

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY and NEW ASH GREEN

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My dear friends,

I think that it is true when they say that the older one gets the faster time flies. It certainly seems to me that we have only just got over Christmas and here we are in the second half of another year. (Mind you the weather has not helped).

In front of me, as I sit here, I have a coffee mat. This particular one claims that it is 'a round tuit'. The inscription runs 'At long last we have a sufficient quantity for each of you to have his own. GUARD IT WELL! These tuits have been hard to come by, especially the round ones. This is an indispensable item. It will help you to become a much more efficient worker. For years we have heard people say "I'll do this when I get a round tuit" Now that you have a round tuit of your very own, many things that have needed to be accomplished will get done'.

I know that the old ones are the best - but having it in front of me does make me think at times. How often do you put things off? It might be too big a job, or too expensive or time consuming. It might be that you simply want to keep the peace or enjoy a quiet life, but how about it? More time with God, more quality time with the children (grandchildren), a hobby or a break, a change in the direction of life, or simply writing that letter that you have said you will write for so long now?

We had a family joke about my kitchen sink as I grew up. My father had started to build a cupboard under it when we moved in - I was 10. When Jacquie and I married it still looked the same as it had, as, I believe, it still did when they sold the house to downsize after my brother's wedding a few years later.

What are YOU putting off?

(You can even borrow my round tuit if you wish!)

Yours very sincerely,

John A Peal.

Ps. Two months worth of 'Church News' means that many of you will be away on holiday before the next edition comes out. If you are fortunate enough to be going away, I pray that you will have a relaxing and a renewing time.

SERVICES AT ST. PETER & ST. PAUL'S ASH

<u>Time</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>When</u>
8.00	Holy Communion	Every Sunday in month
10.30	Family Worship	First Sunday in the month
10.30	Family Eucharist	2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays

SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S RIDLEY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>When</u>
9.15	Parish Communion	Every Sunday in the month
6.30	Evening Prayer	Second Sunday in the month only

DIARY DATES - Full details can also be found on the website

Jul.	Fri.	2 nd	Choir Barbeque	
	Sat.	3 rd	Holy Matrimony	4.00 p.m.
	Sat.	10 th	Evensong	- Ash Church 4.00 p.m.
			(following a district meeting of Bellringers)	
	Sun.	11 th	Holy Baptism	10.30 a.m.
			Holy Baptism	3.30 p.m.
	Tue.	13 th	Ash P.C.C.	8.00 p.m.
	Sun.	18 th	Rectory Picnic - see below	
	Fri.	23 rd	Holy Matrimony	3.00 p.m.
	Sat.	24 th	Rectory open house	2.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Aug.	Sat.	7 th	Holy Matrimony	11.00 a.m.
	Tue.	24 th	Standing Committee	8.00 p.m.
	Wed.	25 th	Deanery Synod Standing Committee	8.00 p.m.
	Sat.	28 th	An Elegant Evening - see below	
	Sun.	29 th	Service of thanksgiving for the gift of a child	3.30 p.m.
Nov.	Fri.	5 th	Parish Weekend	

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome: Olivia Grace Pitt
 Alexis Ann Colcombe
 Danielle Colcombe

FUNERALS

May	Fri.	28 th	John Victor Robinson	aged 82
Jun.	Fri.	4 th	Edith Rose King	aged 97
	Tue.	22 nd	Patricia Broad	aged 72

May they rest in peace.

PARISH WEEKEND UPDATE:

"ROYAL FIREWORKS: HANDLE WITH PRAYER"

The aims of the weekend are -

- To strengthen our bonds as 'one people, with one faith, and one future'
- To become a more prayer-focussed, prayer-directed community.

and our objectives for the weekend are -

- To discover together the purpose and power of prayer
- To build up our confidence in our own ability to pray both as individuals and as a community
- To discover together ways in which we might improve the prayer-life of our church.

The weekend is booked for November 5th-7th and will take place, as before, in New Ash Green Primary school. The Rev. Canon Jean Kerr will be our leader for the weekend and will lead our worship at the Family Service that will take place in the school on Sunday.

The weekend will be a mixture of talking, listening and activities suitable for ALL ages, including young children.

Also, as before, there will be no formal charge - we would much rather that you come to the weekend than that we should cover costs or make a profit. If you do wish to make a contribution, however, John Harding is the person to speak to.

The weekend will begin on Friday night with a 'bring and share' get-together that will finish with an act of worship during which Jean will introduce herself and set the scene for the next couple of days.

This promises to be a really exciting and 'fun' weekend. Of course the best thing would be that everyone should attend all sessions, but it is understood that for many that would be impossible, so we ask that everyone who possibly can makes the effort to attend as much as they reasonably can.

As preparation for the weekend, Bible study groups, looking at the whole subject of prayer, will take place during September/October. Each group, 5 in all, will last about 90 minutes; a bit longer if refreshments are offered. It would be good to have a really good attendance at these groups - they are for everyone, whether or not you will be able to attend the weekend - and not just the scholarly few! If you feel you could host a group of about 6-8 people or could lead a group with the help of the book we will all be following, please could you let **Jacquie Peal [01474 872209]** know.

THURSDAY LUNCH PROVISION

The Parish Council runs a weekly Thursday Lunch in the Youth Centre, North Square for the over 60s commencing at 12 noon.

A delicious home cooked two course meal is freshly prepared on the premises which provides a friendly atmosphere to socialise.

The cost of the meal is £3 and all the council asks is that you are fit and able and could make a regular commitment. If mobility is a problem, Sevenoaks District Council can provide transport.

You are very welcome to have a 'taster session'. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further details 01474 702760.



You are invited to join us,

John and Jacquie Peal,

In celebrating our 40th Wedding Anniversary

On July 24th 2010

We will be keeping 'Open House' between 2.00 p.m. and 10.00

p.m.

and we would be very pleased to see you.

Our address is: The Rectory The Street Ash, Sevenoaks, Kent.

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We do not want any presents, but there will be a chance to make a donation to the church and/or to the Wisdom Hospice

if you would like to.



CHURCH NEWS COPIES

We are updating records and would like people who require a paper copy of the church news to let us know. Thank you very much.

You can contact Ann & Bob Aves by telephone (873385) or email.

RECTORY PICNIC – SUNDAY 18TH JULY

This is being held in the Rectory garden after the morning service at 12.30
Please bring a picnic and a chair to sit on if possible.

Last year this was very enjoyable and a chance for everyone to just relax and chat.
There will of course, be the annual water fight (weather permitting) and a raffle.

ELEGANT EVENING SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST – 7.0 P.M.

To be held in the Rectory garden at 7.0 p.m. Suggested donation £5 per head. Please bring a picnic.

This is a chance to put on your glad rags and decorate your table with your own food and equipment.

Evening will include in house entertainment and a raffle.

CHORUS OF PRAISE CONCERT

This concert raised well over £500 from the retiring collection and refreshments.
All the money raised goes to help the Deanery's Christian Aid Week project, providing seeds and irrigation for communities in Burkina Faso, West Africa. With the European Union match-funding this means the project is now better off by a further £2000.
We received a message of thanks from the organisers.

FETE

Although we don't have final figures for the fete it looks as though we will have reached a total of something over £6000. Certainly makes all the hard work worth it.

ASH FETE 2010

Dear friends - THANK YOU!! This is the only way I can start this article, by saying a very big "THANK YOU"!! Thank you to everyone who put in so much time and effort, and worked so hard to make Ash Fête 2010 the success it was. We were so blessed with the lovely sunshine, and indeed we had been lucky all week with the weather, allowing us to set everything up, and then enjoy a wonderful social evening on the Friday night, an event which is beginning to establish itself nicely as a great start to the Patronal Festival weekend.

On the big day it was great to see so much hard work ably rewarded by wonderful crowds – the support we receive from the good people of Ash, New Ash Green and the surrounding areas never ceases to amaze me. I'm sure that everyone enjoys this wonderful family event; otherwise they wouldn't keep coming back. We know that all your efforts in promoting the Fête and getting the programmes delivered really works, because of the comments we get from people before the day itself - Ash Fête is definitely an important event in the life of our community.

We were very lucky to have the help of some new volunteers this year, all of which helped us provide plenty of things for our visitors to do. It was lovely to see some new stalls and sideshows, as well as the popular favourites. The North West Kent Miniature Railway proved a big hit and we were very pleased with the inaugural Produce & Flower Show. We received more entries than we thought we might and the judges were very impressed with the quality!

We mustn't rest on our laurels however; plans are already being drawn up for next year's Fête as we try to keep it "fresh" as well as traditional. This will all depend on getting enough help of course, so please make a note in your diaries NOW of the date for next year - Saturday 25th June 2011.

All that remains is for me to thank all the members of the Management Committee, for all their help and support, and the many, many other individuals – no names, that wouldn't be fair as I would miss someone out, but you know who you are, and I am very grateful. My special thanks to everyone who helped clear up on the Saturday evening - a small but willing band with very big hearts!

Thanks again everyone, we are very pleased that the day went so well.

Ian Nurdin – Ash Fête Management Committee

PS – We have some vacancies on the Committee for 2011. We are looking for help with the Side-shows, Programme and Advertising and we need a Committee Chairman. We would also be grateful if someone would volunteer as the Committee Secretary, to take

minutes from three meetings and distribute them to the members. If you would like to know more please see me for a no obligation chat! Many thanks.

Do you have an interest or skill that you would be willing to share with our young people?

The Boys' and Girls' Brigade Companies are looking for people who would be willing to come along on a Friday evening for about 30 minutes for a period of 3 or 4 weeks to teach badges covering specific subjects in areas such as, for example, craft, health & lifestyle, creativity, interests, life skills, nature and environment, but not limited to those topics if you can offer anything else that would interest the young people. We would also welcome someone who could come along from time to time to lead a devotion session for 15 to 20 minutes.

While we are always looking for people to join our small team of leaders on a more regular basis, we think it would enhance what we can offer the young people if a variety of people are willing to come in for short periods of time.

We meet on Friday evenings in Ash Village Hall (<http://www.ash-hall.org.uk>)

Ages 5 – 8 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Ages 8 – 11 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Ages 11 – 18 8:00pm – 9:30pm

We will be approaching some people who we think may be able to help but if you have a skill or interest we don't know about or would like to help, please get in touch.

The badgework scheme is very versatile and wide ranging so pretty much anything can be worked into the programme.

Email: info@1stashgreenbb.org.uk info@1stashgreengb.org.uk or speak to Carol or James Clark in Church.

MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADE IS ON PAGE 9

ASH CHURCH DIRECTORY

This will be updated over the next few weeks. If you have any changes to your contact details please see draft copy at the back of church or contact Ian 873414 ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk

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Our next meeting is on June 20th from 10:15am onwards until about 12pm at Ash Village

Hall. However, we will not have a meeting in July, as we will be instead meeting up for the Parish Picnic on the 18th of that month, in the rectory garden after the morning service.



CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE - 11th SEPTEMBER 2010

Hundreds of people across the County of Kent are preparing to get on their bikes or put on their walking shoes to raise funds for churches and chapels in their area.

The Friends of Kent Churches sponsored Ride and Stride will have participants visiting as many churches as they like from the 750 taking part. Each individual plans his or her own route between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Those sitting in churches to welcome visitors may be sponsored too.

This year the Friends are hoping to equal or even exceed last 'year's total of £150,000.

Sponsor forms, and a list of all the churches which will be open are available from Cameron Clark (01474 874526 –pcc@ash-church.org.uk) or from Carolyn Millen on 01622 843383.

Please join in. It's a really fun day!

Check the website: www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk



1st Ash Green Companies

BB and GB are for young people aged 5 - 18. Activities include games, arts, craft, drill and badgework to learn about a wide range of different topics. With younger members much of the activity focuses on teamwork and developing simple yet essential life skills. As they get older the focus turns towards leadership, preparing young men and women for the world of work and all the challenges and opportunities adult life brings.

Working closely with Ash Church we offer a friendly and safe environment for boys and girls to grow and develop. Activities such as fun days, camps and other events offer unique opportunities to meet up with members from across Kent. Our volunteer leaders undergo regularly updated training and both organisations have well established Child Protection and Safety Procedures.

If you know anybody who may be interested in joining please complete the form below and return it to us. Information will be sent to you about the new session at the end of the summer holidays. If possible please return the form by the end of July.

Young person's name: _____

I may be interested in coming to Boys' and Girls' Brigade. In September 2010 I will be in school year ____.

I would like to receive information about times and arrangements for Boys' and Girls' Brigade at the end of the summer. My contact details are:

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parent's email: _____

Please return completed form to a Sidesman or Churchwarden in Church or to either 45 Chapel Wood or 4 Punch Croft in New Ash Green. Please complete a separate form for each child.



Nothing to do on Friday Evenings?

Why not try BB and GB?

More online:

www.1stashgreenbb.org.uk
www.1stashgreengb.org.uk