



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

**NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

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

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 8.00 am Morning Prayer Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
**8.00 am Mattins (BCP) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**  
9.00 am Morning Worship Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley  
9.00 am Morning Worship Service at All Saints' Church, Hartley  
**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  
4.00 pm Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church, Fawkham

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 8.00 am Morning Worship Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash  
9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley  
10.30 am Group Messy Nativity at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre  
**4.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carol Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield**  
6.30 pm Carol Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley

**(Please note that tea and coffee will be available in the Jubilee Hall after most of our services, please feel free to join us)**

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** Thank you very much to all of those who attended the Safeguarding Training over the last two weeks. For the remaining few who have not completed this C0 training please contact Marion Strachan to discuss your options.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** Please can everyone take a road or two to deliver so that we can send our greetings and service times to each house in the parish. Card sorted into roads are available from church.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD** – The 2018 church Christmas card will be out this week for anyone to sign and donate money to charity, which is usually Demelza House. Thank you.

**RNWK ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES 'ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY': Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December** Anne Philpott and Lawrie Townson will be leading an Advent Bible Study Group, meeting at 8pm at the Jubilee Hall at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield reflecting on Angels, Shepherds and Magi. A glass of wine, nibbles, and a warm welcome await all!

**RNWK YOUTH GROUP-** meets on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, 7pm at Jubilee Hall, St. Mary Magdalene, Longfield

**MESSY NATIVITY** – Our Messy Nativity is on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, 10.30am 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/> To book for the meal afterwards please ring 01474 878368 to book a place – leave a message as line unmanned.

**ASH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December** at Ash Church. Enter a decorated tree in with the chance to win one of two prizes. HAVE A GO! Contact Ian Nurdin at Ash for details

**CAROL SINGING IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** Coach leaves New Ash Green 1pm—Contact Ian Nurdin at Ash Parish or Marion in the Parish Office 704972.

**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.

**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.

**TESS** - A very big thank you to all those from St. Mary Magdalene who came to Hextable to support my Christmas sale in aid of TESS (Teso Educational Support Services) which provides educational sponsorship, mainly for girls and orphans, in a very poor part of NE Uganda. By your kind donations and purchases you have helped me raise **£1,868** – so far! If you haven't been able to make it there's still time to come and support my sale – just give me a ring on 01322 664086 to check I'm at home. I'd be delighted to see you! You are changing lives! Anne Philpott

**SIDESMEN, SOUND AND READING - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December services: For the 08.00am service the sides person and reader will be Sylvia Partridge. For the 10.30 am service, prayers by Stephanie Perfitt, reader will be Marion Asplin, sides people will be Hilary and Bob Patten and sound by Peter Darvill.**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December service: For the 4.00pm pm Carol service the side-people TBC, the readings and prayers by various members of the congregation, sound by Lesley White. 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

**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!**

**'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 305 PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR OUR T FOR 2-500 PLUS CHALLENGE, WE STILL HAVE 195 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!**

#### **Just a thought!**

**I came across this Advent reflection from the Iona Community and thought....well just thought.....**

**In the beginning, God allowed for chaos, for troubled dreams, and uncertain sounds, and fear in the darkness. Then, when chaos was most threatening and hope was bleakest, God said, 'Let there be light' And there was light.**

**So, remember the chaos, the uncertainty, the confusion in which you once floundered, and give thanks for the light. And when the journey was hardest, and the way ahead unclear, and the temptation to turn back most alluring, God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light.**

**So, remember your journey and how far you have travelled, and give thanks for the light. God allowed for the special: for friendship to grow; for truth to be discovered; for faith to become real; on the mountaintop and in quiet places; God blessed us, saying, 'Let there be light.' And there was light.**

**So remember not why, but how and when and where you've been blessed, and give thanks for the light. When the light was brightest, and life was good, despite our better judgment, but in solidarity with all humankind, we chased shadows, and chose darkness.**

**So, remember how and when and where and perhaps why you have wandered from the light, because God loves us, there will be light again. Not first in chaos, not first on the journey, not first for the special place, but on the ground and in a hidden place, God will come, offering a baby's hand to greet us. Lord Jesus Christ, who chose at Bethlehem to meet us, make us ready to loose and leave all that makes us proud. Let our knees bend to you, our hearts cradle you, our lips sing you songs of love.**

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