

*ASH AND RIDLEY
CHURCH NEWS
MAY & JUNE 2023*



God Save the King



**Join us for a service of celebration
to mark the Coronation
Sunday 7th May 2023
St Peter, Ridley at 9am
St Peter & St Paul, Ash at 10am**



St Peter & St Paul, Ash
St Peter, Ridley

All Saints, Hartley, Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre,
St Mary, Fawkham
St Mary Magdalene, Longfield

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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Church Warden – Mr Ian Nurdin - ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk

SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S RIDLEY

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Type of Service</u> | <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 |



Online
ZOOM SERVICE

1ST & 3RD SUNDAY FROM SEPTEMBER
10:00AM START LOGIN BY 9.55AM

**WORSHIPPING
TOGETHER**

AT ASH

**IN CHURCH
AND AT HOME**

JOIN US

**ZOOM LINK AVAILABLE VIA THE WEEKLY EMAIL.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS EMAIL PLEASE
CONTACT REV HELEN**



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



King's Coronation Community Celebration

Monday 8th May 10am - 12pm

New Ash Green Youth & Community Centre



FREE Drop in for refreshments, games, music and a chat with
Ash Green Scout Group.

Everyone welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!

Supported by:



News from Ridley

On Sunday 23rd April we shared a wonderful service to commission Dorie Wishart as an Anna friend. It was a joyful celebration to acknowledge and give thanks for all that Dorie already does to support older members of the community. Julia Burton-Jones came along to offer support and say a few words about Anna chaplaincy.



On Saturday 25th March as part of Earth Day celebrations, a group of eager artists gathered around St Peter's Church Ridley to paint pictures from the beautiful surrounding area. We welcomed Michael Kennedy who encouraged and taught us. Our thanks to him for his time; thanks also to Reverend Jayne for organising the day. We hope to have another art workshop in the near future.

Ridley is arranging to have a defibrillator fitted on the little hut. There will be an annual cost to maintaining it. If you would like to support this please speak to Tricia Carr (warden at St Peter's).

Tricia Carr

You are invited to celebrate



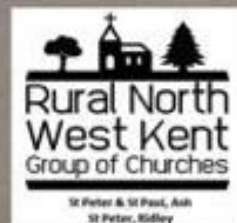
THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

The kingdom that transforms lives, where the first shall be last and the last shall be first, where the poor are blessed and the greatest is the servant of all.

Please join us to pray in creative ways for God's kingdom to break into the lives of those we love. Saturday 20th May 2023
Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
10.00am - 2.30pm (lunch and refreshments will be provided)
finishing with a heavenly treat of gigantic proportions!

All are wellcome. Please register your interest with Jayne for catering purposes on 01474 708696 jayne@rnwkgroup.org.uk

Warm Space



Every Thursday

2pm - 4.30pm

Starting on 12th January 2023



Warm space
Warm Welcome
Warm Refreshments
Warm Community Spirit
Free of charge - All very welcome

New Ash Green Youth & Community Centre



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
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OUR DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD VOLUNTEERS

You may have noticed in recent weeks that we have re-discovered our car park wall and also spotted some lovely flower arrangements in Church. It is with thanks to two wonderful young volunteers who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards. We are very grateful to them both (and their parents in support) for all their hard work and we wish them every success in their pursuit of the coveted Award.

Lucy Mcnaughton has been working with the Flower Arranging Team and has produced some lovely displays, as seen below.



Humphrey Scott has done some amazing work in clearing the ivy off the car park wall - it is now down to us to keep it this way!



**Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Dementia Friendly
Community invites you to our
Dementia Information Coffee Morning
&
Virtual Dementia Tour experience**

Are you caring for a loved one living with
dementia?
Would you like to find out about support in
your local area?

Dementia Information Coffee Morning

Tuesday May 30th 2023 from 10am - 12pm

New Ash Green Village Hall
Centre Road
New Ash Green, Kent
DA3 8HH

There will be free refreshments available, and representatives
from local organisations offering support to families living with
dementia

Virtual Dementia Tour

Tuesday May 30th 2023

This will be available at New Ash Green Village Hall
10am - 12pm
then at

ADSS, Coldharbour Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8AE
1.30pm - 4pm

NEW ASH GREEN VILLAGE DAY 2023

Village Day is back and will be on Saturday 24th June! Ash Church will be there and this is a fantastic opportunity for outreach to all of the community of Ash and New Ash Green, so we are going to need YOUR help!

We want to concentrate on letting everyone know what we and the other members of the Rural North West Kent Group of Churches are up to. We plan to take a large space and run a few "Fete Favourite" side-shows, whilst also making people aware of the group's activities.

More details to follow soon but please make a note of the date in your diaries!

We have also been given the OK to organise and run the Grand Draw, with all the proceeds coming to the church. If you can help with prizes please contact Ian Nurdin ASAP - many thanks!

We will be delivering the Village Day Programmes - something we do very well as a church - so watch out for those bundles in the porch!

We will need lots of help on the day itself – please come along and help with setting up and give us your help for an hour or so during the day. Our grateful thanks in advance for all your support!

If you can help in any way on the day or beforehand please contact Ian Nurdin - Tel 01474 873414 or by email: ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk.

CAN YOU HELP THE COMMUNITY HUB AT VILLAGE DAY?

The community hub is looking for volunteers to give just half an hour of your time to help serve tea & coffee on Village Day 24th June, if you think you could help please contact me Chris Gorton on 07759884723 or give your name to Ian who could pass it on. Many thanks in advance for any help you can give!

Chris Gorton

EVER WONDERED WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE NEW ASH GREEN COVID SNAKE?

Most people don't know that New Ash green library has a garden

With money donated by NAG Social and support with digging and planting the garden is now completely refurbished.

There will be an official opening on the 3rd June from 10am with refreshments so pop down and see what has been done. The New Ash Green covid snake has also taken up residence.....

Chris Gorton





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: ccschoolsswapshop@gmail.com**

APCM 2023

The 2023 Annual Meeting for the election of churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 14 May, at 11:00am in the church or as soon as possible after the end of the 10:00am service.

All residents of the parish and people on the church electoral roll may attend the Annual Meeting and vote for the churchwardens. However only those who are on the electoral roll may take part in the APCM, but others may attend as observers at the discretion of the Rector.

The agendas and reports will be distributed before the meeting to everyone who receives *Church News*. This is your opportunity to have your say about all the activities in our church. Please consider whether you would like to join the PCC or become a churchwarden; nomination forms are available from the PCC Secretary, Cameron Clark.

After the APCM all are invited to a 'bring and share' lunch in the church.

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!



RNWK Group are delighted to be hosting a **Deanery Confirmation Service** with Bishop Simon on **Sunday 14th May 2023** in the beautiful St Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield at **6pm**.

Please pray for, and come to celebrate on the day with, the candidates and their families as they take this next step on their journey of faith.



A message from Ray Viney

Enid and I wanted to thank you for the wonderful care you have all given us over the past few months whilst I was in hospital and since my return home. The cards, emails, phone calls and offers of help, and most of all the prayers that Enid and I have felt and known their power have all contributed to my progress towards recovery. The ability to Zoom the services at Ash and YouTube the services at Hartley Church Centre have allowed us to continue to participate in worshipping our gracious Lord.

I am reminded of the opening sentence I sometimes use in my intercessory prayers. *“Our Prayers can go where we cannot. While many things may seem impossible from a human standpoint, in the realm of prayer there are no impossibilities.”*

Enid and I are having to make significant changes to our lifestyle but your support has helped to give us the strength and the courage to move forward albeit slowly.

We hope and pray that we will soon be able to attend church. Once again our thanks to each of you as our church.

Ray and Enid Viney

HGS Productions

HGS Productions presents 'The Mikado' by Gilbert and Sullivan at the Village Hall, Ash Road, Hartley on Thurs 8th, Fri 9th and Sat 10th June, beginning at 8.00 pm.

Tickets price £10 available from the box office – phone/text 0780 1836987 or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hgsp

THE BIG BREAKFAST IS BACK!

THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST IS ON SATURDAY 3rd JUNE 2023 09.00 - 11.00

The next "Big Breakfast" in aid of the Hodsoll Street Village Hall Refurbishment Fund takes place on Saturday 3rd June 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 31st May 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 **1st July 2023**

Ian and Debbie Nurdin



A date for your diary

KENT CHAMBER CHOIR will be giving a concert in Ash Church
on SATURDAY JULY 15th at 7.30pm

This will be its last concert at Ash under the direction of Alan Vincent. Alan founded the choir 40 years ago and, as he will be 80 in October, he has decided to make this his last year.

I hope you will all come and support what is not only a fund- raising event for the Church, but also a very special day for KCC members who are also part of Ash Church.

Jean Bentley

| FROM THE REGISTERS | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| BAPTISM | |
| Miles Eric Bakie | 30 th April |
| FUNERAL | |
| Alfred Brian Sharman | 4 th April |
| BURIAL OF ASHES | |
| Pamela May Robery | 28 th April |
| Alan Hamilton | 29 th April |

Letters of the Alphabet Quiz –Answers

The answers to all the questions consisted of one or more letters of the alphabet.

- 1) A bird (1) **J**
- 2) An insect (1) **B**
- 3) A river in Britain (1) **D**
- 4) A verb of debt (1) **O**
- 5) The conditions of a wintry payment (2) **IC**
- 6) A county in England (2) **SX**
- 7) A verb meaning to rot (2) **DK**
- 8) A written composition (2) **SA**
- 9) A girl's name (2) **KT**

- 10) A line of people (1) **Q**
- 11) A vegetable (1) **P**
- 12) A creeping vine (2) **IV**
- 13) A variety of pepper (2) **KN**
- 14) Jealousy (2) **NV**
- 15) Great delight and joy (3) **XTC**

A quiz for the summer season

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

A final word from the editor. As I write this, we are looking forward imminently to the coronation of our new King Charles III, the first such event that the vast majority of us will have seen in our lifetime. In these pages you will have found details of various celebratory events which are happening over that weekend, as well as other exciting events taking place as we move into summer, and I hope as ever there will have been plenty to inform and entertain you. The next edition will be published in early July and will cover the months of July and August.. Please send any items for inclusion to n.noakes@btinternet.com by Sunday 25th June latest. Have a good couple of months, everyone!



Coronation Flower Display - Arranged by Lucy Mcnaughton (see page 10)

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>

If you no longer wish to be contacted by Ash Church by email or other means please contact Ian Nurdin (ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk) and request that your contact details are deleted and removed.

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