



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

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Sunday 9th September 2018 8.00 am Morning Prayer Service (BCP) at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash
8.00 am Mattins Service (BCP) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield
9.00 am Morning Worship Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley
10.30 am Group Holy Communion Patronal Service at St. Mary's Church Fawkham
6.30 pm Evening Prayer Service at St. Mary's Church Fawkham

Sunday 16th September 2018 8.00 am Morning Prayer Service (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
10.30 am Morning Worship Service at the Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre

(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
Make a concerted effort this Sunday to pray for YOUR 5 in faith!

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. Please speak to Pauline Foster for more information.

ST. MARY'S FAWKHAM, PATRONAL SERVICE – There will be a Group Holy Communion Service this **Sunday 9th September** at St. Mary's Church Fawkham to celebrate its Patronal Festival, the service starts at **10.30 am**. Lunch will be provided after the service.

COFFEE MORNING – The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 15th September** starting at 10.00am until 11.30am, all are welcome to attend.

MESSY CHURCH - Our next Messy Church is on **Saturday 15th 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/>

COMPANION DIOCESES' ANNUAL CELEBRATION AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, MEOPHAM - Sunday 16th September 2018 at 6pm. Please put the date in your diaries and do come along and hear what is making our link dioceses praise God. It promises to be a lively and interesting celebration of our friendship links. Bishop Given, from our link diocese in Kondoa, Tanzania will be attending, as will those from other link dioceses in Africa and Estonia.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – The Bible study group will reconvene after the summer break on Monday the **17th September at 8.00pm** at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield. All are welcome to attend.

INTER CHURCH RNWK GROUP QUIZ – There will be a quiz open to all the churches in the group at New Ash Green Village Hall on **Friday 21st September, doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.** Each church is encouraged to enter at least one team of between 6-8 people. £5.00 per person and bring your own nibbles, drinks hot or cold are provided. To book, please contact Joe Whittaker on 01474-874045 of the Friends of Ash Church.

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

HARVEST SUPPER – There will be a harvest supper at St. Mary Magdalene Church on the **22nd September 2018 starting at 7.00pm,** tickets are £10.00 per person and volunteers are sought to give their turn in the entertainment section. Please step up and give your rendition of 'I Did It My Way' make Old Blue Eyes proud!!

WOMEN'S GROUP FELLOWSHIP - next meeting will be **Tuesday 25th September** in the Parish Room at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre.

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

MOLLY CANT MEMORIAL SERVICE – There will be a memorial service for Molly Cant especially for those people who were unable to attend her funeral earlier this year due to the bad weather. **The service will be on the 27th September at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield starting at 12.30pm.**

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 5th October 2018**. Light lunch and drinks/cakes provided. Just turn up and have a yarn or a yap.

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

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 course. We are hoping to run this sometime later in the Autumn, dates will be announced once we hear back from Diocesan Office.

ARCHDEACON OF ROCHESTER - The new Archdeacon of Rochester was recently announced as the Revd. Andrew Wooding Jones. For more details about Andrew please see the church noticeboards, 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 9th September service: For the 08.00 am service the sides-person and reader will be Sylvia Partridge, prayers by Alan Strachan.

Sunday 16th September services: For the 10.30 am service the sides-people will be Susan Rogers and Sally Mitton, the reader will be Hazel Cotteril, prayers by Pauline Foster 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
or at a.m.strachan@btinternet.com Parish website: www.longfieldchurch.org Twitter: @RNWK_Group*



CALLED TOGETHER FOR A NEW VISION

Just a thought!

Just recently we have had our plumber visit to fit some new radiator valves and a new heated towel rail in the downstairs bathroom. He is new to us but very efficient and friendly. He is not much of a conversationalist but we got talking and he mentioned his family, children and his wife and he joked that they had a good marriage, “in 15 years she’s never run out of coffee or toilet paper”. We laughed.

There are many ways of showing love, the glossy magazines say diamonds are best. And then there is the coffee and toilet paper way. The faithful quiet work that keep homes going, keeps relationships good. The attention to detail, making sure that everyday things are correct and cared for. It may be earthy, but no less valuable for that. The cup of coffee and the rest speak for themselves, it speaks of looking ahead, anticipating needs, meeting them with love.

“Love is patient, love is kind.....” writes Paul to Christians at Corinth, “Love will never come to an end”. And whether we write books about it, or express it simply through the weekly shopping list, it all has meaning. Love is at the centre of the universe, still available. And God who is love, is still trying to pour it into our lives!!

Try pouring some love into somebody’s life this weekend.

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