

ASH AND RIDLEY CHURCH NEWS JULY & AUGUST 2024



VILLAGE DAY 2024

Ash Church was as ever substantially represented on Village Day which took place on Saturday 29th June up at the Pavilion. As well as the Grand Draw, we had Trap the Rat, Crack the Safe, Children's Activities and the Lucky Dip (manned as usual by Alison Harding on a fleeting weekend visit back from Shropshire). We were blessed with a glorious sunny day, and a good time was had by all! Thanks to Ian Nurdin for again masterminding the operation and to all those who helped in any way on the day. Here are some pictures to remind you.







Ash Church Services & Opening Times

Tuesday 9am

Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday 9am

Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday 10.30 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

Sunday 4th August only - 3pm Children's Church

A service particularly for families with primary school aged children

PLEASE NOTE: The August Service will be the last Children's Church but we are pleased to announce that a new **Group Messy Church** will be starting on Saturday 21st September at the F&H Church Centre - more details to follow.

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

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 July
4.00 p.m.	Service 'with a difference'	4 th Sunday August
(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

Online **ZOOM SERVICE**

1st & 3rd SUNDAYS

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**



ASH SAPPLINGS

Church for pre-schoolers and their adults

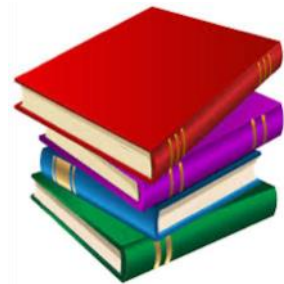
Every Thursday
ASH CHURCH

10.15-11:30am

Songs



Stories



Refreshments

Fun and Games

ALL WELCOME

For more information contact Rev Helen 01474 872209

St Nicholas Church, Southfleet

Church Activity Day

Wednesday 24th July 2024 10am-3.30pm

It will be a fun-filled day of Crafts, Music and Drama, with 'Moses' as the theme, for Primary aged children.



It will be run by Alison Coppitters and the Sunday Club team at St Nicholas. There will be no cost.

CONSENT FORM

If you wish to book a place, complete this form, scan and return it by email to coppitters61@gmail.com by 17th July. You will receive confirmation of your place, but numbers will be strictly limited to 30 children, so a prompt reply is advised.

Requirements: Please bring a packed lunch (no nuts, please) and a water bottle. Squash and biscuits will be provided. Please be weather-ready with a rain mac if weather is inclement and provide your child with a sun hat and apply sun lotion in advance if required. Name of child

..... Age.....

School.....

Address.....

Emergency Contact name and Phone Number:.....

Any Medical Conditions, Allergies or Additional Needs

(please specify).....

*I give permission for photographs taken on the day which may include my child to be used for Church publicity

*I do not give permission for photographs taken on the day which may include my child to be used for Church publicity

* Please delete one statement

Name of parent/guardian..... Signed.....



St Peters Church Ridley

July
Saturday 6th
Painting day

Supported by local artist

Michael Kennedy

**(Booking essential, see separate
poster)**

Saturday 13th
St Peter's pop in

10.30 to 12.30

A new venture.

**Pop in for refreshments and
some time to chat and relax**

**Every
sunday
9am
Holy
communion
or morning
worship**

Sunday 28th
Evensong
6pm

August



Sunday 4th Holy communion 9am
Followed by refreshments

*Saturday 10th St Peter's pop in 10.30 to
12.30*

Refreshments and social time

Sunday 11th Morning worship 9am

Sunday 18th Holy communion 9am
Followed by refreshments

Sunday 25th Morning worship

**Sunday 25th 3.30 for 4pm
Special service for Carol
Bridge as we say farewell as
she moves to her position as
Curate**



St Peter's Pop in

**Pop in for coffee, tea or a cold drink, with
cake and biscuits, company and
conversation.**

**Every 2nd Saturday in the month starting
from July 13th – 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

I MADE IT!

BEN NEVIS JUNE 17th 2024

It was quite a climb and, as you can see, misty at the top, but very rewarding and the views most of the way up were stunning.

I am collecting for DIABETES UK

I have a collecting box which I shall keep shaking until the end of July when I hope to send them a nice cheque.

Thanks to all who have donated already.

Jean Bentley



CHURCH BRASS

Recent changes to the Sunday services have meant that quite a few people have been helping to set up the altar for various services. This includes setting out the altar brass. Whilst it is wonderful to have so much help, the church brass does need special care. Therefore, I would ask everyone involved in 'setting up' duties to have a word with me so we can make sure the brass is handled correctly.

Thank you for your help.

Jacky Richardson

Summer Orchids in New Ash Green

Never has the village looked so lovely, and we give thanks to the workforces in our village for bringing so many dormant beautiful plants to our open spaces, and thank God for the joy this has brought to so many of us.

Jane Davison



3 Pyramidal Orchids photographed recently by Jane in New Ash Green



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.

Email: communitycupboard19@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/thecommunitycupboard19

Twitter: TheCommunityCu1

Instagram: @thecommunitycupboard

Telephone: 07526 823122

(during opening hours)

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

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



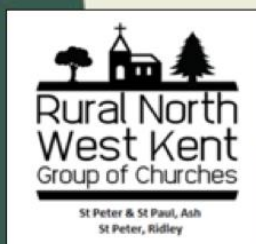
ALL ARE VERY WELCOME TO....

THE SPACE

EVERY THURSDAY 2PM - 4.30PM

**NEW ASH GREEN YOUTH &
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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



THE BIG BREAKFAST - ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST IS ON SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST 09.00 - 11.00

The next "Big Breakfast" in aid of the Hodsoll Street Village Hall Refurbishment Fund takes place on Saturday 3rd August 2024 from 09:00am. The Breakfast costs £6 a head and is excellent value for money.

In order to work up an appetite for this excellent fare we invite anyone interested to walk to Hodsoll Street. It takes about an hour, and then after breakfast you can 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 you they are not allowed in the Village Hall, so will have to be left outside whilst you are enjoying your meal.

See: <http://www.hodsollstreet-ridley.co.uk/index.html> for more details or contact us on 01474 873414 or ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk

Next Breakfast Walk after this one will be on the **7th September 2024**

Ian and Debbie Nurdin



WHERE CAN I GO TODAY?

Monday:
2.30pm - 4.30pm - Craft & Chat - with refreshments
Church Centre, Ash Road, Hartley, DA3 8DL

Tuesday:
10am - 2.30pm - Friends Cafe - good food and good conversation
St Barnabas Church, Istead Rise, DA13 9DA

Wednesday:
10.15am - 11.45am - Coffee & Chat
Jubilee Hall, Main Road Longfield, DA3 7PG

Thursday:
10am - Noon - Pop In - Cuppa and a catch up
Church Centre, Ash Road, Hartley, DA3 8DL
2pm - 4.30pm - The Space - Company, games, refreshment and friendship
Youth & Community Centre, NAG, DA3 8JY

Friday:
2pm - 4pm - Community Cafe - Drop in for tea and a chat - St John's Centre, Meopham, DA13 0AA

A colorful illustration of a group of diverse people sitting around a table, engaged in conversation and eating. There are plates of food, glasses, and a small pumpkin on the table. The background is a mix of green and yellow wavy lines.

St Peter and St Paul's Church

ECO CHURCH IDEAS FOR THE SUMMER



Enjoy a picnic but try to carry those tasty snacks in reusable boxes and also use reusable plates etc.

A big Thank you from Linda

Linda Parlett and the family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone at Ash and Ridley for all their kindness and lovely cards and letters following the sad passing of Bryan earlier in the year. Your thoughts, memories and kind words have been a source of great comfort to them all.

Front Room Presents

A Musical Feast!

Songs and music to delight and entertain you

With special guests

Bowed Well

Saturday 20 July 2024

Tickets £10 in advance
or £12 on the door

Available at Pets Pantry

Bring your own drinks and snacks

New Ash Green Village Hall
Centre Road DA3 8HH

Doors open 7pm - Start 7.30pm



**Front
Room**

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

All proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

TEDDY'S TOWER OF TERROR!!

AN AFTERNOON OF
FUNDRAISING FUN FOR THE
COMMUNITY CUPBOARD.

**SEND TEDDY DOWN A ZIPWIRE FROM THE
CHURCH TOWER. £1
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC
ENJOY A FREE CREAM TEA, TEDDY TRAIL,
AND RAFFLE
DONATE AS YOU ARE ABLE TO
THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD**



This event will be cancelled
if raining.
Check websites and social media
on the day.



**ST PETER & ST PAUL, ASH
MONDAY 26 TH AUGUST
NOON - 2PM**

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.

COMING SOON - GROUP MESSY CHURCH!

Messy Church is coming back to the Rural North West Kent Group!

Starting on Saturday 21st September at the Fawkhams & Hartley Church Centre, from 3:00 - 5:00pm. All are Welcome! More details to follow soon.

CAN YOU HELP? We need volunteers to help run these sessions - if you can help please contact the Rev'd Helen as soon as possible - many thanks!



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

Monday 29th July – Rochester (£14)

Wednesday 31st July – Broadstairs (£24)

Friday 2nd August – Strood Retail Park (£14)

Monday 5th August – Bluewater (£12)

Wednesday 7th August – Lunch and Games at ‘The Cottage ’ (£20)

Thursday 8th August – Whitstable (£22)

Friday 9th August – Dobbies Garden Centre (£14)

Monday 12th August – Dockside Shopping Outlet (£14)

Wednesday 14th August - Hastings (£24)

Friday 16th August – Ruxley Garden Centre (£12)

Monday 19th August – Bluewater (£12)

Wednesday 21st August - Southend on Sea (£24)

Friday 23rd August – 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

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

Abel Michael Thain	19th May
Archie and Oscar Ellison	26th May
Zachary David Southcott	9th June
Hughie, Vincent and Ivy Hawthorne	30th June

BURIAL OF ASHES

John William Charles Clarke	25th May
Trevor Donald Blackett	7th June

FUNERALS

Margaret Shaw	31st May
Olive Harrison	11th June
Lyle Ellard	21st June

Cryptic Underground Stations - Answers

You were asked to identify London Underground Stations from the cryptic clues given:

- 1) Bad news for Napoleon **Waterloo**
- 2) Bigger than big **Wapping**
- 3) Alpine dwelling **Swiss Cottage**
- 4) It's falling down **London Bridge**
- 5) Weapon store **Arsenal**
- 6) Trumpeting New York thoroughfare **Tooting Broadway**
- 7) Stop here for Men's singles & doubles **Wimbledon**
- 8) Nobleman captured **Earl's Court**

- 9) Limit of 1760 yards **Mile End**
- 10) A Bear **Paddington**
- 11) Patella's Lair **Neasden** (Knee's Den)
- 12) Sounds like a Bard was born here **Stratford**
- 13) In the hop county **Kentish Town**
- 14) Heavenly messenger **Angel**
- 15)irate monarch **King's Cross**

An Olympic Quiz

With the 2024 Summer Olympics fast approaching, here are clues to 12 cities which have previously hosted the summer games. Can you name them and say in which years they hosted (N.B. - sometimes more than one)?

- 1) City named after Queen Victoria's first and favourite Prime Minister.
- 2) A short-lived agreement was made here in 1938 between Adolf Hitler and Neville Chamberlain.
- 3) ——— Syndrome is the name given to a theory developed to explain why hostages sometimes develop a psychological bond with their captors.
- 4) According to the song from 'South Pacific', the sailors 'get speeches from our skipper, and advice from —— Rose'.
- 5) Its French name means 'Royal Mount' in English (hint - it isn't in France).
- 6) Its Spanish name means 'The Angels' in English (hint - it isn't in Spain).
- 7) Famous landmarks in this ancient city are the Colosseum and the Forum.

- 8) City named after a Trojan Prince who sparked off the Trojan War by eloping with Helen.
- 9) A mouse lived in a windmill here, according to the song.
- 10) The Opera House and Harbour Bridge are landmarks in this Antipodean city.
- 11) Surname of songwriter Irving, writer of classic hits such as 'White Christmas' and 'Cheek to Cheek'
- 12) Surname of American novelist Jack, most famous for 'The Call of the Wild' and 'White Fang'.

Answers, as ever, in the next edition.

A final word from the editor.

Here at last, with apologies for lateness, is your July/August edition of Church News. I hope, as ever, that you will find plenty in these pages to both inform and entertain you. The next edition of Church News will be published in early September and will cover the months of September and October. For logistical reasons, I'm asking for contributions slightly earlier than usual, so please send all items for inclusion to n.noakes@btinternet.com by Sunday 18th August at the latest. Enjoy the rest (?) of the summer, 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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