

## ASH AND RIDLEY CHURCH NEWS SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025



#### **ASH CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL 2025**

This year we are planning a hot meal and very much hope that you will all come. Please see the poster below for details - tickets must be bought in advance - please contact Jacky Richardson. We are keeping the price low but welcome extra donations! Wine has been donated for the event, with thanks to a member of the congregation. There will be a place for you sign up at the back of the Church; or contact Jean on <a href="mailto:jeanbentley51@gmail.com">jeanbentley51@gmail.com</a> if you can make a dish - cottage pie and/or a pudding - costs will be re-imbursed. Vegetarians welcome and will be catered for. Please note - The Harvest Festival service on Sunday 5th October will be at 11.00am. Let's make this a wonderful time to eat and socialise together!

### **ASH CHURCH**



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am

FAMILY SERVICE

## PLEASE BRING GIFTS OF FOOD TO THE SERVICE

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A HOT LUNCH
IN ASH VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £7.50 FOR ADULTS, FAMILY, 2 ADUTS AND CHILDREN, £20

MUST BE BOUGHT IN ADVANCE FROM JACKIE RICHARDSON

- TEXT 07750 505402 OR IN PERSON

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE YOUR GIFTS WILL BE SOLD IN AID OF 'POVERTY and HOPE' or DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



#### **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 Service** 

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday BCP Morning Prayer 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday BCP Holy Communion

**Sunday 10am Service** 

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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 peace and quiet 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 - <a href="www.ash-church.org.uk">www.ash-church.org.uk</a>
RNWK Group of Churches Facebook Page - @ruralnorthwestkentgroup

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#### RIDLEY CHURCH PCC

#### SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S RIDLEY

<u>Time</u>	Type of Service	<u>When</u>	
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)	1st & 3rd Sunday in the month	
9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship (CW)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month	
9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Every Friday	
6.00 p.m	Evensong (BCP)	4th Sunday September	
4.00 p.m	Informal Service	4th Sunday October	
•	(Tea at 3.30 p.m.)	-	

#### **News from Ridley**

Ridley church will be open for Ride and Stride on 13th September. Tricia will be in church for the day and we should have a couple of folk riding for us. If you wish to sponsor us there is a form in the church or you can let Tricia know (07840 477582)

The table fair at Ridley was a great success. Thank you to those who visited and those who had stalls. We saw a mix of things for sale from cards and plants to polished stones. The cake stall did very well, and the strawberries and cream went down a treat. Thank you all.

The now famous Ridley Harvest Lunch takes place on Sunday 28th September at Hodsoll Street and Ridley Village Hall. Doors open at 12.30 for a 1pm start. Cost remains at £20 per person. Raffle and auction as always. To reserve your place see poster below.







Second Saturday of each month 10.30am to 12.30pm

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

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.





#### AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ASH CHURCH PCC

#### **Bringing back the Common Cup at Ash Church**

#### What's Happening?

Ash PCC have agreed to bring back the common cup at Holy Communion services, to be used alongside the current practice of Intinction. We stopped sharing the wine from the chalice during COVID-19 to keep everyone safe. After evaluating the votes cast in May this year the PCC feel that there is sufficient interest to bring back the common cup for those who would like to return to the normal practice and tradition of the Church of England. Intinction will remain available for those who feel uncomfortable with sharing the common cup.

#### **Why It Matters**

- Sharing one cup is a strong symbol of unity.
- It demonstrates our belonging to one another and to Christ.
- At the Last Supper, Christ shared a cup of wine with his disciples, and we are reminded of Christ's self-sacrificial love as we drink from it.

#### When will this happen

It is intended to re-introduce the common cup on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** at the 10:00 service of Holy Communion

#### If You Have Concerns

We know from your votes and feedback that not everyone will be entirely comfortable with using the common cup and so we are suggesting that we adopt the following practice in line with the other RNWK Group churches.

- 1. When you come up to receive Holy Communion, you will be offered the bread (wafer) by the Priest and then wine from the chalice by the chalice assistant, just as used to happen before Covid-19.
- 2. If you would prefer to continue with the current practice of having your bread dipped in the wine, rather than drinking from the chalice, please tell the Priest either by a "downward pointing finger" gesture or saying 'dip please' when you are at the altar rail and the Priest will then dip your wafer into the wine for you before placing it into your hands.
- 3. The priest will help to minimise any risk of infection by making sure their hands are clean, by dipping the wafer on behalf of the person requesting intinction, and by wiping the cup clean (remembering that a silver cup with alcohol already helps with this process).
- 4. If you would prefer NOT to receive wine at all if the chalice is being used as a common cup and Intinction, you can choose to have the bread only that is completely fine; receiving either bread or wine still means you have received Holy Communion in full. In that case, once you have received the bread, simply leave the communion rail.
- 5. Please note that ONLY the Priest can dip (intinct) the bread

IF you have any questions at all, please do speak to Ian Nurdin (Churchwarden), Rev Dorothy or Rev Elizabeth.

If you would like to help us keep our 12<sup>th</sup> 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!







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



**CHARITY REGISTRATION: 1185331** 

## **ASH SAPLINGS**

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 Alison Harding - 01474 874770







#### **2025 SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE**

The date for this year's event is this **Saturday**, **13**<sup>th</sup> **September**. You can cycle or walk to as many or as few churches as you want between 10:00am and 6:00pm – choose your own route to any of the hundreds of participating churches.

Half the money raised by each participant helps to support churches across the county and the other half goes to a church chosen by the walker or cyclist (we hope you will choose our church!). Please help to raise funds to support Ash or Ridley Churches and the many others in the County that receive grants towards the cost of essential maintenance work. If you pay income tax, do remember to tick the box on the sponsorship form so that Gift Aid increases the money raised.

This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kent Ride and Stride so they are hoping to beat last year's total of £151,018. The Ride and Stride was by far the biggest fundraiser towards the £165,500 given to churches in 2024. A further £65,214 was distributed to the churches nominated by walkers and cyclists.

For sponsorship forms and lists of the churches that are taking part contact Cameron Clark on 01474 874526, email cameron@cclark.me.uk or Tricia Carr (01474 873647, tricia.triciacarr@googlemail.com) or look at the notice boards in Ash and Ridley churches.

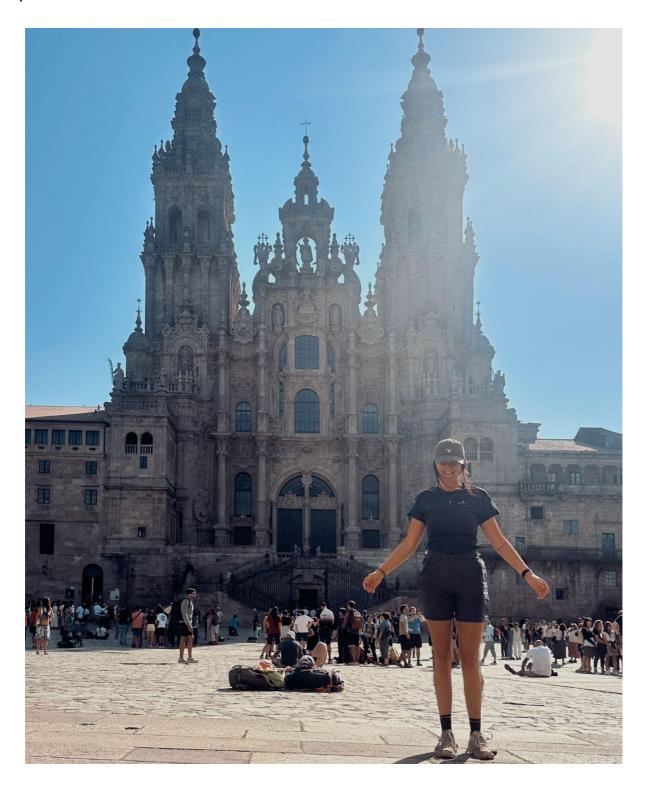
There will also be an opportunity for the less active to help by spending an hour or more at Ash Church between 10 o'clock and 6 o'clock to greet visiting cyclists and walkers. It's not an onerous task - all that is needed is to sign their forms and keep a record of their visit and to offer them some refreshment and encouragement (especially if their next visit is up the hill to West Kingsdown or Stansted!). Please put your name on the form on the notice board in Ash Church if you can help. We now have to comply with the church's lone working policy which means that there must be at least two people present in the building at any time to ensure that no-one is alone with any potentially vulnerable visitors. Therefore, we will need twice as many volunteers.

**Ian Nurdin & Jamie Gearing** will be walking with others on the 13<sup>th</sup> September from Ash Church to St Francis De Sales church, via All Saints Church, St Mary's Fawkham & St Mary's Longfield and are looking for sponsorship! If you can help at all please get in touch by email or text or see them in Church on Sunday. Many thanks in advance for your help and support!

**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 or see https://friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/.

#### **Congratulations**

To Jamie Gearing, who last month completed a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella.



Jamie will be writing more about her journey in the next edition of Church News, so watch this space!





#### THE BIG BREAKFAST- ALL ARE WELCOME!

#### THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST IS ON SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER 09.00 - 11.00

The next "Big Breakfast" in aid of the Hodsoll Street Village Hall Refurbishment Fund takes place on Saturday 4th October 2025 from 09:00am. The Breakfast costs £6 a head and is excellent value for money. PLUS NEW MENU OPTIONS now available - "Mega" Big Breakfast – double up for only £11, Children's BB at £3 - 3 items plus toast & Juice and a "Petite" breakfast at £3.50 -Pattiserie plus tea/coffee/juice

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 1st October** 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 1st November 2025



#### lan and Debbie Nurdin

#### **Friends of Ash Church**

Looking ahead, the FOAC have four "dates for your diary"
All are evening events and posters will be produced nearer the dates to announce timings and other details.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Ash Village Hall - All Female Sea Shanty singers ' The Silver Darlings '

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** - Youth and Community Centre - AGM **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Youth and Community Centre - The Return of the FOAC Quiz Night

Sunday November 9th - Ash Church - Reflections on Remembrance

Joe Whittaker - Chairman



#### **Ash Christmas Tree Festival 2025**



The annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place December 13<sup>th</sup> - 15th. Please think about entering a tree, as a business or family. Further details in the next edition of "Church News"

Jean Bentley (jeanbentley51@gmail.com)

## The Silver Darlings

Premier female sea shanty crew



**Appearing** 

@

Ash Village Hall
The Street, Ash TN15 7HB

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start Tickets £8.00 ( £4.00 for under 18's )

Email: <u>joe2you2joe@hotmail.com</u> to book or telephone 01474 874045

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Presented by Friends of Ash Church

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### **BAPTISMS**

Maximilian Saunders 13th July

Olly and Nelly Garaway 10th August

**FUNERAL** 

Victor Barrett 27th August

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#### **A Fruity Quiz for Summer (Answers)**

- Academic character in Cluedo who uses a purple playing piece. Professor
   Plum
- 2) Ice-cream sundae named after a famous Australian opera singer of the late 19th/early 20th century. **Peach Melba**
- 3) Beatles song released as a 'double A-side' single with 'Penny Lane' in 1967. **Strawberry Fields for Ever**
- 4) 'Yes, we have no what?' an American novelty song by Frank Silver and Irving Cohn originally published in 1923. **Bananas**
- 5) The painting 'Bubbles' by John Everett Millais was used for many years in an advertisement for which soap? **Pears**
- 6) William III, who ascended the throne of Great Britain in 1688 jointly with his wife Mary, was a member of which Dutch royal house? **Orange**

- 8) 1993 film starring Johnny Depp in the title role and Leonardo di Caprio as his younger brother. **What's Eating Gilbert Grape?**
- 9) Nickname for the stretch of the Derwent Valley Light Railway between Layerthorpe and Skipwith. **Blackberry Line**

#### **An Old Testament Teaser**

The answers to all these questions are books of the Old Testament.

- 1) Ageing character in Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by TS Eliot.
- 2) CS Lewis wrote a series of these about Narnia (can be preceded by 1 or 2).
- 3) Cambridge college whose famous choir has been directed by, amongst others, David Willcocks and Philip Ledger (can also be preceded by 1 or 2).
- 4) Shirley Ballas and Craig Revel Horwood, for example?
- 5) Apple Mac Equivalent of Microsoft Excel.
- 6) 1958 novel by Leon Uris about the founding of the state of Israel.
- 7) First name of investigative journalist who presented That's Life and founded Childline.
  - 8) Surname of singer-songwriter nicknamed 'The Piano Man' after his signature 1973 song of the same name.
  - 9) 'Many hands make light work' is an example of one of these.
  - 10) Rock band whose members included Phil Collins and Peter Gabriel.

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

#### A final word from the editor.

So here we are in September and the smell of autumn is definitely in the air, although today has been beautifully sunny, so summer is still lingering at the moment. I hope, as ever that you find plenty within these pages 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 (including the Christmas period). Please send all items for inclusion to <a href="mailto:n.noakes@btinternet.com">n.noakes@btinternet.com</a> by Sunday 26th 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 lan Nurdin (<u>ian\_nurdin@hotmail.co.uk</u>) and request that your contact details are deleted and removed.

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