode 1: Longing and Hope, on **Sunday 1st December** will be found on their YouTube Channel;

<https://www.youtube.com/@staugustinescollegeoftheol9801>

Christmas Tree Festival

This annual fundraising event will be held at Ash church on **14th, 15th & 16th December** this year and we are looking forward to seeing the wonderful imaginative trees. It's not too late to enter your own tree – please see Jean Bentley for details and do encourage your friends and family to come along. – *poster attached*

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16 / Luke 21:25-36