

Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 20th April – Easter Day



This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 20th April
Easter Day

5.30am Dawn Tower Service Ash
9am Holy Communion Ridley
10am Holy Communion Ash
10.30am Holy Communion Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
Livestreamed Service: <https://bit.ly/356qawt>

Monday 21st April

10.30am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene Longfield
2.30pm – 4.30pm Chat & Craft Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
Bring a craft or hobby & join together for a chat and refreshments

Tuesday 22nd April

9am Morning Prayer Zoom
To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email
10.30am Bible Study Group Zoom
Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)

Wednesday 23rd April

10am Holy Communion St Mary Fawkham
10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat St Mary Magdalene Longfield

Thursday 24th April

9am Morning Prayer Ash
10.15am Ash Saplings Ash
10am Pop In Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
2pm – 4.30pm The Space Youth & Community Centre, NAG
Free and welcome to all refreshments, chat, games, or some peace!

Friday 25th April

9am Morning Prayer Zoom
To join please use the link shown on the Notes and News email
1pm Service of Thanksgiving for Tyna Airey Ridley

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your
Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen.

First reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly
understand that God shows no partiality, but

in every nation anyone who fears him and
does what is right is acceptable to him. You
know the message he sent to the people of
Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is
Lord of all. That message spread throughout
Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John announced: how God anointed Jesus
of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with
power; how he went about doing good and
healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him. We are witnesses to all
that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a
tree; but God raised him on the third day and
allowed him to appear, not to all the people
but to us who were chosen by God as
witnesses, and who ate and drank with him

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after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel reading: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have

carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Other readings: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Post Communion prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy
of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Tyna Airey

This service will be held on **Friday 25th April 2025 at 1pm at St Peter, Ridley**. All are welcome to attend. Please hold John, Helen, Giles and all the family in your prayers at this time.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Needed

One year on we remain without a PSO for Ash and Ridley. As we prepare to enter a vacancy and look for a new minister this is a vital role in the life of our church needs to be filled. We are not properly equipped for our mission and ministry without one.

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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 contact me or Ian Nurdin.***

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!

Next meeting Saturday 17th May 3pm – 5pm, Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre.-poster attached

Messy Cathedral this year will be held on ***31st May between 1pm – 3pm – poster attached***

Messy Church – could you volunteer?

The RNWK Group Messy Church has been well received and averages 40+ people at each meeting. In order to ensure that activities, food, fun and safety are well looked after we need more regular volunteers. Please prayerfully consider whether this may be something you could be involved in or encourage others to consider being part of this very rewarding ministry. For more information please contact Rev Joss.

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.

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Can you help by providing cakes or helping to run the event!

If interested in any way please contact Jean.

jeanbentley51@gmail.com 07985 171403 –
poster attached

Deanery Confirmation Service

Our confirmation service this year will be held at ***Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre at 4pm on 8th June with Bishop Simon.***

If you would like to be confirmed or would like any further information about confirmation please speak with Rev Helen.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Happy Easter!

Next Sunday's Readings
Acts 5:27-32 / Luke 24:13-35