

Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 7th July 2024 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 07th July	8am BCP Morning Prayer	Ash
	9am Holy Communion	Ridley
	10am Morning Worship	Ash
	<i>I am afraid there will not be a Zoom link this week</i>	
	9am Holy Communion	All Saints Hartley
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	3pm Children's Church	Ash
Monday 08th July	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 09th July	9am Service of Morning Prayer	Ash
	7.30pm Ash PCC Meeting	Ash
Wednesday 10th July	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	2pm Prayer Team Meeting	Ash
Thursday 11th July	9am Service of Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.15am Ash Saplings	Ash
	10.30am Bible Study Group	Zoom
	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)</i>	
	10am Pop In	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	2pm – 4.30pm The Space	Youth & Community Centre, NAG
	<i>Free and welcome to all refreshments, chat, games, or some peace!</i>	
Friday 12th July	9am Morning Prayer	Ridley
Saturday 13th July	10.30am – 12.30pm St Peter's Pop In	Ridley
	<i>Beverages, cake, conversation – why not pop in....</i>	
	12.30 - 2.30pm Social Meeting Place	The Pavilion, NAG
	<i>Meet new people in friendly surroundings, pool, darts board games</i>	
	7pm Kent Chamber Choir	Ash
	<i>Crossing Hadrian's Wall: A Celebration of English & Scottish Song</i>	

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all
things, may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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:

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven— whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will

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not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel reading: Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the

place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Other readings: Ezekial 2:1-5 and Psalm 123

Post Communion prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Vacancy

We remain without a PSO 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.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will stir up the right person for this role – if that might be you and you would like more information please drop me an email or speak with Rhian.

Children's Church to Messy Church

Children's Church will be ending with its last meeting being at 3pm on Sunday 4th August. In its place Group Messy Church will be making a monthly return starting in September, it will be held at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre 3pm – 5pm. There is plenty of space for volunteers at Messy Church so if God has been

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Messy dates for your diary:

Saturday September 21st : Messy Harvest

Saturday October 19th : Messy Pumpkins

Saturday November 16th : Messy Poppies

Saturday December 28th : Messy Christingle

Next Sunday's Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14/Mark 6:14-29

The 2024 Teddy's Tower of Terror will be held on Monday 26th August at Ash Church.

In order for this event to be the success it has been in previous years, as an opportunity for church outreach and generosity and as a fundraising event for The Community Cupboard we need to pull together as Group and ***your help is needed.***

Can you volunteer between 11.30am and 2.30pm on the day to help with the logistics of the day – car park, refreshments, ferrying precious teddy bears to and from their flights....

Please contact Rev Helen – helen@rnwkgroup.org.uk

Can you pledge to make a batch of scones for the cream teas – we will need about 300!!

Please contact Verity Cammack - lacammack@live.co.uk

Thank you in advance – looking forward to it already!

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