

ASH AND RIDLEY CHURCH NEWS SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2023



Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the churchyard ??

TEDDY'S TOWER OF TERROR RETURNS TO ASH!

Bank Holiday Monday (28th August 2023) saw the return of the 'Teddy's Tower of Terror' event at Ash Church. Teddies of all shapes and sizes took to the skies to zip wire from Ash tower in aid of our local food bank the 'Community Cupboard'.

Brave teddies, dinosaurs, cauliflowers, pandas and even a gigantic sloth took the plunge from Ash tower. Each teddy received a free examination from our hilarious team of medical professionals before they travelled and all received a certificate of bravery at the end.

Teddy bears' picnics, cream teas, live music and a teddy tombola were just part of this free event. Our thanks go to our wonderful volunteers for making the day such a joyful afternoon of fun for all ages. Our thanks also to all our brave teddies and their owners who came along to support us on the day and raised a magnificent sum of over £940. You are all amazing, thank you.!

Jayne Shillito







St Peter & St Paul, Ash
St Peter, Ridley
All Saints, Hartley, Fawkhams & Hartley Church Centre
St Mary, Fawkhams
St Mary Magdalene, Longfield

Ash Church Services & Opening Times

Tuesday 9am

Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday 9am

Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday 10.30am

Ash Saplings – church for pre-schoolers and their adults

Sunday 8am Sunday Service

1st & 3rd Sunday BCP Morning Prayer
2nd & 4th Sunday BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 10am Sunday Service

1st & 3rd Sunday Morning Worship – Zoom connection available
2nd & 4th Sunday Holy Communion
5th Sunday 8am and 10am Worship

1st Sunday 3pm Children's Church

A service particularly for families with primary school aged children

2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30am RNWK Group Livestreamed Service

To watch and subscribe go to: <https://www.fawkhamsandhartley.org.uk/live.html>

The church is open every day for you to spend time in prayer, reflection or just savouring the quiet and peace that is found there.

For full details of events, activities and services at Ash and across the Rural North West Kent Group of churches visit our website or Facebook Page:

Ash Church Website - www.ash-church.org.uk

RNWK Group of Churches Facebook Page - @ruralnorthwestkentgroup

Contacts: Rector – Rev Helen Reeves – helen@rnwkgroup.org.uk
Church Warden – Mr Ian Nurdin - ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk

SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S RIDLEY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>When</u>
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)	1 st & 3 rd Sunday in the month
9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (CW)	2 nd & 4 th Sunday in the month
9.00 a.m.	Time for Prayer	Every Friday
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	4 th Sunday September
4.00 p.m.	Service with a difference	4 th Sunday October

Online
ZOOM SERVICE

1ST & 3RD SUNDAY FROM SEPTEMBER
10:00AM START LOGIN BY 9.55AM

**WORSHIPPING
TOGETHER**

AT ASH

**IN CHURCH
AND AT HOME**

JOIN US

**ZOOM LINK AVAILABLE VIA THE WEEKLY EMAIL.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS EMAIL PLEASE
CONTACT REV HELEN**



If you would like to help us keep our 12th century church building in good repair, may we invite you to donate towards our operating costs by using the QR code below. Thank you for all your help!

ASH CHURCH PCC



Harvest Festival & Lunch

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER
AT 11.30AM

COME AND ENJOY A TIME OF
CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING
IN A FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE
ENDING WITH A DELICIOUS HOME
MADE LUNCH

*Bring a
vegetable to
join in
the fun*

*Bring your
own bowl,
plate, spoon
and knife*



ASH VILLAGE HALL, THE STREET, ASH

HARVEST GIFTS FOR THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
HARVEST AUCTION FOR POVERTY & HOPE APPEAL
BOOKING NEEDED FOR CATERING PURPOSES TO
JACKY RICHARDSON OR JEAN BENTLEY

**Harvest thanksgiving service at
St Peter's Church Ridley,
9am Sunday September 24th
followed by
HARVEST LUNCH 2023**



**at
Hodsoll Street and Ridley Village Hall
doors open 12.30**

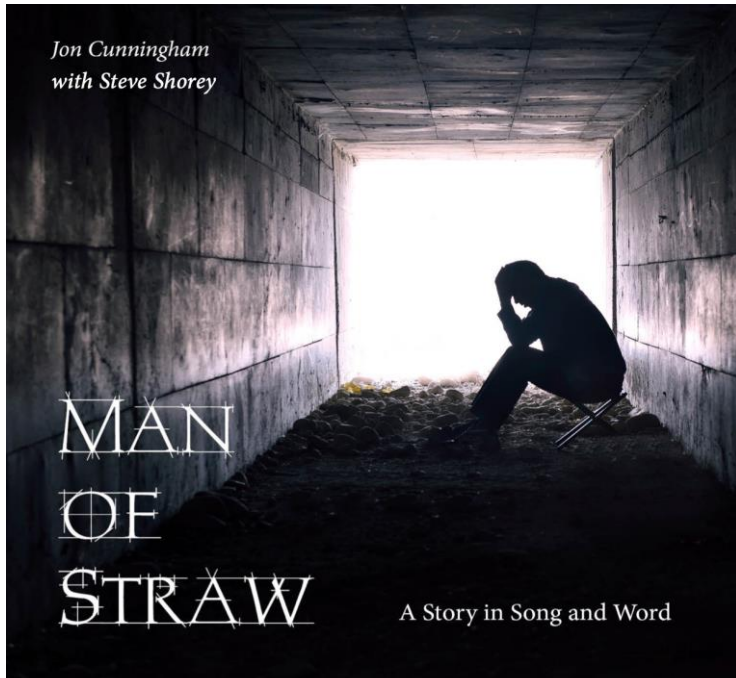
To reserve your place call Tricia 07840 477582
or email:- tricia.triciacarr@gmail.com

Adults £20 Under 16's £10
Proceeds to Ridley Church and charities

ALL WELCOME



Jon Cunningham
with Steve Shorey




**MAN
OF
STRAW**

A Story in Song and Word

Venue - St Peter & St Paul Church
Church Road, Ash, Kent TN15 7HD
Saturday 16th September 2023. Doors 7:00 pm

In aid of The Community Cupboard



Man of Straw is a story in song and spoken word by Jon Cunningham. Jon is a 'well travelled' songwriter but also with experience in community working. This performance includes 12 original songs on the theme of valuing people.

Additional guitar and technical support by Steve Shorey

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast"
John 21:12

**PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

Please join us for
fellowship, prayer and
breakfast

Saturday 23rd September
at 9am

St Francis de Sales,
Church Road, Hartley
DA3 8BL



All are Welcome!

Please register your interest for catering
purposes with Carol Wilton
carolwilton0@gmail.com




St Francis de Sales Quiz Night

Friday 6th October 2023

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start



Our Lady of Hartley Primary School

Stack Lane Hartley DA3 8BL

Tickets: £3 per person



Maximum 8 per table



Bring your own drinks and nibbles



£2 coin to play 'Heads & Tails'

There will be a raffle

Please book your table in advance

Call: 01474 874045 or email: Kate kags52@btinternet.com.

01474 872847 or email: Tina tinashirley28@gmail.com

Ode to Autumn

Following the success of our Betjeman afternoon last year we are planning something similar for this October. This year we will be celebrating Autumn in words and music in what promises to be an entertaining afternoon. For more information contact Jacky Richardson.



Ode to Autumn

A seasonal celebration in words and music

The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Ash

Church Road, Ash, Kent, TN15 7HD

Saturday 21st October 2023 at 3pm

£10.00 including interval refreshments

All proceeds in support of

Ash Church

For more information call Jacky Richardson

01474 873733



FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES

SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

The date for this year's event is **Saturday 9 September**. Please help to raise funds to support our Church and the many others in the County that receive grants from the charity towards the cost of essential maintenance work.

You can cycle or walk to as many or as few churches as you want – choose your own route to any of the hundreds of participating churches.

For sponsorship forms and lists of the churches that are taking part contact Cameron Clark on 01474 874526, email cameron@cclark.me.uk or look at the notice boards in Ash and Ridley churches.

There will also be an opportunity for the less active to help by spending an hour or more at Ash Church between 10am and 6pm to greet visiting cyclists and walkers. It's not an onerous task – all that is needed is to sign their forms and keep a record of their call and to offer them some refreshment and encouragement (especially if their next call is West Kingsdown!). Please put your name on the form on the church notice board if you can help.

You can do more! The Friends of Kent Churches also invite people to become members. For just £10 a year (£15 for a couple) members enjoy guided visits to churches and lectures on subjects related to church history, architecture, art and related topics. Application forms are available in the church.

A Christmas Carol - Saturday 9th December

Some of you may remember that a few years ago Mark Nurdin performed a dramatic reading of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens in church. Mark is very pleased to be able to say that this will be happening again this year on Saturday 9th December, with the reading to begin at 7pm. Tickets for the evening will be £5 for adults and £3 for children, with all ticket money raised going to the Community Cupboard. These can be bought on the day at the door or you can reserve early by calling 873414.

A message from Barbara Roberts

With Christmas fast approaching(!), Barbara would like to remind everyone that the re-made Christmas cards will be on the spinner by the end of October. All proceeds, as usual, will go to church funds.



PROVIDING FOOD & SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY
EVERYONE NEEDS A LITTLE HELP SOMETIMES

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Community Cupboard is a registered charity providing food & grocery support to those in the surrounding areas when they are unable to temporarily provide for themselves. We offer a friendly, non judgemental welcome and are able to signpost individuals & families to local agencies and support systems for further assistance.

✉ communitycupboard19@gmail.com

📌 @thecommunitycupboard19

🐦 TheCommunityCu1

📷 thecommunitycupboard

☎ 07526 823122

OPENING TIMES

Mon-Wed-Fri 10:00 till 12:00

Tue-Thu 1200: till 14:00

**THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
GAMECOCK MEADOW
WEST KINGSDOWN, KENT TN15 6EL**

CHARITY REGISTRATION: 1185331

More than just a foodbank



Please scan to
donate today

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☎ 07526 823122



The Community Cupboard
Gamecock Meadow
West Kingsdown
Kent
TN15 6EL

CHARITY REGISTRATION: 1185331



SOCIAL MEETING PLACE

What
is it?

For those wishing to meet new people in **FRIENDLY** surroundings to **ENJOY COMPANY**, play pool, darts, **PLAY** board games and purchase refreshments.

Where is it?

When is it?

New Ash Green Pavilion

Punch Croft
New Ash Green
DA3 8HS

LAUNCHING

2nd JUNE 2023

12.30pm – 2.30pm
Every first Friday
of the month



Meet New People. Be Yourself. All Welcome.



For More
Information:

Jackie West – KCC Community Warden

07811 271259 or jackie.west@kent.gov.uk



ALL ARE VERY WELCOME TO....

THE SPACE

EVERY THURSDAY 2PM - 4.30PM
**NEW ASH GREEN YOUTH &
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**FREE REFRESHMENTS, GAMES,
COMPANY, CONVERSATION**



St Peter & St Paul, Ash
St Peter, Ridley

MENS POP IN GROUP

LET'S GET MEN TALKING

The place to go for a cuppa and a chat, meet new people, make friends and know there is somewhere you can go if needed.

Suicide is the biggest cause of death in men under the age of 50 and around $\frac{3}{4}$ of deaths from suicides each year are men.

If life's getting you down and you just need a need an outlet drop in and see us

DATE

Every Wednesday

TIME

7.30pm

LOCATION

New Ash Green
Youth Club

ADDRESS

Ash Road,
DA3 8JY



menspopin@outlook.com



Actively involved

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

GENTLE EXERCISE FOR OVER 55'S



**Fun exercise class, everyone welcome
Chair based or standing exercise to
improve balance, movement and stability**

Join our FREE classes every Monday
2pm-3:30pm at New Ash Green Youth
& Community Centre, Ash Road, DA3 8JY

BOOK YOUR PLACE

T: 03000 810 005 E: impact@involvekent.org.uk

On behalf of



Charity no: 1066911

Sony 55 inch TV available

I have a Sony TV KDL- 55HX853 - 55 inch television - it is about 12 years old but works perfectly and can be used with Freeview Box, Sky or DVD. If anyone would like it please let me know- you just need to be able to collect it from me!

Lesley Thurman (07707599403)



THE BIG BREAKFAST - ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST IS ON SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER 2023 09.00 - 11.00

The next "Big Breakfast" in aid of the Hodsoll Street Village Hall Refurbishment Fund takes place on Saturday 7th October 2023 from 09:00am. The Breakfast costs £5 a head and is excellent value for money.

In order to work up an appetite for this excellent fare we invite anyone interested to join us on a circular walk to Hodsoll Street. Meet at 5 Manor Forstal at 8:40am - from there the walk takes about an hour, and then after breakfast we take a slightly shorter route back to New Ash Green. The walk isn't suitable for buggies and please note that although dogs are welcome to join us they are not allowed in the Village Hall, so will have to be left outside whilst you are enjoying your meal.

We do need to book breakfasts in advance so please contact us by **Weds 4th October 2023** if you would like to come along - 01474 873414 or ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk
See:

<http://www.hodsollstreet-ridley.co.uk/index.html> for more details.

Next Breakfast Walk after this one will be on the **4th Nov. 2023**

Ian and Debbie Nurdin



Travels with Roma in the Auvergne (and beyond)

One of the choirs with which I sing covers Cathedral choristers during their holidays.

We have to find our own accommodation, so when a fellow chorister turned up in a campervan I decided that that was what I wanted. Within a few months I became the proud owner of a 1996 Citroen CV Romahome.

Roma has been to Ireland twice and Sweden twice as well as to numerous British sites. She has been admired by German Police motor cyclists! On a previous trip to France I found myself singing Rolling Stones songs with a Dutch Rock Singer. However, our trip to the South of France for my nephew's wedding this summer turned her into an ambassador for "Entente Cordiale".

Although Citroens are made in France, the conversion to campervans only happened on The Isle of Wight, making them a rarity in France. Wherever we went we were stopped and she was admired. We ended up spending an evening in the delightful company of a French mechanic and his wife, on the pitch beside us, because he came to look at her.

The strangest was when we were followed for 15 miles by a car with a logo which we couldn't read. We dismissed the possibility of the Gendarmes!

Eventually we moved right over on a small road, expecting him to pass. Instead, the young man pulled up beside us and expressed his love of old Citroens (it takes all sorts!) and had

never seen a Romahome before. He works for Radio Perigord Bleu and asked if he could interview us.

We suggested he follow us onto our campsite nearby where he brought out his mics etc, much to the astonishment of fellow campers. How he has managed cobble together a programme with our mixed language interview I do not know. We have, however, been rung by him this week and told the programme would be broadcast in late August. In fact his producer was SO excited by all this that they extended the idea into a five parter with the Romahome, a tuc tuc, a black cab and more!

The meal which we shared with fellow campers that night was enormous fun. I love the way the French campsites put out long tables and cook a meal for anyone who wants to join in. While spending a few days in the Auvergne we were asked to sing for our supper.

Jean Bentley





The Big Knit 2023

National Baby Loss Awareness Week is in October every year when people join together in various ways to raise awareness of the loss people face. Did you know that 1 in 4 pregnancies end in miscarriage and that 1 in 20 babies are still born? Here at Making Miracles we are the only registered charity in the UK that supports the whole family through their loss from the parents, siblings and grandparents.

Prior to the pandemic Making Miracles, registered charity covering Kent and Medway, held an annual Big Knit and Natter at The Rochester Cathedral where knitters and those who also crochet across the whole Diocese come together for a morning of fun, meeting other crafters and knit as many 6 x 6 inch squares as possible in the time available. This year we are back on **Saturday 28th October**. The morning starts at 9 am and finishes at mid-day (as the Cathedral has another event in the afternoon so we have to start earlier than previously).

The squares are sewn up after the event and made into blankets which we then sell to pay for much needed professional bereavement and trauma services for families who lose a baby either through miscarriage, at birth or up to the age of 1 year old. This includes up to 8 sessions free of charge of bereavement or trauma counselling provided by a specialist counsellor, step down services following counselling, supports groups and a range of other services. We also have a Baby Memorial Garden where those who have lost may have a pebble or slate to remember their lost baby on land owned by The Rochester Cathedral and the now Dean, Phil Hesketh, has been a Patron of ours since we started back in 2014.

Ideally each square would be one colour only and if people would like to knit prior to the day as well we would appreciate any squares knitted be kept to the same colour so that we can match them together (as we know that people knit at different tensions and its sometimes difficult for us to match them all up). One blanket will be either 36 or 49 squares so 6 x 6 or 7 x 7 squares. However, if someone would like to knit the whole blanket and sew it together that would be even more amazing.

So, as a parish is this something you feel you would like to support? We would love to see you on the day itself. However we appreciate not everyone will be able to get transport to Rochester so we are also happy to receive blankets or squares in the post.

For catering purposes, we do need to know the numbers attending on the morning, so if you have any questions or need to confirm your attendance please email jodie@makingmiracles.org.uk asap.

We really hope to see as many parishes represented as possible at our beautiful Cathedral on 28th October.

Thank you.

ASH VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20th



**Doors
7.00**

**Prog
7.30**

www.curzoncountrycinema.com
ALL SEATS £7.00

Reserve and Pay on line or Pay at the Door



ASH VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18th



**Doors
7.00**

**Prog
7.30**

DOORS OPEN 7.00
www.curzoncountrycinema.com
ALL SEATS £7.00

Reserve and Pay on line or Pay at the Door



FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

Gabriela Pearce Cardona 2nd July

WEDDING

Adrian Callender & Nicole Standley 8th July

FUNERAL

Francis (Frank) James Jones 20th July

'Top to Toe' Quiz -Answers

You were given ten cryptic clues to items of either headwear or footwear :

- 1) Bruin's family (8) **Bearskin**
- 2) One hundred records (5) **Clogs**
- 3) Sounds like a very expensive but unwelcome follower (11)**Deerstalker**
- 4) Boasts about wearing these (6) **Sabots**
- 5) Scottish lake gets trapped by religion (6) **Cloche**
- 6) Bishop catches up with the scoundrels (7) **Brogues**
- 7) 500 is squashed amongst the fruit (7) **Bandana**
- 8) Do you feel an ass wearing these? (5) **Mules**
- 9) This headgear is equivalent to 45.50 litres (3,6,3) **Ten gallon hat**
- 10) Shut the little canines up (4,7) **Hush Puppies**

Teddy Bear Quiz

Following the success of Teddy's Tower of Terror - here are 10 teddy/bear related questions.

- 1) British adventurer, writer and TV presenter born 1974 (real names Edward Michael).
- 2) Fictional bear whose home is the village of Nutwood.
- 3) 26th President of the United States, who served from 1901-1909.
- 4) According to the song by John Walter Bratton and Jimmy Kennedy, what will you find 'if you go down in the woods today'?
- 5) Name of the bear featured in Rudyard Kipling's 'Jungle Book' - in the Disney film he sings the song "The Bare Necessities".
- 6) Together with Joy and Babs, this 'Teddie' was part of which musical trio?
- 7) This well-known 'Watch with Mother' character had a Teddy as his constant companion.
- 8) Literary bear from 'Darkest Peru' who first appeared in 1958.
- 9) Youngest son of a prominent American political family (parents Joseph and Rose)
- 10) Honey-loving friend of Christopher Robin.

Answers, as ever, in the next edition.

A final word from the editor.

So here we are already at the tail-end of summer and rapidly moving into autumn. My spies tell me that already 'seasonal' (i.e. Christmas) items are beginning to appear in the shops! In these pages, I hope, as ever, that you will have found plenty to both inform and entertain you. The next edition will be published in early November and will cover the months of November and December. Please send any items for inclusion to n.noakes@btinternet.com by Sunday 22nd October at the latest. Have a good couple of months, everyone!



ASH CHURCH PRIVACY POLICY

Ash Church PCC have agreed a Privacy Policy in light of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and these can be found on the church website:

<http://www.ash-church.org.uk>

If you no longer wish to be contacted by Ash Church by email or other means please contact Ian Nurdin (ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk) and request that your contact details are deleted and removed.

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