



Sunday 12th January – Baptism of Christ

This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 12th January	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: https://bit.ly/356qawt</i>	
	10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
Monday 13th January	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 14th January	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>	
	7.30pm Ash PCC Meeting	As on the agenda
Wednesday 15th January	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	10am Prayer Team Meeting	Ash
Thursday 16th January	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 17th January	9am Morning Prayer	Zoom
	<i>To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email</i>	
Saturday 18th January	3pm Messy Church	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

Eternal Father,
 who at the baptism of Jesus
 revealed him to be your Son,
 anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
 grant to us, who are born again by water and
 the Spirit,
 that we may be faithful to our calling as your
 adopted children;
 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 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
 When you pass through the waters, I will be
 with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not
 overwhelm you;
 when you walk through fire you shall not be
 burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
 For I am the Lord your God,

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the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the
earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Gospel reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation,
and all were questioning in their hearts
concerning John, whether he might be the
Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,
'I baptize you with water; but one who is more
powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to
untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his
threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into
his granary; but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and
when Jesus also had been baptized and was
praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy
Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a
dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are
my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well
pleased.'

Other readings: Acts 8:14-17 and Psalm 29

Post Communion prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself
as Father

in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
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 2025

Attached are the dates for next year's Messy
Church.

The last Messy of this year is ***Messy Christingle
on 28th December 3pm Fawkham and Hartley
Church Centre*** – hope to see you there. –
poster attached

Ridley Informal Services

Please find attached a poster detailing the
dates and theme of this year's Informal
Services with Afternoon Tea at Ridley.
We will be considering images related to each
month and asking you to bring something
which resonates with you having seen the
image. All are welcome to come and join in -
Poster attached

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Burns Night

Following the same format as last year, we are holding a **BURN'S NIGHT** on ***Saturday January 25th 2025 in Ash Village Hall***. A three course meal and entertainment - £20 per head - Bring your own drink. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30 start.

Please park in the Ash Church Car Park if the hall spaces are full.

There are a few places left. Please contact Jean Bentley at jeanbentley51@gmail.com to reserve your place!

Next Sunday's Readings
Isaiah 62:1-5 / John 2:1-11