

ASH AND RIDLEY CHURCH NEWS SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024



TEDDY'S TOWER OF TERROR 2024



The August Bank Holiday weather was kind to us as we held another fabulous Teddy's Tower fundraising event for the Community Cupboard. Teddys zipped, scones were eaten, music was enjoyed, fun was had and funds were raised.

Thank you, volunteers, bakers, donators, attenders - you all made it a brilliant day.



Ash Church Services& Opening Times

Tuesday 9am
Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday 9am
Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday 10.15 am

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

(Please note - the 10:00 service will be a joint service with Ridley, venue alternating)

2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30am RNWK Group Livestreamed Service
To watch and subscribe go to: https://www.fawkhamandhartley.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
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SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S RIDLEY

<u>Time</u>	Type of Service	<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'	4th Sunday October			
(Refreshments at 3.30)					

If you would like to make a donation towards the work of St. Peter's Ridley, may we invite you to do so by using the QR Code below. Thank you for your help.





RIDLEY CHURCH PCC



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



1ST& 3RD SUNDAY FROM SEPTEMBER

10:00AM START LOGIN BY 9.55AM





ASH SAPLINGS

Church for pre-schoolers and their adults

Every Thursday ASH CHURCH

10.15-11:30am



Stories



orStock*

Refreshments

Fun and Games

ALL WELCOME

For more information contact Rev'd Helen 01474 872209

A Celebration of Ministry and Carol's Calling



On Sunday 25th August, at St Peter, Ridley we held a very special service to celebrate with Carol Bridge as she took part in her last service in the RNWK Group of churches and prepares for her ordination and curacy in September.

It was a service of thanksgiving not just for all that Carol has brought to the Group, but in recognition and praise for all our gifts in God's service.

Carol, may God bless you richly as you are a blessing to others.



RIDLEY

St Peter's Pop in

Join us at St Peters for

Refreshments, Cakes, biscuits and a chat

Second Saturday of each month 10.30am to 12.30pm

St Peter's Church, Ridley Hill, TN15 7EU



THE SPACE - SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA





AUGUST SAW THE SPACE HOLD A SPECIAL AFTERNOON TEA.

SCONES, WITH JAM & CREAM, CAKE, MACARONS, ICE CREAM CONES WITH SPRINKLES, A GLASS OF FIZZ AND BOWLS OF STRAWBERRIES ALL MADE FOR A REAL TREAT.

FRANK AND PHILIP PROVIDED SOME WONDERFUL MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE SESSION AND THERE WERE QUIZZES AND THE MUCH LOVED 'NAF ALL RAFFLE' FOR FOLKS' ENTERTAINMENT.

LOOKING FORWARD NOW TO THE CHRISTMAS DO!!

DO COME ALONG ON A THURSDAY BETWEEN 2PM AND 4.30PM TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OTHERS, GAMES, AND OF COURSE TEA AND CAKE – ALL FOR FREE – SO YOU REALLY DO HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE IF YOU GIVE IT A GO.

ALL ARE WELCOME.





THE BIG BREAKFAST - ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE NEXT BIG BREAKFASTS ARE ON SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER and SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER - 09.00 - 11.00

The next "Big Breakfasts" in aid of the Hodsoll Street Village Hall Refurbishment Fund take place on Saturdays 7th September & 5th October 2024 from 09:00am. The Breakfasts cost £6 a head and are excellent value for money.

FOR THE OCTOBER WALK: 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 **Thurs 3rd Oct** 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 2nd November 2024

lan and Debbie Nurdin



FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES

SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

The date for this year's event is **Saturday 14 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.

This year is the 75th anniversary of Friends of Kent Churches so they are hoping to beat last year's total of £140,019 by raising £150,000.

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 notice board in Ash Church 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.

And Tricia Carr adds:

St Peter's Church Ridley will be open for Riders and Striders to enjoy some refreshments throughout the day. We are also looking for people who may wish to sponsor our Riders and Striders or Tricia, who will be at the church for the whole day greeting those who call by. Call Tricia 07840 477582 for further information. We are raising money for the fabric fund as we have some work that needs doing on the roof and the buttresses.

Community Kindness Concerts Music at Ash

.....in aid of Cancer Research UK

An evening of fabulous musical entertainment including folk, pop, rock and jazz.

St. Peter & St. Paul's Church Church Road, Ash,

TN15 7HD

Sunday, 15th September 2024, at 7:30 pm

Entrance to this concert is free.

Refreshments available.

Donations to Cancer Research UK can be made at the concert, or online by following this link or using the QR code:

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jan23

We look forward to welcoming you at this event in the lovely countryside of rural Kent.

Thank you!





This event is one of a series of concerts being arranged in loving memory of Jan Nichols, teacher, Scouter, crafter and community friend. Her kindness was

inspiring. She had a wish to raise lots of money through music. This event remembers not only Jan, but also everyone affected by cancer.



Cancer Research UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1089464).

Featuring:



Allan Richardson



Frank McConnell and Jean Bentley



Tideway Folk Group



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 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



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.

Opening Times

Mon-Wed-Fri 10.00 till 12.00 Tue-Thu 12.00 till 14.00

THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
THE GARAGE, GAMECOCK MEADOW,
WEST KINGSDOWN, KENT TN15 6BZ

CHARITY REGISTRATION: 1185331



Do You Enjoy Knitting or Crocheting? Why Not Come Along To Our Annual Big Knit at Rochester Cathedral? Everyone is Welcome So Bring a Friend or Two

You can help us by creating:

Squares: Plain coloured squares to be knitted in either white, pink, blue or grey. Please bring them together in batches of 36 or 49 or even sewn up completely already as blankets

Square Size: 6 inch x 6 inch, size 8 needles, (cast on approx 30 stitches & knit 56 rows)

Popular Items: Baby Cardigans (0-5years), Loopie Cardigans & Blankets (All sizes)

Popular Colours: Pink, Blue, White, Cream & Grey

Thank you!

All items made or donated will be sold in our beautiful shop 'Handmade with Love' which is located in The Mall, Maidstone.

Please RSVP to jodie@makingmiracles.org.uk





SATURDAY

Time 10AM - 1PM

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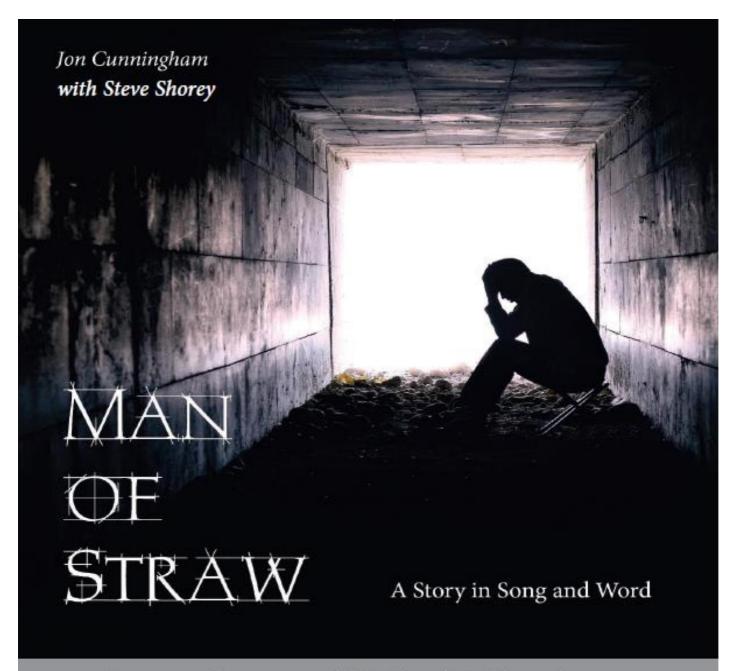
SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER 2024

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL ROCHESTER, KENT, ME1 1SX



www.makingmiracles.org.uk





Venue - Gravesend Methodist Church

Milton Road, Gravesend, Kent. DA12 2RE (near the clock tower)
Saturday 7th September 2024.Doors 7:00 pm

Free Entry with retiring collection - In aid of 'Daytime Hub' for the homeless & Vulnerable



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

Day Trips 2024



Do you live in Swanley, BR8, DA3, DA4, Darenth or West Kingsdown? Are you over 55? If you would like to attend the following trips, please call. Or email sarah@thecottagecommunity.org.uk

01322 668106

Wednesday 28th August – Herne Bay (£22)

Thursday 29th August – Brookside Garden Centre (£14)

Friday 30th August – Sainsbury's Pepperhill (£12)

Monday 2nd September – Bluewater (£12)

Wednesday 4th September - Whitstable (£22)

Monday 9th September – Dunelm (£12)

Wednesday 11th September Lunch and Games at 'The Cottage '(£20)

Thursday 12th September – Deal (£24)

Friday 13th September – Cooling's Craft Show (£12)

Monday 16th September – Bexleyheath (£14)

Wednesday 18th September - Canterbury (£22)

Friday 20th September – Polhill Garden Centre (£12)

Please note: If you cancel a coast trip within 48 hrs there will be a £10 cancellation charge.

The Cottage Community is a independent charity (formally known as Rural Age Concern, Darent Valley). There is also a day centre for clients to attend and have a hot 2 course lunch. Door to door transport is provided. Charity number: 1180662

News from Maria, Tim and Gabriela



Hi All!

We hope you're doing well. We have missed the church community in Ash! We had a lovely time with our family in America on our way to New Zealand and landed here in the middle of July.

Gabriela started school and I started work both on the 22nd July and Tim is working from home here.

Our first day at the local church coincided with an art deco festival and everyone was dressed in 30s fashion and the church music was quite jazzy, quite amusing.

We have started to meet some members of the church here and are hoping to integrate. Sending our regards to all back in New Ash Green.



A Quiet Day Reflecting on Creator / Creation

Saturday 21st September 2024

10am - 4pm

Come all day and bring lunch

OR

Come for a morning / afternoon session

Refreshments through the day provided

St Peter's Church Ridley, TN15 7EU

All are very welcome

This day is free to attend - donations for the work and ministry of St Peter's welcomed







FREE ADVICE

Are you struggling with the cost of living crisis? You are not alone. We can help you

Get advice and support with:







Housing



Energy



Dealing with any debts, and more



Visit our website at kentmoney advicehub.com

Scan the QR code to make a video call:
(Mon to Fri, 9am - 5pm)



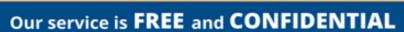
Use our kiosks at:

The Youth & Community Centre, Ash Road, New Ash Green, DA3 8JY

Thursdays from 2pm - 4pm

New Ash Green Village Hall, Centre Road, New Ash Green, DA3 8HH

Tuesdays from 10am - 12pm



We are independent of creditors, the Council and Government We won't pass on anything you tell us without your consent



A message from Barbara Roberts

Thank you to everyone who has donated cards for me to remake. Please could you make things easier for me by noting the following:

I do not need the insides of the cards, where greetings are written, unless they contain a punch line or the second half of a message which is on the front of the card. What is useful, however, is if the back is cut off 1/4 - 1/2 inch from the fold. This makes it much easier for me when I trim the picture.

Once again, thank you for the donated cards. Do keep on buying the finished articles! All the money goes to church funds (currently, I believe, towards the porch repairs). Christmas cards should be on the spinner about the end of October.

"Down Memory Lane"

Our annual evening of Poetry, Prose and Song will take place on Saturday 19th October in Ash Church beginning at 4.00 pm. Watch for further details in due course.

FROM THE REGISTERS BAPTISMS

Indie Maya Saunders

Quill Keely Dorothy Underdown
Charlotte Jessica Tresilian Pender

14th July
4th August
18th August

An Olympic Quiz - Answers

You were asked to identify from the clues the names of 12 cities which have hosted the Summer Olympics, and the year(s) in which they hosted.

1) City named after Queen Victoria's first and favourite Prime Minister.

Melbourne - 1956

- A short-lived agreement was made here in 1938 between Adolf Hitler and Neville Chamberlain. **Munich - 1972**
- Syndrome is the name given to a theory developed to explain why hostages sometimes develop a psychological bond with their captors.
 Stockholm 1912 (also the Equestrian events in 1956 a nerd's bonus point if you got that one.)
- 4) According to the song from 'South Pacific', the sailors 'get speeches from our skipper, and advice from ——- Rose'. **Tokyo 1964 & 2020 (actually held 2021 because of Covid)**
- 5) Its French name means 'Royal Mount' in English (hint it isn't in France).

 Montreal 1976
- 6) Its Spanish name means 'The Angels' in English (hint it isn't in Spain). Los Angeles 1932 & 1984 (and, of course, the next Games in 2028)
- 7) Famous landmarks in this ancient city are the Colosseum and the Forum.

 Rome 1960
- 8) City named after a Trojan Prince who sparked off the Trojan War by eloping with Helen. **Paris 1924 & 2024**
- 9) A mouse lived in a windmill here, according to the song. Amsterdam -1928
- 10) The Opera House and Harbour Bridge are landmarks in this Antipodean city.Sydney 2000
- 11) Surname of songwriter Irving, writer of classic hits such as 'White Christmas' and 'Cheek to Cheek' **Berlin -1936**
- 12) Surname of American novelist Jack, most famous for 'The Call of the Wild' and 'White Fang'. **London 1908, 1948 & 2012**

Another 'Top to Toe" Quiz

Again with thanks to Alison Dixon, here are some more cryptic clues to items worn on the head or the feet:

- 1) Are these the ideal wear for bakers? (7)
- 2) Is this only for cricketers? (6)
- 3) American detectives informally (8)
- 4) Ovaltine is a prime example of this (8)
- 5) A confused Mr. Crosby hides in the trousers (10)
- 6) Prod the car part (9)
- 7) These are found at all stations (9)
- 8) The ice cream holder contains nothing (7)
- 9) Crustacean selectors (6,7)
- 10) Attempt to contain a pound (6)

This time the odd numbers are all footwear and the even numbers are all headwear.

Answers, as ever, will be in the next edition.

HARVEST AT ASH CHURCH 2024

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 22nd September at 10:00am, followed by Harvest Lunch in Ash Village Hall.

Please book your place(s) by adding your name(s) to the sheet on the church noticeboard or contact Jacky Richardson - <u>jackyrichardson92@outlook.com</u> Tel 01474 873733

A final word from the editor.

Well, here we are in September already, and as I look out of the window while writing this, the weather is looking distinctly autumnal. In this issue you will find lots of news about exciting events which are taking place over the next couple of months, and I hope, as ever, that you will find plenty here to both inform and entertain you. The next edition of Church News will be published in early November and will cover the months of November and December. Please send all items for inclusion to n.noakes@btinternet.com by **Sunday 20th October** at the latest. Enjoy the next couple of months, everyone.



ASH CHURCH PRIVACY POLICY

Ash Church PCC have agreed a Privacy Policy in light of the 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 lan Nurdin (<u>ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk</u>) and request that your contact details are deleted and removed.

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