

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

### This Week's Services & Events

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>8am BCP Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>10am Joint Service of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<i>Ash and Ridley come together for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service – this time at Ash</i>	
	<b>9am Holy Communion for Harvest</b>	<b>St Mary Fawkham</b>
	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</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>Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> October</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>Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>10.15 – 11.45am Coffee &amp; Chat</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
<b>Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>10.15am Ash Saplings</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<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>
	<i>Free and welcome to all refreshments, chat, games, or some peace!</i>	
<b>Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>The Big Breakfast Hodsoll Street Village Hall</b>

### Sunday's Readings & Prayers

#### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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:

##### James 5:13-end

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to

one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

#### Gospel reading: Mark 9:38-end

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup

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of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

**Other readings: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Psalm 19:7-14**

#### **Post Communion prayer**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.  
**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. 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.***

#### **Prayer Breakfast**

The next ecumenical prayer breakfast will be held at St Frances de Sales at 9am on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please advise Carol Wilton – [carolwilton0@gmail.com](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com) or Mandy Malas – [Amanda\\_malas@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Amanda_malas@yahoo.co.uk) if you are attending for catering purposes. – poster attached

#### **Memory Lane ... Recollections in Words and Music**

This event will be held at **Ash church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm**. Interval refreshments will be served and donations are welcomed in support of the work of Ash church. For more information call Jacky Richardson **01474 873733** – poster attached

#### **St Mary's Flower Festival**

A 'Harvest Celebration' Flower Festival will be held at **St Mary, Fawkham on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 6pm and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 12pm – 5.30pm**.

Free entry, with refreshments available and music from The Carmellos' on Saturday afternoon. – poster attached

#### **The Big Knit 26th Oct**

Making Miracles is now organising its annual Big Knit which takes place every year at **Rochester Cathedral** during Baby Loss

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Awareness in October.

We would like to invite as many people as able to attend the event on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to 1pm**, during which anyone who can knit a square based on the details on the attached poster is very welcome. We also encourage as many people as possible between now and then to make squares which they can make up into blankets themselves or let us have on the day for other knitters to sew into squares for us. The morning is lots of fun with us always trying to make more squares than the previous years. The finished blankets are then sold on our community stalls and in our shops "Handmade with Love" with every penny raised funding our bereavement services for families who lose a baby. – *poster attached*

### Next Sunday's Readings

**Hebrews 1:1-4 & 2:5-12 / Mark 10:2-16**

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