



This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 05th May	8am BCP Morning Prayer	Ash
	9am Holy Communion & APCM	Ridley
	10am Morning Worship	Ash
	<i>Zoom link available to join this service – see email</i>	
	9am Holy Communion	All Saints Hartley
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	3pm Children's Church	Ash
	6pm Side by Side Jazz Duo	Ash
Monday 06th May	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 07th May	9am Service of Morning Prayer	Ash
Wednesday 08th May	10am Holy Communion	St Mary Fawkham
	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
Thursday 09th May	9am Service of Morning Prayer	Ash
Ascension Day	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>	
	6pm Sung Evensong – Ascension Day	Ash
Friday 10th May	9am Morning Prayer – no service this week	Ridley
Thy Kingdom Come Starts	8am – 8am 11th May 24 Hour Bible Reading Event	Ash
	<i>To mark Thy Kingdom Come there will be a 24 hr continuous bible reading event in Ash church. All are welcome to pop in for a cuppa and piece of cake and to sit and listen to some scripture. NB church closed at midnight</i>	

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to
life, so by his continual presence in us he may
raise us to eternal 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

First Reading: Acts 10: 44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered

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them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Other readings: Isa 55:1-11, Ps 98, 1 John 5:1-6

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Prayer Team at Ash

Please continue to consider and pray as Rev Dorothy called on us to do last week. Please find attached her words regarding a review of our prayer life – individually and corporately.

APCM's and Vacancies in Church Roles

Our APCM's this year will be held as follows:
Ridley 5th May at 9am as part of the morning service. Refreshments after.

Ash 12th May at 11.30am after the morning service followed by a bring & share lunch.

We will as ever be celebrating the life of the churches and thanking those involved in that and looking to appoint/elect church wardens, PCC members and for Ash a new member of Deanery Synod.

I am calling upon you all, but particularly in Ash church to prayerfully consider whether you could serve the church and your community in one of these roles. With Alison Harding's move and other members having decided to step down Ash PCC is short of members and Ian Nurdin has served a year as lone church warden which is something I hope will not happen again as it is not healthy.

I have attached some information about the roles mentioned and if you feel so led I encourage you to talk to a member of the PCC or myself for more information or details of how to join. **Please note we will also be looking for a new Parish Safeguarding Officer for Ash and Ridley.**

Please note these roles do require nomination, references and safeguarding training – all of which is very doable and you will be guided through at every stage.

Please do give this some serious consideration as we need a full and healthy team to best be able to discern God's will for us as His hands and feet in this place.

Ascension Day & Thy Kingdom Come

Ascension Day:

9th May – **Evensong at Ash church 6pm** Zoom link on this email.

Thy Kingdom Come:

24 hour reading of the Bible Ash Church

starting at Acts 1. **8am 10th May – 8am 11th**

May – Readers Still Needed – let me know if you would like to be involved.

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Daily Devotional Novena Prayers – booklet available to all church members this Sunday – please collect yours or available as a free download on the following link:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/2024-novena>

Quiet Day – Come Holy Spirit Saturday 18th May at Ridley church - Posters attached

Next Sunday's Readings
Acts 1:15-17, 21-end/ John 17:6-19

Community Cupboard – Annual Report

If you would like to read more about the work of the Community Cupboard please find attached to this email the 2023 Annual Report. **Thank you to all for your support.** If you would like to make a regular financial donation to the charity please drop me an email and I will send you bank details.

Rev Jayne is moving on

I suspect you are all aware by now that The Rev'd Jayne Shillito, who has been with the RNWK Group since September 2021 as curate, is soon to be moving on to her new post. She is to be the Priest-in-Charge for the parishes of Biddenden and Smarden, in the Diocese of Canterbury.



Last Service

Jayne's last service, will be for the whole Group and will be held on **Sunday 16th June 2024 at 10.30am in Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre.** This will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch – just bring something to pop on the table for others to share.

Installation

Jayne will be installed in her new parishes on Monday 15th July.

Gift

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Jayne please can you contact your church warden or Rev Helen for details of how you can do that – all contributions by the end of May please.

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Prayers

Please pray for Jayne and Mark as they prepare for this move and thank God for the blessings which they have brought to us and for those that are to come for them and their future parishes.

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