

Sunday 20th October 2024 – Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Services & Events

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| Sunday 20th October | 8am BCP Morning Prayer | Ash |
| | 9am Service of Holy Communion | Ridley |
| | 10am Morning Worship | Ash |
| | 9am Holy Communion | St Mary Fawkham |
| | 10.30am Holy Communion | St Mary Magdalene Longfield |
| Monday 21st October | 3pm Songs of Praise | 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> | |
| Tuesday 22nd October | 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 23rd October | 10am BCP Service of Holy Communion | Ash |
| | 10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat | St Mary Magdalene Longfield |
| | 8pm Cobham Deanery Synod Meeting | F&H Church Centre |
| Thursday 24th October | 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 |
| | <i>Free and welcome to all refreshments, chat, games, or some peace!</i> | |
| Friday 25th October | 9am Morning Prayer | Ridley |

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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:

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals
is put in charge of things pertaining to God on
their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for
sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant
and wayward, since he himself is subject to
weakness; and because of this he must offer
sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of

the people. And one does not presume to take
this honour, but takes it only when called by
God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in
becoming a high priest, but was appointed by
the one who said to him, 'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you'; as he says also in
another place, 'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'
In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up
prayers and supplications, with loud cries and
tears, to the one who was able to save him
from death, and he was heard because of his
reverent submission. Although he was a Son,
he learned obedience through what he
suffered; and having been made perfect, he
became the source of eternal salvation for all
who obey him, having been designated by God
a high priest according to the order of
Melchizedek.

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Gospel reading: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Other readings: Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16

Post Communion prayer

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:

may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made
perfect

in 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.***

The Big Knit 26th Oct

Making Miracles is now organising its annual Big Knit which takes place every year at **Rochester Cathedral** during Baby Loss Awareness in October.

We would like to invite as many people as able to attend the event on **Saturday 26th October from 10am to 1pm**, during which anyone who can knit a square based on the details on the attached poster is very welcome. We also encourage as many people as possible between now and then to make squares which they can make up into blankets themselves or let us have on the day for other knitters to sew into squares for us. The morning is lots of fun with us always trying to make more squares than the previous years. The finished blankets are then sold on our community stalls and in our shops "Handmade with Love" with every penny raised funding our bereavement services for families who lose a baby. – *poster attached*

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Remembering with Love

This year's service to remember with thanksgiving and love our departed loved ones will be held on ***Sunday 3rd November at 3pm in Ash Church.***

You will find a sheet to record the names of those you would like to have remembered during the service at the back of the church and on the Blaze altar.

Please do let others, who you feel may find this special, peaceful service helpful, know about the service and they can have names read aloud and a candle lit even if they are unable to attend in person – just drop me an email. – *poster attached*

Remembrance Sunday

There will be a change to our Remembrance Sunday service this year.

I am pleased that we will be joined by the local Scouting groups again this year and the service will be a service of the word rather than holy communion. We will follow the Scouts to the war memorial for the Act of Remembrance and 2 minute silence. We will have enough cars I am sure for those with mobility issues to be taken in a car and chairs will be available for those who need to sit. Refreshments will be in church will after the service.

There will be an ***8am service of holy communion*** that day and at ***7pm Reflections on Remembrance***, a time for song, poetry, prose or any other medium on the broader theme of remembering and peace.

Funeral Service for George Mills

George's funeral service will be in ***Ash church on Wednesday 13th November at 1pm***, followed by refreshments in Ash Village Hall. Joan would like donations to go to Ash Church. Please continue to hold Joan in your prayers at this sad time.

Next Sunday's Readings

Hebrews 7:23-end / Mark 10:46-end

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