

Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 14th July 2024 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 14th July	8am BCP Holy Communion	Ash
	9am Morning Worship	Ridley
	10am Holy Communion	Ash
	10.30am Holy Communion	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	<i>Live streamed Service: https://bit.ly/356qawt</i>	
Monday 15th July	8am BCP Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	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>	
	7pm Rev Jayne's Installation Service	St Michael's, Smarden
Tuesday 16th July	9am Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.30am Bible Study Group	Zoom
	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)</i>	
Wednesday 17th July	10am Holy Communion	St Mary Fawkham
	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
Thursday 18th July	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 19th July	9am Morning Prayer	Ridley

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

New Testament reading:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places, just as he chose us in Christ before the
foundation of the world to be holy and

blameless before him in love. He destined us
for adoption as his children through Jesus
Christ, according to the good pleasure of his
will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he
freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him
we have redemption through his blood, the
forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the
riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With
all wisdom and insight he has made known to
us the mystery of his will, according to his
good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a
plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all
things in him, things in heaven and things on
earth. In Christ we have also obtained an
inheritance, having been destined according to
the purpose of him who accomplishes all
things according to his counsel and will, so that
we, who were the first to set our hope on
Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In

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him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel reading: Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to

bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Other readings: Amos 7:7-15 & Psalm 85:8-13

Post Communion prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in
his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Vacancy

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

Parking Rev Jayne's Licencing

If you are going to attend Rev Jayne's service these directions may be helpful: Leave Smarden church & the Flying Horse pub on

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your right then head over the river bridge. The parking field is on the left opposite the Thatched House & there will be Church Parking signs there; short walk back to church! Of course if entering village from Headcorn or Biddenden direction the field is on your right & before the river bridge but still opposite the Thatched House!

School Swap Shop

ITS BACK!!! The Community Cupboard School Uniform Swap shop.

We are now taking donations of GOOD QUALITY Jumpers, shirts, polo shirts, skirts, dresses, trousers and shorts, shoes, lunch boxes and backpacks.

Donations of these items can be made throughout July, at the Community Cupboard in West Kingsdown during opening hours of Mon, Wed, Fri 10-12 and also Tues & Thurs 12-2pm. Or to Rev Helen.

Uniform will be available to collect throughout August, to provide support to local families and help reduce waste. Please ensure that all items are: CLEAN / FREE OF HOLES / IN GOOD CONDITION

You do not need to be registered to donate or receive uniform items – *poster attached*

Front Room Presents

A concert on **20th July, 7pm at NAG Village Hall**. "Songs and music to delight and entertain you with special guests Bowed Well" – *poster attached*

Children's Church to Messy Church

Children's Church will be ending with its last meeting being at 3pm on Sunday 4th August. In its place Group Messy Church will be making a monthly return starting in September, it will be held at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre 3pm – 5pm. There is plenty of space for volunteers at Messy Church so if God has been nudging you this way please let me or Rev Joss know.

Messy dates for your diary:

Saturday September 21st : Messy Harvest

Saturday October 19th : Messy Pumpkins

Saturday November 16th : Messy Poppies

Saturday December 28th : Messy Christingle

Next Two Sunday's Readings

Eph 2:11-end ? Mark 6:30-34, 53 – end

Eph 3:14-end / John 6:1-21

The 2024 Teddy's Tower of Terror will be held on Monday 26th August at Ash Church.

In order for this event to be the success it has been in previous years, as an opportunity for church outreach and generosity and as a fundraising event for The Community Cupboard we need to pull together as Group and ***your help is needed.***

Can you volunteer between 11.30am and 2.30pm on the day to help with the logistics of the day – car park, refreshments, ferrying precious teddy bears to and from their flights....

Please contact Rev Helen – helen@rnwkgroup.org.uk

Can you pledge to make a batch of scones for the cream teas – we will need about 300!!

Please contact Verity Cammack - lacammack@live.co.uk

Thank you in advance – looking forward to it already!

**POSTER FOR THE EVENT
ATTACHED, PLEASE DISPLAY
AND SHARE.**

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