

## Ash & Ridley Notes and News

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – The Last Sunday after Trinity

### This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	8am BCP Holy Communion	Ash
	9am Morning Worship	Ridley
	10am Holy Communion	Ash
	10.30am Holy Communion	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	Live streamed Service: <a href="https://bit.ly/356qawt">https://bit.ly/356qawt</a>	
	10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
	6pm Evensong	Ridley
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm – 4.30pm Chat & Craft	Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre
	<i>Bring a craft or hobby &amp; join together for a chat and refreshments</i>	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	9am Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.30am Bible Study Group	Zoom
	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (<a href="mailto:susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk">susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk</a>)</i>	
	10am Ridley PCC Meeting	As advised
	2pm Prayer Team Meeting	Ash
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	7pm Group Ministry Team Meeting	Hartley Rectory
	10.15 – 11.45am Coffee & Chat	St Mary Magdalene Longfield
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	9am Morning Prayer	Ash
	10.15am Ash Saplings	Ash
	2pm – 4.30pm The Space	Youth & Community Centre, NAG
	<i>Free and welcome to all - refreshments, company, games &amp; quizzes</i>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	9am Morning Prayer	Ridley
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	9am The Big Breakfast	Hodsoll Street Village Hall

### Sunday's Readings & Prayers

#### Collect

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written  
for our learning: help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of  
your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus  
Christ, 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 7:23-end

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the

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people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

#### ***Gospel reading: Mark 10:46-end***

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

***Other readings: Jeramiah 31:7-9 & Psalm 126***

#### ***Post Communion prayer***

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**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.***

#### ***Remembering with Love***

This year's service to remember with thanksgiving and love our departed loved ones will be held on ***Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> November***

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.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Revelation 21:1-6a / John 11:32-44**