

Sunday 15th Sept 2024 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 15th September	8am BCP Morning Prayer	Ash
	9am Holy Communion	Ridley
	10am Morning Worship	Ash
	<i>Sorry no Zoom available today</i>	
	9am Holy Communion	St Mary Fawkham
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	3pm Songs of Praise	All Saints Hartley
	7.30pm Community Kindness Concert	Ash
	<i>Fundraising concert for Cancer Research UK</i>	
Monday 16th September	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 17th September	9am Service of Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.30am Bible Study Group	Zoom
	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)</i>	
Wednesday 18th September	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	10am Prayer Team Meeting	Ash
Thursday 19th September	9am Service of Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.15am Ash Saplings	Ash
	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>	
Friday 20th September	9am Morning Prayer	Ridley
Saturday 21st September	10am – 4pm Quiet Day	Ridley
	<i>Theme for the Season of Creationtide – Creator/Creation</i>	
	3pm – 5pm Messy Harvest	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	<i>Messy Church is back!!</i>	

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot

Please be in touch if you are in need of any help or support – helen@rnwkgroup.org.uk

God Bless you and keep you and may his face shine upon you

Changing, Serving & Growing in God's Upside Down Kingdom

Sunday 15th Sept 2024 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel reading: Mark 8:27-end

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to

save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Other readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-8

Post Communion prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Safeguarding Vacancies

We remain without a PSO or lead recruiter 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.

The lead recruiter looks after the administration of DBS checks.

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.***

Please be in touch if you are in need of any help or support – helen@rnwkgroup.org.uk

God Bless you and keep you and may his face shine upon you

Changing, Serving & Growing in God's Upside Down Kingdom

Sunday 15th Sept 2024 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Ordination Service - Carol Bridge

Carol will be ordained Deacon at **3pm on 28th September 2024 at Rochester Cathedral**. She would like to warmly invite all from across the Group who would like to be at the cathedral to share in this special occasion. There are a number of centre nave tickets available from me on a first come first served basis - please email me to reserve a ticket. Once these tickets are gone, side nave and transept seating will be available so we could all go!!

September 10am – 6pm and Sunday 29th September 12pm – 5.30pm.

Free entry, with refreshments available and music from The Carmellos' on Saturday afternoon. – *poster attached*

**Next Sunday's Harvest Readings
Joel 2:21-27 / Matt 25:31-end**

Community Kindness Concert ... In Aid of Cancer Research UK

An evening of fabulous musical entertainment including folk, pop, rock and jazz in **Ash church this Sunday, 15th September 2024, at 7:30pm**. Entrance to this concert is free. Refreshments available. Donations to Cancer Research UK can be made at the concert, or online by following this link <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jan23> - *poster attached*

Quiet Day at Ridley

There will be a Creation themed quiet day at St Peter, **Ridley on Saturday 21st September from 10am – 4pm**. Come all day and bring lunch or maybe just come for the morning or afternoon session. Run by Jan Foreman this will be a wonderful opportunity to rest a while with our Lord. *poster attached*.

Messy Church

The first Messy Church will be held at **Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre 3pm – 5pm on Saturday 21st September**. A poster is attached please display if you are able and let your families and friends know the start date. *poster attached*

St Mary's Flower Festival

A 'Harvest Celebration' Flower Festival will be held at **St Mary, Fawkham on Saturday 28th**

Please be in touch if you are in need of any help or support – helen@rnwkgroup.org.uk

God Bless you and keep you and may his face shine upon you

Changing, Serving & Growing in God's Upside Down Kingdom