



St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield

Part of the Rural North West Kent Group of Churches

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 15th July 2018

RNWK Group Clergy: Revd. Dylan Turner, Revd. Jim Fletcher, Revd. Elizabeth Robertson

Sunday 15th July 2018 8.00 am Morning Prayer (BCP) at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash
9.00 am Holy Communion Service at All Saints' Church, Hartley
9.00 am Holy Communion Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley
10.30 am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield
10.30 am Morning Prayer (Common worship) Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash
10.30 am Morning Worship Service at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre

Sunday 22nd July 2018 **8.00 am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**
8.00 am Morning Prayer Service (BCP) at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash
10.30 am Group Holy Communion Patronal Festival Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield
6.30 pm Evening Prayer Service (BCP) at St. Peter's Church, Ridley

(Please note that tea and coffee will be available in the Jubilee Hall after most of our services, please feel free to join us)

'CALLED TOGETHER' - WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR YOUR T FOR 2-500 PLUS CHALLENGE? - 'CALLED TOGETHER'

Don't forget to pray this week in church for your 5 people who you want to come to faith in Christ

'CALLED TOGETHER' INVITATION TO THE RNKW GROUP FELLASHIP MEN'S BBQ - We're having a BBQ—please come by! And have a drink and a beef burger or sausage or two with some old and new friends – **Let's Come Together! 12 noon** at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield on **Saturday 14th July. Its free so please just come along.**

MESSY CHURCH - Our next Messy Church is on **Saturday 14th July**, 4-6pm at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre — please come and join us. There is also a Facebook group to follow which is at: <https://m.facebook.com/RNWKmessychurch/>

COFFEE MORNING and **GARDEN WORKING PARTY** – The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 21st July** starting at 10.00am until 11.30am, all are welcome to attend. Please come and help tidy up the gardens around the church.

NEW LOCAL PLAN PROPOSALS - There will be a drop-in information session about the new local plan proposals and the implications for the local area at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre on Tuesday 31st July 2-8pm. Do come along and see what is being proposed .

'CALLED TOGETHER' LITTLE LONGFIELD FUNDAY – Come and enjoy the fun and games, activities and a picnic lunch with the mums and children of the village. The fun begins at **10.00am until 1.00pm on Tuesday 7th August** at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Longfield. **It is all free so just come along.** If anybody within the Longfield or RNWK Group church family would like to go along and meet the mums and children and just socialise with them that would be wonderful. Let us bring Longfield church closer to our community. Let's all Come Together as we are Called Together by Jesus to engage with our communities. For more information please contact Stephanie Perfitt.

MESSY CHURCH ROADSHOW - **Saturday 11th August** at Jubilee Hall, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield. And **Saturday's 18th and 25th** at St Mary's, Fawkham. All at 4.00—6.00pm and all welcome. Please bring a picnic.

AN INVITATION FROM ASH CHURCH—WE WALK AGAIN [Watch this space for details of an 'all-day' (i.e. a bit longer, but leisurely) expedition on Bank Holiday Monday, 27 August ...] More information to follow soon.

YARN AND YAP - Jubilee Hall, St. Mary Magdalene, Longfield - come and help. Monthly Cluster Woolly Meetings in aid of Blankets for the Homeless. 12.30pm – 2.30pm **Friday 7th September 2018**, (no meeting in August). Light lunch and drinks/cakes provided. Just turn up and have a yarn or a yap

PASTORAL CARE TEAM - If anyone would like to be a part of this ministry through prayer or visiting could they let either Steph, Wendy or Val know and speak to us for more information.

TALKING....THE GOOD NEWS – Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in this. We are hoping to run this sometime later in the Autumn, dates will be announced once we hear back from Diocesan Office.

PRAYER FESTIVAL AT ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL - **Saturday 22nd September 10am—2.30pm**. A donation of £6 per person is requested to cover costs. For more details visit: www.rochester.anglican.ord/prayer-festival.php

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH WEBSITE - The website at www.longfieldchurch.org has recently moved to a more modern server, helping it to load faster and with better content and interaction. It is also more user friendly when viewed on a mobile phone or tablet. As such, over the next few weeks, I will be moving content from the old site to the new one. Whilst I do this, please bear with me. At present, when using the website you should be transferred seamlessly between the old site and new one and vice versa, whilst I move the content between the two websites. If you find anything not working correctly, or linking to incorrect information, or to a broken link etc. please send me an e-mail to webmaster@longfieldchurch.org

SIDEMEN, SOUND AND READING -Sunday 15th July – For the 10.30 am service the sides-people will be Hilary and Bob Patten, the reader will be Marion Asplin, prayers by Stephanie Perfitt and sound by Lesley White.

Sunday 22nd July services: For the 8.00am service the sides-person and reader will be Elaine Thurtle. For the 10.30 am service the sides-people will be Sally and Gary Mitton, the reader will be Hazel Cotteril, prayers by Stephanie Perfitt and sound by Peter Darvill. Thank you to everyone for your time and assistance.

*If you have anything to add to the notices for next week, please contact: Alan Strachan on 01474 704602
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CALLED TOGETHER FOR A NEW VISION

Just a thought!

I was trying rather unsuccessfully the other day to sprint from my car back into the house, as you do on a whim and it occurred to me that there is no mention in the Gospels of Jesus ever running. I am sure he did as a child, just like us, but a reference to Jesus running when he had grown up, nothing. Jesus and his disciples walked everywhere. No suggestion of any other form of transport, no carts or chariots. Now, it can be very dangerous drawing ideas from what is not written or said but it does suggest to me that Jesus and his friends and disciples had time to spare.

Some of the journeys they made from Galilee to Jerusalem only take a few hours by tourist bus today, but for them it meant three or four days' walk. It gave them time to think, to talk to each other, to look up at the sky and at the hills around them, but more importantly it gave them time for people.

If we stand and stare these days we are likely to be told to get out of the way and move on. We do though need time to relax, time to think and pray, time for people.

Take a moment this week to stand, to look around, to talk to someone, maybe someone you have not seen for while. Find a little space this week for people and you.

As we are Called Together, let's talk together.

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