



*St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield*  
Part of the Rural North West Kent Group of Churches

**NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

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

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 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 Morning Worship Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley  
**10.30 am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**  
10.30 am Family Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 8.00 am Holy Communion Service (BCP) at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
9.00 am Morning Worship Service at All Saints' Church, Hartley  
9.00 am Morning Worship Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley  
**10.30 am Holy Baptism Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**  
10.30 am Holy Communion Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer Service at St. Mary's Church Fawkham

**(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**

**AUGUST SERVICES** – During the holiday month of August, as in previous years there will be no early morning services at 8.00 am at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Longfield, there will also be no midweek Communion services in the RNWK Group.

**'CALLED TOGETHER' LITTLE LONGFIELD FUNDAY** – Come and enjoy the fun and games, activities and a picnic lunch with the parents and children of the village. The fun begins at **10.00am until 1.00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 parents 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.

**COFFEE MORNING** – The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August** starting at 10.00am until 11.30am, all are welcome to attend.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** – The Bible study group will reconvene after the summer break on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.00 pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield. All are welcome to attend.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018**, (no meeting in August). Light lunch and drinks/cakes provided. Just turn up and have a yarn or a yap

**MESSY CHURCH** - Our next Messy Church is on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**, 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/>

**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](http://www.rochester.anglican.ord/prayer-festival.php)

**COFFEE AND COMMUNION** – The next Coffee and Communion service will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> September at St. Magdalene Church, Longfield starting at 10.00am.

**REVD. HELEN REEVES** – Helen was announced last week as the new Rector for Ash and Ridley. We know Helen well from her time in the group and this is therefore exciting news for her, Ash and Ridley and the RNWK Group. Helen's licensing service will be on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Do keep her and the family in your prayers.

**ARCHDEACON OF ROCHESTER** - The new Archdeacon of Rochester was announced this week as the Revd. Andrew Wooding Jones. For more details about Andrew please see the church noticeboards on Sunday, or go to the Diocesan website. Please hold Andrew and his wife Margaret in your prayers as they begin their preparations for Andrew to take on this important role.

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH WEBSITE** - The website at [www.longfieldchurch.org](http://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](mailto:webmaster@longfieldchurch.org)

**SIDESMEN, SOUND AND READING - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August services: For the 10.30 am service the sides-people will be Barbara and Peter Darvill, the reader will be Stephanie Perfitt, prayers by Pauline Foster and sound by Peter Garrod.**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August – For the 10.30 am service the sides-people will be Marion Stubbs and Terry Dumbrell, the reader will be Jane Noakes, prayers by Marion Strachan and sound by Gary Mitton. 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 in Longfield last week doing shopping for some bits and pieces and as I was waiting to be served in one of the shops there were two women in front of me who were talking, complaining about the heatwave we are having. 'I don't like this hot weather' said one, 'it ought to come gradually, so that we can get used to it'. I was not sure how that could be arranged, but it is clear that rapid change unsettles people. Yet that is the world we live in, and I suspect that change has always seemed too fast for those experiencing it. 'I can't be doing with these new fangled bronze knives' said the stone-age man, chipping away at his flints. But things do change daily, change is the one thing we can be sure of.

Even our faith changes, or should do! What I understand and believe now as a Christian is very different from what I believed 35 years ago. That's not because God has changed but because my experience of him has deepened and therefore my understanding has changed. I hope all the changes are for the good, although that is not for me to judge. The one one thing that does not change though is God's love for us. In the midst of all our own change, that is the one assurance which can help us cope with all the rest.

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