



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

**NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

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

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 8.00 am Holy Communion Service (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 Family Service at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre  
10.30 am Family Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
**10.30 am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**  
4.00 pm Chorus of Praise at St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Ash

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 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 All Saints' Church, Hartley  
9.00 am Morning Worship Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley  
**10.30 am Morning Worship Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**  
10.30 am Holy Communion Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
10.30 am Holy Communion Service at the Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre  
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'**

**WE HAVE SO FAR REACHED OUT AS A GROUP TO 55 PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR OUR T FOR 2-500 PLUS CHALLENGE. WE STILL HAVE 445 PEOPLE TO REACH BEFORE NEXT SUMMER. WHAT'S YOUR CHALLENGE? PLEASE LET THE MINISTRY TEAM KNOW, WE ARE CALLED TOGETHER, TO WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITY!**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. Light lunch and drinks/cakes provided.

**CHORUS OF PRAISE - At 4pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October** at St. Peter & St. Paul, Ash, the choirs of Longfield, Fawkham & Hartley, Ash and St. Francis De Sales will be performing at the biennial Chorus of Praise. Entry is free with a retiring collection for the work of Teso Education Support Services (TESS), Uganda. Please come along and support this enjoyable afternoon of music. For more details please speak to Jane Noakes.

**COFFEE MORNING** – The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October** starting at 10.00am until 11.30am, all are welcome to attend.

**MESSY CHURCH** - Our next Messy Church is on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, 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/>

**THE BIG KNIT** - Rochester Cathedral 10-1pm **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**—see noticeboards for details. If you can handle a pair of needles and a ball of wool then you to are invited to be a big knit!!

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** – The Bible study group will reconvene on Monday the **15<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm** at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield. All are welcome to attend.

**VISIT TO THE CARE HOMES** – Lawrie will be resuming his visits to the care homes as follows, **Wednesday [A change of day] October 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Bramblings and 11.00 am Hazelwood - Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2.00 pm Russell Court**. All are welcome to visit with Lawrie.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** -The next meeting will be on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October**, 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield.

**DIOCESAN VISIT BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY**— There is a Service in Rochester Cathedral on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** at 5.30pm to which all are invited. Doors open 5pm.

**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.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN-HOUSE** The Diocese of Rochester has sent out a new directive asking for many members of the Parish to undergo basic safeguarding training, C0. Arrangements have been made with the Diocese for Alan Strachan and Lawrie Townson to facilitate C0 - the first level of this training in-house. Two dates have been arranged for you to attend either Wednesdays 28<sup>th</sup> November or 5<sup>th</sup> December 8pm at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre (you only need to attend one session). Some may need to take further courses in the future. Marion Strachan will be contacting everyone who will need to undertake this training and you will need to book in on 704972 so we can make arrangements for certificates to be issued after the course has been completed. There is the option of doing this training on-line in your own home if you prefer - via the Diocesan website [www.rochester.anglican.org](http://www.rochester.anglican.org) and go to the safeguarding drop down menu. Please let Marion know the date you complete the course and print your certificate if you take it on-line.

**SIDESMEN, SOUND AND READING - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October service: For the 10.30am service the reader will be Yikai Wang, prayers by Susan Rogers, the sides-people will be Barbara and Peter Darvill and sound by Gary Mitton.**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October services: For the 8.00 am service the side-person and reader will be Sylvia Partridge. For the 10.30 am service the sides-people will be Marion Stubbs and Stephanie Perfitt, the reader will be Pauline Foster, prayers by Marion Strachan 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  
or at [a.m.strachan@btinternet.com](mailto:a.m.strachan@btinternet.com) Parish website: [www.longfieldchurch.org](http://www.longfieldchurch.org) Twitter: @RNWK\_Group*



## **CALLED TOGETHER FOR A NEW VISION**

**Just a thought!**

**As I sit and write these notices I am reflecting on Moses encounter with God which I read the other day in the Bible. This encounter was not meant to boost Moses' ego, it was to give him a mission. Moses put up as many objections as he could, his lack of position or power, his doubts about whether his people would follow him, his slowness of thought and speech. Modesty may be a virtue but playing down and undervaluing our abilities to avoid responsibility is not. But there are two questions within this interplay with God, and Moses asked them both. "Who am I?" and "Who are you?" Basic questions in all human relationships and particularly in our relationship with God. Or maybe they are two sides of the same question.**

**"Who am I?" As I stare at the computer screen I ask myself that question, the truthful answer is that as immortalised by the Beach Boys song 'God Only Knows'. I can define myself in relation to my family, colleagues, friends. I can see myself in what I write and when I study but only God knows who I truly am. Most of us are generally unknown quantities with depths only God can penetrate. Ultimately who we are is meaningful only in our relationship with Him, even though it is expressed through relationships with our families and other people.**

**Then there is the second question which is even simpler and yet more complex. When Moses asked God "What is your name" he was asking about the very nature of God. Moses was asking for certainty, a money back guarantee on God's nature, but he didn't get it. God replied with the demands of faith. All he would say was "I will be with you." Confirmation would come after the event, that had to be enough for Moses and has to be enough for us. In an age where science provides us with so much information about the world we live in we assume that we have a right to know everything, but God simply says "Trust me". It worked for Moses even as it turned his life upside down. Life is always turned upside down when you trust God but many of us would say that faith really turns life back the right way up!**

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**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!**