

ASH AND RIDLEY CHURCH NEWS JULY & AUGUST 2026



Village Day 2026

New Ash Green Village Day took place on Saturday 27th June, and as usual, Ash Church was well in evidence there. As well as the Grand Draw, we hosted various attractions such as Don't Ring the Bell, Trap the Rat, Crack the Safe and the Lucky Dip. There were many happy Grand Draw prizewinners, and we were able to raise nearly £500 for church funds. Many thanks to all who helped on or before the day, especially to the New Ash Green Woodlands Group for the loan of the lovely bright gazebo and particularly to Ian Nurdin, who coordinated everything with his usual efficiency.





Ash Church Services & Opening Times



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

Tuesdays 9am

Service of Morning Prayer (on "Zoom")

Thursdays 9am

Service of Morning Prayer

Thursdays 10.15am

Ash Saplings - church for pre-schoolers and their adults

Sundays 8am

1st & 3rd Sundays - BCP Morning Prayer

2nd & 4th Sundays - Holy Communion (BCP)

Sundays 10am

1st & 3rd Sundays - Morning Worship (also available on "Zoom")

2nd & 4th Sundays - Holy Communion

5th Sundays

8am - BCP Morning Prayer

**10am - Holy Communion - venue will alternate with St Peter, Ridley -
see Ash Church Website for more details**

**A service of BCP Holy Communion will also be held on set Wednesdays at 10am
- see Ash Church website for dates**

Sundays 10.30am RNWK Group Livestreamed Service

To watch and subscribe go to:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGcdOwG_w9D_ibDYmZRJCQA

**The church is open every day for you to spend time in prayer, reflection or
just savour 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

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 Worship (CW)	2 nd & 4 th Sunday in the month
9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Every Friday
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	4 th Sunday July
4.00 p.m.	Service with a difference (Tea at 3.30 p.m.)	4 th Sunday August

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

Ridley Church will be taking part in the annual Friends of Kent Churches 'Ride and Stride' on Saturday 12th September (see poster below for details). There will be more information in the next issue. **Tricia Carr**



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 your help!

ASH CHURCH PCC



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

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](https://twitter.com/TheCommunityCu1)
Instagram: [@thecommunitycupboard](https://www.instagram.com/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

If you would like to receive the link for the Sunday Zoom Services and news about other events at Ash Church, please contact Ian Nurdin: ian_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk

ASH SAPPLINGS

Church for pre-schoolers and their adults



Every Thursday

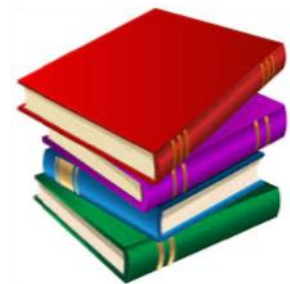
ASH CHURCH

10.15 - 11:30am

Songs



Stories



Refreshments, Fun and Games!

ALL WELCOME

**For more information contact
Jean Bentley - 01474 872333 or
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Friends of Ash Church

On Sunday 12th July, Friends of Ash Church will be presenting an afternoon concert in Ash Church by the Inverno String Quartet. The quartet was formed in 2022 at the Royal College of Music where all the members were students. They have played at many prestigious venues, and shortly before they come to us will be performing in the Elgar Room at the Royal Albert Hall. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this exciting group of young string players!

Friends of Ash Church presents **The Inverno String Quartet**



including works by Ravel and Janacek

Sunday 12th July 2026
Ash Church TN15 7HD

Doors open 2.30pm for 3pm start
Tickets £10.00 / £5.00 for under 18's
Available by emailing joe2you2joe@hotmail.com or SMS text to
07434784562 or on the door

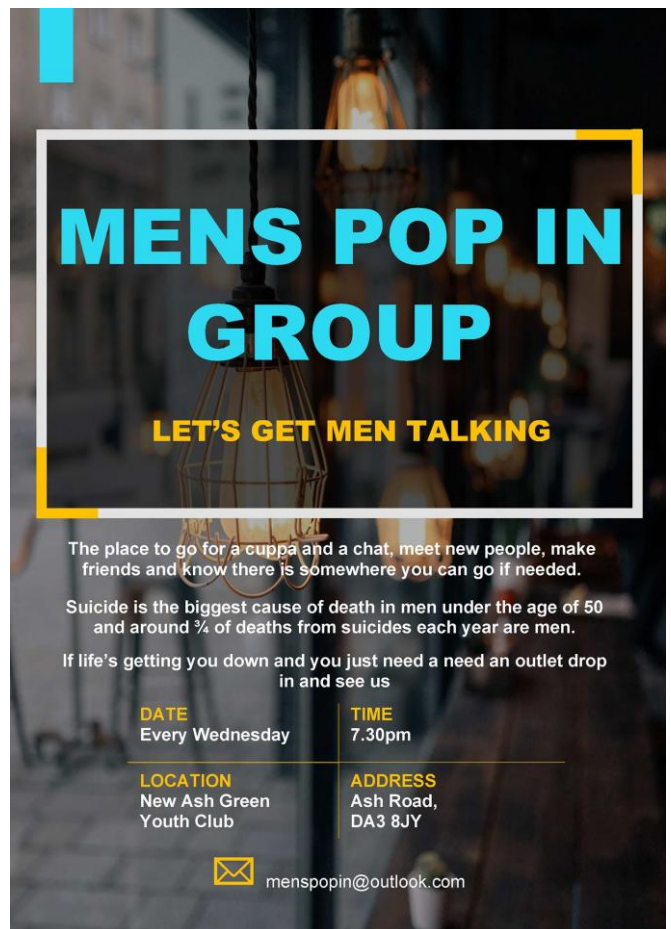
Other forthcoming Friends of Ash Church events:

Sunday 13th September (afternoon concert) - Eva Victoria Shockmel - Dutch classical guitarist.

Saturday 17th October (evening concert) - Crystal Palace Brass Band

Sunday 8th November (evening event) - the annual ' Reflections on Remembrance '

More information and posters of these events will be available nearer the time.



Verger Role for Funerals

Ash PCC has agreed to create a new role of verger/welcomer for funerals (and possibly weddings as well.) This would be a paid role. If anyone is interested in taking this on, please contact Ian Nurdin.

THE BIG BREAKFAST- ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST IS ON SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 09.00 - 11.00

The next "Big Breakfast" in aid of the Hodsoll Street Village Hall Refurbishment Fund takes place on Saturday 1st August 2026 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 join us on a circular walk to Hodsoll Street. Meet at 5 Manor Forstal at 8:50am - 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 30th July** 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 5th September 2026.



Ian and Debbie Nurdin

Helen Bakie to run Brighton Marathon next year

Helen Bakie will be running the Brighton Marathon in April 2027 to raise money for the Steps charity. If you would like to sponsor her, here is a link through which you can do so.

<https://2027brightonmarathonweekend.enthuse.com/pf/helen-bakie>

We all wish her the very best with her training, and hope she is able to raise a goodly sum on the day.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

Aida Francesca Thain	31st May
Freddie Skopila	14th June

WEDDING

John Seeds & Carla Harvey	12th June
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RIP Beryl Tomlin

It is with much sadness that we announce that Beryl Tomlin died on Saturday 4th July, aged 99. Beryl and her late sister Mildred were long standing members of Ash Church and also participated in many activities in the village. Beryl's funeral will take place at Ash Church on Tuesday 28th July, at 11:00am.

Welcome little Holly!

From Sue Graham: "Good news - Buffy has safely delivered her third baby Holly Eloise Mary Southcott, a beautiful little girl, a sister to Adam and Zach at 7 lb 3 oz". Our congratulations to Buffy and to all the family!



Bible, Shakespeare or other (a literary teaser)-Answers

All the following novels have titles which are derived either from the Bible, Shakespeare, or other literary sources. Can you say which is which? And a bonus point if you can give the exact reference.

- 1) East of Eden (John Steinbeck 1952) - **Bible - Genesis 4 v.16 - Cain settled in the Land of Nod, east of Eden.**
- 2) Where Angels Fear to Tread (E.M. Forster 1905) - **Other - Alexander Pope - An Essay on Criticism - Fools rush in where ———**
- 3) The Sun Also Rises (Ernest Hemingway 1926) **Bible - Ecclesiastes 1. v.4 - The Sun also rises, and the sun goeth down.**
- 4) The Dogs of War (Frederick Forsyth 1974) **Shakespeare - Julius Caesar Act 3 Scene 1- Cry havoc and let slip the ———**
- 5) Vanity Fair (William Makepeace Thackeray 1847-8) - **Other - A Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan.**
- 6) Clouds of Witness (Dorothy Sayers 1926) - **Bible - Hebrews 12 v.1 - since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses.**

7) The Sound and the Fury (William Faulkner 1929) **Shakespeare - Macbeth Act 5 Scene 5 - It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.**

8) Brave New World (Aldous Huxley 1932) - **Shakespeare - The Tempest Act 5 Scene 1 - O Brave New World, that has such people in't.**

9) The Mirror Crack'd from Side To Side (Agatha Christie 1962) - **Other - Tennyson - The Lady of Shallot - Out flew the web and floated wide, The Mirror _____**

10) Vile Bodies (Evelyn Waugh 1930) - **Bible - Phillipians 3 v.21 - Christ shall change our vile body, so that it may be like unto his glorious body.**

Centenary Quiz - Part 2

Following on from our quiz of two editions ago - the following famous people were all born in the second half of 1926. Can you identify them?

- 1) Born July 21st - Actor best known for the role of ARP Warden Hodges in 'Dad's Army.
- 2) Born August 6th - Writer whose best-known creations were the Wombles of Wimbledon.
- 3) Born August 9th - Infamous dictator who came to power in Cuba in 1959 and served first as PM and then as president until 2008.
- 4) Born August 17th - English blues and jazz singer who also lectured on art history - known for sporting a wide-brimmed fedora hat.
- 5) Born September 10th - Artist known for her larger than life paintings of people enjoying themselves in various public settings - in the pub, at the seaside etc.
- 6) Born October 18th - American guitarist and singer-songwriter who was a pioneer of rock and roll. Known for songs such as 'Roll over, Beethoven' and 'Johnny B. Goode'

7) Born October 21st - Actor best known for playing Reggie Perrin and for a famous drinks commercial with Joan Collins.

8) Born October 24th - Actress who played Hilda Ogden in 'Coronation Street' from 1964 to 1987.

9) Born December 1st - Australian actor best known for his starring role in 'The Six Wives of Henry VIII'

10) Born December 20th - Politician who was the longest serving minister in Margaret Thatcher's government, serving as both Chancellor of the Exchequer and Foreign Secretary.

Answers, as ever, in the next edition.

A final word from the editor.

Sitting here writing this in the middle of a continuing heatwave, I think I can safely say that summer has arrived with a vengeance! Within these pages I hope you will find the usual mix of information and entertainment for your delectation over the coming months. The next edition of Church News will be published in early September and will cover the months of September and October...Please send all items for inclusion to n.noakes@btinternet.com by Sunday 15th August (please note earlier date than usual) at the latest. Enjoy the sun and keep cool, 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>

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