

ASH AND RIDLEY CHURCH NEWS JULY & AUGUST 2023



Ash and Ridley celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles 111

The weekend of 6th- 8th May saw the coronation of our new King, and Ash and Ridley were celebrating in style. There were commemorative services at both churches on the Sunday morning, and bells were rung in celebration at Ash.





On Monday we continued to celebrate with a tea party in Ash Village Hall. After a glass of Bucks Fizz on arrival, we were served with a sumptuous tea by our 'nippy' waitresses. There followed a number of party games, first Pass the Parcel, which was won by Sarah Hobbs (see photograph below), and then an extremely competitive game of Musical Chairs which ended in a tense 'chair-off' between Gillian Noakes and Pauline Dunsdon, with Pauline ultimately triumphant!

The afternoon ended with musical entertainment supplied by Allan Richardson, Jean Bentley and Frank McConnell. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all!









St Peter & St Paul, Ash St Peter, Ridley All Saints, Hartley, <u>Fawkham</u> & Hartley Church Centre St Mary, <u>Fawkham</u> St Mary Magdalene, <u>Longfield</u>

Ash Church Services & Opening Times

Tuesday 9am Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday 9am
Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday 10.30am

Ash Saplings – church for pre-schoolers and their adults

Sunday 8am Sunday Service

1st & 3rd Sunday BCP Morning Prayer 2nd & 4th Sunday BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 10am Sunday Service

1st & 3rd Sunday Morning Worship – Zoom connection available
2nd & 4th Sunday Holy Communion
5th Sunday 8am and 10am Worship

1st Sunday 3pm Children's Church

A service particularly for families with primary school aged children

2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30am RNWK Group Livestreamed Service
To watch and subscribe go to: https://www.fawkhamandhartley.org.uk/live.html

The church is open every day for you to spend time in prayer, reflection or just savouring the quiet and peace that is found there.

For full details of events, activities and services at Ash and across the Rural North West Kent Group of churches visit our website or Facebook Page:

Ash Church Website - www.ash-church.org.uk

RNWK Group of Churches Facebook Page - @ruralnorthwestkentgroup

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SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S RIDLEY

<u>Time</u>	Type of Service	<u>When</u>
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)	1 st & 3 rd Sunday in the month
9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (CW)	2 nd & 4 th Sunday in the month
9.00 a.m.	Time for Prayer	Every Friday
6.00 p.m	Evensong (BCP)	4 th Sunday March
4.00 p.m.	Service with a difference	4 th Sunday April





If you would like to help us keep our 12th century church building in good repair, may we invite you to donate towards our operating costs by using the QR code below. Thank you for all your help!



ASH CHURCH PCC

Confirmation Service at Longfield

What a joy it was to welcome Bishop Simon to St. Mary Magdalene Longfield for our Deanery Confirmation Service on Sunday 14th May. From Ash Church, Jason Mackway-Jones was baptised and confirmed. Jason is now assisting at services of Holy Communion as a server.



Patronal Festival 25th June

We were joined on Sunday 25th June at our Patronal Service by Mary Margaret Yates, the President of Rochester Diocese Mothers' Union. Mary Margaret enrolled Rev. Helen as Chaplain of the MU in the diocese, a role for which she was commissioned by Bishop Jonathan in October last year. Following the service, cherries, cheese, and a glass of fizz were enjoyed by all in the sunshine.



News from Ridley

On Sunday 25th June we enjoyed our 'service with a difference'. Carol Bridge led us in 'Keeping Fit for God'. We enjoyed an interactive time, going out and doing a sort of treasure hunt for words in the Bible. We enjoyed keeping fit for God to music, and enjoyed time together in our cool church on a very hot day!



Our next service with a difference will be on Sunday 27th August, and the theme will be 'Rest' 'Do you set time in your busy lives to rest?' This will be a time to come into our cool church and look at making time to rest. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Saturday July 15th between 10 a.m and 1 p.m., Ridley will have an open morning. Come and talk to us about Ridley and all it has to offer. Ask us questions and come with ideas for the future.



Looking further ahead, our now famous Harvest Lunch will be on Sunday 24th September at Hodsoll Street and Ridley Village Hall. Put the date in your diary and I will be taking bookings from mid-August onwards.

Tricia Carr (07840 477582)



SOCIAL MEETING PLACE

What is it?

For those wishing to meet new people in FRIENDLY surroundings to ENJOY COMPANY, play pool, darts, PLAY board games and purchase refreshments.

Where is it?

When is it?

New Ash Green Pavilion

Punch Croft New Ash Green DA3 8HS

LAUNCHING 2nd JUNE 2023

12.30pm – 2.30pm Every first Friday of the month





Meet New People. Be Yourself. All Welcome.



For More Jackie West - KCC Community Warden Information: 07811 271259 or jackie.west@kent.gov.uk



Village Day 2023

New Ash Green Village Day took place on Saturday 24th June, and Ash Church was well represented with the Grand Draw, Lucky Dip and Trap the Rat. Here are some images from the day:







Humphrey Scott- DoE Update

In the last edition, we mentioned the sterling work that Humphrey Scott has been doing in the church car park as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Well, this work has been continuing apace over the last couple of months, and here are some more pictures of what he has achieved. Many thanks to him for all his hard work.







SCHOOL SWAP SHOP

This summer at The Community Cupboard we will be running a school uniform swap shop and we need your HELP!

Can you donate any of the following:

Jumpers
Shirts
Polo Shirts
Skirts / Dresses
Trousers / Shorts
Shoes
Lunch boxes
Backpacks

All items must be

- In excellent condition
- · Clean
- Free from holes, stains, tears etc

For more info or how to donate, please email: ccschoolswapshop@gmail.com

Day Trips 2023



Do you live in Swanley, DA3 or DA4 or West Kingsdown? Are you over 55?

Do you live in the Rural Community? If you would like to attend the following trips, please call

01322 668106

Monday 26th June – Folkstone (£20)

Wednesday 28th June – Chequers Pub Crockenhill (£10)

Friday 30th July – Notcutts Garden Centre (£12)

Monday 3rd July – Bluewater (£10)

Wednesday 5th July – Chartwell House Churchill (£15)

Thursday 6th July – Maidstone (£15)

Friday 7th July – Woodlands Garden Centre (£10)

Monday 10th July – Hythe (£20)

Wednesday 12th July – Bexleyheath Town (£10)

Friday 14th July – Ruxley Garden Centre (£10)

Monday 17th July – Rye (£20)

Wednesday 19th July – Bluewater (£10)

Thursday 20th July – Sainsbury's Crayford and Retail Park (£10)

Friday 21st July – Polhill Garden Centre (£10)

The Cottage Community is a independent charity (formally known as Rural Age Concern, Darent Valley). There is also a day centre for clients to attend and have a hot 2 course lunch. Door to door transport is provided. Charity number: 1180662

CAN YOU HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS?

It's wonderful to be able to worship at Ash Church and then join together for a cuppa and a biscuit afterwards. We need more people to join the refreshments teams rota - can you help? The more people who volunteer, the fewer times you will need to do it! If you would like to know more, please have a word with Alison Harding or drop her a line at alison.harding@btinternet.com Many thanks for your help!

Brass Cleaning

Sadly, one of our brass cleaning team has had to retire due to ill health, and we are looking for one (or possibly two) people to replace her. Brass cleaning is carried out every 2 months, usually in the first 2 weeks of the month, and our retiring member has already completed her session for this year. This means that the new member will not be needed for their first session until next year. However, I am asking now, as it does give the new member 3 chances to attend a session with one of our regulars to be shown what needs doing. It is good to see our brass looking nice and shiny, so we would be glad for any offer of help. Please let me know if you are interested.

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THE BIG BREAKFAST - ALL ARE WELCOME!!

THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST IS ON SATURDAY 5th AUGUST 2023 09.00 - 11.00

The next "Big Breakfast" in aid of the Hodsoll Street Village Hall Refurbishment Fund takes place on Saturday 5th August 2023 from 09:00am. The Breakfast costs £5 a head and is excellent value for money.

In order to work up an appetite for this excellent fare we invite anyone interested to join us on a circular walk to Hodsoll Street. Meet at 5 Manor Forstal at 8:40am - from there the walk takes about an hour, and then after breakfast we take a slightly shorter route back to New Ash Green. The walk isn't suitable for buggies and please note that although dogs are welcome to join us they are not allowed in the Village Hall, so will have to be left outside whilst you are enjoying your meal.

We do need to book breakfasts in advance so please contact us by **Weds 2nd August 2023** if you would like to come along - 01474 873414 or ian nurdin@hotmail.co.uk

See:

http://www.hodsollstreet-ridley.co.uk/index.html for more details.
 Next Breakfast Walk after this one will be on the 2nd September 2023



lan and Debbie Nurdin

Kent Chamber Choir Concert

On Saturday 15th July, Kent Chamber Choir will be giving a concert in Ash Church - a mixed programme of beautiful English music both sacred and secular. This will be the last concert at Ash which will be directed by Alan Vincent, who founded the choir 40 years ago, and has decided to retire at the end of this year at the grand old age of 80! Over the years, the choir has raised thousands of pounds for churches and charities. Our patron, the wonderful Sir Harry Christophers (of 'Sixteen' fame), is hoping to be present at the concert.





A Summer Serende

An evening of music and songs you know and love!

Saturday 8th July at 7.30pm Tickets £10 in advance

Available by contacting us via www.frontroomsingers.org or Pets Pantry

Bring your own drinks and snacks

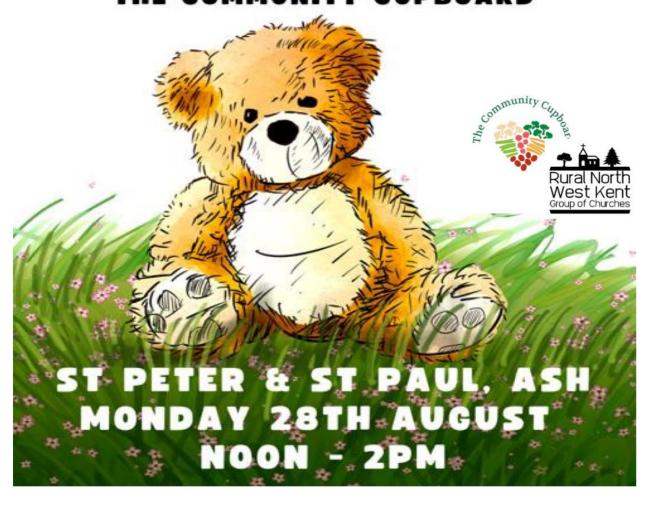
New Ash Green Village Hall Centre Road DA3 8HH



TEDDY'S TOWER OF TERROR!!

AN AFTERNOON OF FUNDRAISING FUN FOR THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD.

SEND TEDDY DOWN A ZIPWIRE FROM THE CHURCH TOWER. £1
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC
ENJOY A FREE CREAM TEA, TEDDY TRAIL,
AND RAFFLE
DONATE AS YOU ARE ABLE TO
THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD



FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERAL

Thomas Carroll

12th May

Olumodupe Ajayi

We were saddened recently to learn of the death of Emi Carrington's mother. She was a wonderful lady who always brightened up our services on her visits to Ash with the most amazing colourful garments and headdresses. Details of her funeral arrangements are given on the poster below. All are welcome. Please contact me if you would like to attend all or some of the events.

Ian Nurdin



Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Gael and Gillie Lewis who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Gael and Gillie were married at St.Mary Magdalene Church, Cobham on 23rd June 1973. We send them both our warmest wishes, and here's to the next 50!



THANK YOU NAG SOCIAL!

With special thanks to NAG Social we have now installed a Defibrillator pack in a secure cabinet to the rear of the church. Once registered with the Emergency Services it can be accessed if needed - the pack is set up and ready and gives audible instructions for use. Suitable signage will be put in place at the church and in Ash Village, making people aware of the installation. Training sessions will be arranged for anyone interested. If you have any queries about the defibrillator please contact Ian Nurdin.





A quiz for the summer season- answers

All the questions in this quiz contain a word or words which are connected with summer.

- 1) The first name of the son of Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank. August
- 2) An American band formed in 1961, containing amongst others the three Wilson brothers, Brian, Carl and Dennis. **The Beach Boys**
- 3) Newspaper that began in 1964 as a broadsheet before being transformed by Rupert Murdoch after 1969 into a best-selling tabloid. **The Sun**
- 4) What is 'bustin' out all over', according to the song from Rodgers & Hammerstein's Carousel? **June**
- 5) Iconic jazz singer born Eleonora Fagan in 1915 and often known by the nickname 'Lady Day'. **Billie Holliday**
- 6) Winner of the 1966 Eurovision Song Contest with 'Puppet on a String'. **Sandy**Shaw
- 7) 1967 film starring Rod Steiger and Sidney Poitier as 'Mr Tibbs'. In the Heat of the Night
- 8) Freddie Mercury song from 1975 which tells the tale of a coastal assignation. **Seaside Rendezvous**

'Top to Toe' Quiz

With thanks again to Alison Dixon, here are 10 cryptic clues to items worn either on the head or the feet.

- 1) Bruin's family (8)
- 2) One hundred records (5)
- 3) Sounds like a very expensive, but unwelcome follower (11)
- 4) Boasts about wearing these (6)
- 5) Scottish lake gets trapped by religion (6)
- 6) Bishop catches up with the scoundrels (7)
- 7) 500 is squashed amongst the fruit (7)
- 8) Do you feel an ass wearing these? (5)
- 9) This headgear is equivalent to 45.50 litres (3,6,3)
- 10) Shut the little canines up (4,7)

Just to give you a bit of help, the odd-numbered questions are all headwear, and the even ones footwear. Answers, as ever, in the next edition.

A final word from the editor.

Well, summer is definitely upon upon us, even if in the last few days we have experienced something of a deluge following the previous lovely weather. In these pages you will have found details of everything that has been going on at our two churches over the last couple of months, as well as news of other exciting events which are happening over the rest of the summer. The next edition will be published in early September and will cover the months of September and October. Please send any items for inclusion to n.noakes@btinternet.com by Sunday 27th August at the latest. Enjoy the rest of the summer, everyone!



ASH CHURCH PRIVACY POLICY

Ash Church PCC have agreed a Privacy Policy in light of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and these can be found on the church website:

http://www.ash-church.org.uk

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