



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

**NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

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

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

Sunday 19<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 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 Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash

**(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** – The Little Longfield Funday was a great success and Stephanie would like to thank all who turned up to engage with the parents and children on the day. This is all part of our Called Together programme of community engagement as we Come Together through Jesus.

**REVD. JOHN CHALLICE** - The Revd. John Challice has been moved into Russell Court Nursing home in Hartley/Longfield. Both he and the home would be delighted for him to receive visitors. They would encourage folk to ring Russell Court in advance to ensure that they avoid mealtimes 01474 708151. John would particularly enjoy seeing people who are able to share memories with him. Please do continue to hold John and his family in your prayers at this time.

**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

**FRIENDS OF KENT RIDE AND STRIDE** - Saturday 8th September 10am—6pm We need volunteers for manning churches and for cyclists and walkers to participate in this traditional event.

**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.

**ARCHDEACON OF ROCHESTER** - The new Archdeacon of Rochester was announced last 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.

**SIDESMEN, SOUND AND READING - 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.**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August services: For the 10.30 am service the sides-people will be Sally and Gary Mitton, the reader will be Wendy Smith, prayers by Susan Rogers 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 do love a cup of coffee and I have a coffee maker at home. It's great it sits in the conservatory and when we use it with ground coffee and switch it on, it gives a dramatic performance that really captures the imagination, it is better than listening to the radio. It gurgles and steams until that rich dark coffee trickles alluringly into the jug below, and yes it is decaffinated, which is our preference. The trouble is we rarely ever use it, it takes around thirty minutes to brew, which just seems too long and generally means we go with the teaspoon of instant coffee instead. The instant stuff is fine and a lot quicker, but nowhere near as good, the real coffee is well worth the wait and extra time and effort.

As a child I can remember my Mother telling me that if a things worth having, it's worth waiting for. That used to irritate me as a boy especially between my birthday and Christmas, but it is true. We live in an instant society, whether it's coffee or credit cards, we want everything now and some folk even think of faith that way. Yet Christian maturity is something we have to grow into, I know that was the case for me and still is. It takes time and effort and patience, but it's worth the wait. Instant holiness is not an option, the long brew of faith is by far the more enriching way.

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