

Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 27th April – Second Sunday of Easter



This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 27th April

8am BCP Holy Communion

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10am Joint Service of Holy Communion

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Ash & Ridley come together to mark Easter 2 and Helen's last service

10.30am Holy Communion

Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre

Livestreamed Service: <https://bit.ly/356qawt>

10.30am Morning Worship

St Mary Magdalene Longfield

4pm Informal Service with Afternoon Tea

Ridley

2.30pm – 4.30pm Chat & Craft

Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre

Bring a craft or hobby & join together for a chat and refreshments

No morning prayer service – wait further news on this

Monday 28th April

Tuesday 29th April

10.30am Bible Study Group

Zoom

Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)

10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat

St Mary Magdalene Longfield

Wednesday 30th April

Thursday 1st May

9am Service of Morning Prayer

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10.15am Ash Saplings

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10am Pop In

Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre

2pm – 4.30pm The Space

Youth & Community Centre, NAG

Free and welcome to all - refreshments, company, games & quizzes

No morning prayer service – wait further news on this

Friday 2nd May

Saturday 3rd May

9am Big Breakfast

Hodsoll Street Village Hall

Sunday's Readings & Prayers

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son
to die for our sins and
to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice
and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First reading: Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest

questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Gospel reading: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each

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other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished

from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Other readings: Revelations 1:4-8 and Psalm 118:14-end

Post Communion prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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.

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***

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*you and you would like more information
please contact Ian Nurdin.*

information about confirmation please speak
to a member of the Ministry Team.

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.**

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

Next Sunday's Readings
Acts 6:1-7 / John 6:16-21

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.

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

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