

## Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

### This Week's Services & Events

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>8am BCP Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ridley</b>
	<b>10am Morning Worship</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<i>Zoom link available to join this service – see email</i>	
	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary Fawkham</b>
	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
	<b>3pm Songs of Praise</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
	<b>2.30pm – 4.30pm Chat &amp; Craft</b>	<b>Fawkham &amp; Hartley Church Centre</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<i>Bring a craft or hobby &amp; join together for a chat and refreshments</i>	
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
	<i>To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email</i>	
	<b>10.30am Bible Study Group</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)</i>	
	<b>10am Holy Communion</b>	<b>All Saints</b>
	<b>10.15 – 11.45am Coffee &amp; Chat</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>10.15am Ash Saplings</b>	<b>Ash</b>
	<b>10am Pop In</b>	<b>Fawkham &amp; Hartley Church Centre</b>
	<b>2pm – 4.30pm The Space</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Community Centre, NAG</b>
	<i>Free and welcome to all refreshments, chat, games, or some peace!</i>	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<i>To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email</i>	
	<b>7pm Burns Night</b>	<b>Ash Village Hall</b>

### Sunday's Readings & Prayers

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the  
riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,

and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of  
the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed  
Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,

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

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so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

#### **Gospel reading: John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Other readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and Psalm 36:5-10**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of 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**

Come and join us this Saturday, **18<sup>th</sup> January 3pm -5pm** for the first Messy Church of 2025. **Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre** – hope to see you there. – *poster attached*

#### **Burns Night – Three Tickets now available**

**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 contact Jean Bentley at [jeanbentley51@gmail.com](mailto:jeanbentley51@gmail.com) for a ticket.

#### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Please come and join us for an ecumenical service of celebration at **All Saints Church, Hartley 3pm on Friday 24th January 2025.** There will be a time for fellowship over refreshments afterwards – *poster attached*

#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 / Luke 4:14-21**

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