



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

**NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
9.00 am Morning Worship Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley  
**10.30 am Group Holy Communion Service at All Saints' Church Hartley**  
3.00 pm All Souls' Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
**3.00 pm All Souls' Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**  
3.00 pm Departed Loved Ones Service at St. Mary's Church, Fawkham

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 8.00 am Morning Prayer Service (BCP) at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
**8.45 am Walk of Faith starting at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**  
**10.00 am Called To Remember Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**  
**11.00 am Commemoration at Longfield War Memorial**  
9.00 am Morning Worship Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley  
9.00 am Morning Worship Service at All Saints' Church Hartley  
10.00 am Remembrance Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
10.30 am Holy Communion Service of Remembrance at the F and H 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'**

**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!**

**REVD. JOHN CHALLICE** - It is with enormous sadness that we have to share with you some news received from the family of The Revd. John Challice. John died peacefully on the afternoon of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018, following a long illness. Many people will remember John, who was Rector of Longfield between 1978 and 2000. John's funeral will take place [on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm](#) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield, Kent, DA3 7PG. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall following the funeral service. The cremation will follow [at 4pm](#) at Thamesview Crematorium, Shorne (Gravesend). There will be a small reception back at the Church Hall starting at approx. [5pm](#). Flowers from close family only please, donations to Ellenor Hospice. <https://ellenor.org>

**COFFEE MORNING** – The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** starting at 10.00am until 11.30am, all are welcome to attend.

**TUNES FROM THE TRENCHES** – On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm** at St. John The Baptist Church, Meopham, there will be a celebration of the centenary of the WW1 Armistice, presented by local musical group Synchronia. Tickets: Adults £8.00, children £4.00 (under-fives free) available from St. John's Parish Office or on the door. You can also email [admin@stjohnsmeopham.co.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnsmeopham.co.uk) or call 01474 813106. All proceeds will go to support Christian Aid's humanitarian work worldwide.

**SPYING IN WORLD WAR ONE – SECRETS ON THE WASHING LINE** Talk by Alan Strachan 2pm All Saints' Church, Hartley on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**MESSY CHURCH** - Our next Messy Church is on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**, 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/>

**BIG LEAF SWEEP** – There will be a big leaf sweep in the churchyard on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November starting at 10.00am**, this is to help clear the churchyard and make it tidy for the Called To Remember Service on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, with a massive sweep. All volunteers welcome, a big leaf Sooty may even make an appearance!!!

**CALLLED TO REMEMBER:-** Do join us for any or all of the following Acts of Remembrance on the 11th November: **8.45 am** there will be a walk of worship through Longfield Village to commemorate and show solidarity with all those who lost their lives so that we may live ours; **10.00am** a service of Called To Remember at St. Mary Magdalene Church Longfield and at **11.00 am**; A commemoration at the War Memorial with a bugler and bag piper. Refreshments will be available after the commemoration in the Jubilee Hall. Please do come along for this historic 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of the First World War and commemorate and pray for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice at the exact time of the signing of the armistice 100 years ago at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** – The Bible study group will reconvene on Monday the **12<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm** at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield. All are welcome to attend.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** - Could all box holders please bring them to church for Liz Gale or let her know and she will collect them. Thank you.

**REVD. HELEN REEVES** - will be licensed as the new Rector for Ash with Ridley and in our RNWK Group, on Tuesday **13th November, 8.00pm** at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash. All are welcome for this very special occasion. However, so the Churchwardens at Ash know how many are coming can you please let Marion Strachan know if you are and she will pass the numbers on. Thank you. 704972

**TESS Christmas Sale** - Anne Philpott invites you to the TESS Christmas Sale in aid of educational sponsorship in NE Uganda at 5 Spring Vale Close (off Egerton Ave) Hextable, BR8 7LR on **Saturday 17th November 9.30 am – 5.30 pm** and Coffee Mornings on **Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th November 10 am – 12.30 pm**. Your support for my last sale contributed to the splendid sum of **£1,882** I was able to send TESS in the summer **Thank you!**

**THE TEARFUND BIG QUIZ NIGHT** - Hundreds of Churches are holding this quiz at the same time at 7.15pm **on Saturday 17th November** our RNWK quiz will be in Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre. Tickets available in the Parish Office 704972 £5 per person—tables of 6- 8. All proceeds to Tearfund. See noticeboards for details.

**CONFIRMATION:** A Deanery Confirmation service is being held on **Sunday 25th November, 6.00pm at St. Nicholas Church, Southfleet**. Do come along and support those being confirmed by Bishop Simon.

**THE BIG ADVENT COFFEE MORNING** – This will take place on **Saturday, 1st December 10 am to noon**. There will be raffle tickets for pre-sale available in the church. Any contributions to the raffle and gift stall will be gratefully received. Many thanks, Wendy and Susan.

**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.

**ANYONE WHO DOES ANYTHING WITHIN THE PARISH NEEDS TO UNDERGO BASIC SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN-HOUSE**

This includes all the choir, those who serve coffees and teas, siderpersons who welcome everyone, sound duties, servers, children's groups, pastoral team and all the lay ministers and clergy. The Diocese of Rochester has sent out a new directive asking for many members of every 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 28th November or 5th 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 by the Diocese 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.

**SIDSMEN, SOUND AND READING - Sunday 4th November service: For the 3.00pm All Souls' service the side-people will be Gill Horner and Paul Thomas, readings are in the service booklet.**

**Sunday 11th November services: For the 10.00 am Called To Remember service the side-people will be Barbara and Peter Darvill, prayers by Anne Philpott and sound by Gary Mitton. The readers will be from various groups attending the service. All prayers and readings will be in the new service booklet. 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!**

Fish and chips, the original British take-away. When I was teenager I used to go down and visit an old friend of my Dad's who lived in Bexhill-On-Sea. He would take us down to the fishing sheds on the beach and we would watch as the fisherman unloaded their catch and put the fish into ice boxes, all open to the elements, there were fish lying around and sometimes my Dad's friend Chris would buy some fish to take home and cook. Not that I had any, my tastes don't stretch to fresh fish!!!!

I had not thought much about those days until recently when I was reading an article about a fishing tragedy some years ago of a Scottish trawler, the Solway Harvester. Seven men, some of them only teenagers, had drowned in heavy seas. A small village community completely devastated. Trawler fishing is a risky business, even today with all our new technology. Men and women risking their lives for our fish and chips and you know, I just don't think about it.

There are so many things we should value more, our families, the people who care for us, the love that surrounds us all. The blessings that God gives us all, think about the people who work to make our lives a bit easier, more convenient, more safe, and count your blessings today, it may take longer than you think.

If you are going to have fish and chips this weekend-enjoy- but also give a prayer to the fisherman that put it on your plate. .... just a thought!

**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!**