

Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 9th February – Fourth Sunday Before Lent

This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 9th February	8am BCP Holy Communion	Ash
	9am Morning Worship	Ridley
	10am Holy Communion	Ash
	8am BCP Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	10.30am Holy Communion	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	<i>Live streamed Service:</i> https://bit.ly/356qawt	
Monday 10th February	10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	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 11th February	9am Morning Prayer	Zoom
	<i>To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email</i>	
	10.30am Bible Study Group	Zoom
	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)</i>	
Wednesday 12th February	10am Ridley PCC Meeting	Venue on the agenda
	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
Thursday 13th February	9am Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.15am Ash Saplings	Ash
	2pm – 4.30pm The Space	Youth & Community Centre, NAG
	<i>Free and welcome to all - refreshments, company, games & quizzes</i>	
Friday 14th February	9am Morning Prayer	Zoom
	<i>To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email</i>	

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and

the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and

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your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Other readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Psalm 138

Post Communion prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,

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we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting
life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Needed

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 these roles – ***if that might be you and you would like more information please drop me an email or speak with Rhian.***

Messy Church

A celebration for everyone – faith, food & fun for families & individuals of all ages & stages. If you are under 16, an adult will need to stay with you. No need to book, just come along!
Saturday 15th February 3pm – 5pm, Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre.

Open Deanery Synod Meeting

On **Tuesday 18th February at St John's church Meopham**, Bishop Jonathan will be presenting the Diocesan Vision and Strategy to a joint Deanery Synod meeting. All are welcome to attend. – *poster attached*

New Electoral Roll

Every six years all churches have to prepare a new electoral roll. The old roll is discarded and everyone who wishes to take part in the APCM **must** complete a new application form. The

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deadline for completing the forms in time for the Ash APCM is **Sunday 23rd March** and the Ridley APCM **TBC**.

Being on the church electoral roll is also a good indication to the Diocese of the membership of the church so please do renew or start your membership.

Application forms for the electoral roll will be available in churches or from the Electoral Roll officer:

Ash - Carol Clark (carol@cclark.me.uk – 01474 874526)

Ridley - Ian Paddy (ianpaddy2014@gmail.com)

Flower Festival Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of V.E. DAY.

To be held at **Ash Church May 3rd - 5th**.

All are welcome to participate in this important landmark event by creating a flower arrangement or posy **or** sponsoring an arrangement in someone's memory **or** by making a donation towards the event.

Nearer the time there will also be a request for cakes and help to run the event!

If interested in any way please contact Jean.
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Next Sunday's Readings Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Luke 6:17-26