

## Ash & Ridley Notes and News

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday



### This Week's Services & Events

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<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>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary Fawkham</b>
	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene Longfield</b>
	<b>2.30pm – 4.30pm Chat &amp; Craft</b>	<b>Fawkham &amp; Hartley Church Centre</b>
	<i>Bring a craft or hobby &amp; join together for a chat and refreshments</i>	
<b>Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>9am Morning Prayer</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>
	<i>Please contact Susan Heads for more info/link (susan@rnwkgroup.org.uk)</i>	
<b>Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<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>7.30pm Lent Group</b>	<b>Hartley Rectory</b>
	<i>Booking with Rev Joss required</i>	
<b>Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> April</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 04<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>No Service of Morning Prayer Today</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9am Big Breakfast</b>	<b>Hodsoll Street Village Hall</b>

### Sunday's Readings & Prayers

#### **Collect for Mothering Sunday**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family  
to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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.**

#### **Readings**

##### **Ash**

**Joshua 5:9-12 / Luke 15:1-3,11b – end**

##### **Ridley**

**Exodus 2:1-10 / Luke 2:33-35**

**Other readings Lent 4: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
and Psalm 32**

#### **Post Communion prayer**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at  
the breast you feed us in this sacrament with  
the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be in touch if you are in need of any help or support – [helen@rnwkgroup.org.uk](mailto:helen@rnwkgroup.org.uk)

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#### **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 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 3pm – 5pm, Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre.**-poster attached

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

#### **Lent Course**

This year's Lent Course will be based around **The Big Church Read Lent Book 2025 – 'Wild, Bright Hope'** and held in Hartley rectory. Each Wednesday from 11<sup>th</sup> March to 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Booking is required – poster attached

#### **Prayer Team & Prayer List**

The ministry of prayer at Ash church after Sunday services has now been active for 6 months and it is heart-warming to see that this service is being well used - thank you to Rev Dorothy for her leadership and the team for

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their dedication. ***We are looking to expand the prayer team*** so I ask you again to prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to this ministry and to join the team. Rev Dorothy would love to hear from you if you would like more information.

**Prayer List** – Julia has done and is continuing to do a wonderful job maintain the list of those who have asked for the prayers of the church family. In order to better maintain this list and serve those on it from April as well as adhering to the removal of names after 4 weeks the prayer team will in contacting people on the list to see how they are, whether we as a church can offer any other help or support and determine whether they would find remaining on the list helpful. If anyone has any concerns about this please speak with Rev Dorothy or Helen.

#### **Flower Festival Commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> 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.

Nearer the time there will also be a request for cakes and help to run the event!

If interested in any way please contact Jean.

[jeanbentley51@gmail.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> June with Bishop Simon.**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
**Isaiah 43:16-21 / John 12:1-8**