



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

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 10th February 2019

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

- Sunday 10th February 2019
- 8.00 am Morning Prayer Service at St. Peter and St. Paul's 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
 - 9.00 am Morning Worship Service at All Saints Church, Hartley
 - 10.30 am Holy Communion Service at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre
 - 10.30 am Holy Communion Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church Ash
 - 10.30 am Morning Worship Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church Longfield**
 - 6.30 pm Evening Prayer Service at St. Mary's Church, Fawkham
- Sunday 17th February 2019
- 8.00 am Morning Prayer Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash
 - 9.00 am Holy Communion Service at St. Peter's Church, Ridley
 - 9.00 am Holy Communion Service at All Saints' Church, Hartley
 - 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)

“The church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members.”

ELECTORAL ROLL - Every six years the existing Electoral Roll has to be destroyed and EVERYONE on the existing Electoral Roll now has to reapply to go on the new one. You all need to fill in a new form if you wish to be included on the new Electoral Roll. These forms are available from Yikai Wang or in church. The forms need to be returned to Yikai or the Churchwardens by Sunday 17th March after which the new Electoral roll will be closed prior to the APCM meeting. Names can be added after the APCM meeting when the Roll opens again.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – This will continue on **Monday the 11th February** starting at 8.00pm in the Jubilee Hall at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Longfield. The series will be looking at the cities and towns in Acts of the Apostles' that Paul visited and to which he subsequently wrote. Everybody is most welcome to attend and a splendid time is guaranteed for all.

MESSY CHURCH – Messy Church meets again on **Saturday 16th February 2019** at 4.00pm in the 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/>

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – Magic Lantern Show on **Tuesday 19th February** 7.30pm at The Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre. All are welcome to attend.

COFFEE MORNING – This will be on Saturday **23rd February** in the Jubilee Hall starting at 10.30am until 12.00noon. All are welcome.

CHURCHYARD CLEARING – There will be a churchyard working party on **Saturday 23rd February** so if you would like to join Paul Thomas in helping to tidy up the church grounds please do go along and give him a hand, starting at 10.00am until 12.00 noon.

COFFEE AND COMMUNION – This will be held on **Wednesday 27th February** starting at 10.00am in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield.

YARN AND YAP – The next Yarn and Yap will take place on the **1st March** in the Jubilee Hall at St. Mary Magdalene Church Longfield from 12.30 -2.30pm. All are welcome and please note that lunch and tea, coffee etc. are all provided.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - (formally Women's, but now all are welcome) is on **Friday March 1st** at New Ash Green Community Centre, next to the Primary School. A light lunch will be served beforehand. Time to be confirmed, but is usually 12.45 for 1pm until 3pm. Please come along.

JIM FLETCHER – **A message from Jim** – Following the recent announcement I wanted to give you advanced warning of my last Sunday in the group and when I am licensed at St. George's, as it would be lovely to see lots of you at these services as I value your support and prayer so much. My last Sunday will be **the 24th March** with a joint Group Holy Communion, 10.30am at the **Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre**. The licensing service at St. George's will be **Monday 29th April, 7.30pm**. Being a bigger Church there is no need of a ticket system but it would be helpful to know how many may be coming—please give your name to Marion Strachan in the Church Centre office 704972. There may also be an opportunity to car share if you speak to Marion.

COLLECTION FOR JIM FLETCHER - We are going to make a collection for Jim which will be presented to him on his final Sunday on 24th March. If you would like to contribute please give any donation to Alan or Marion Strachan or to the Churchwardens.

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.

C0 SAFEGUARDING COURSE – Many thanks to all who attended the courses on 28th November and 5th December. Certificates are not available from Marion Strachan.

C2 SAFEGUARDING COURSE – for those who need to do this the next local one is on Tuesday 9th April at St. John's Centre, St. John the Baptist, Wrotham Road, Meopham DA13 0AA. Registration 18.15, session 18.45 – 21.45. Book yourself on via the Diocese of Rochester website as they fill up quickly.

PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU - In May 2020, Chris and Carol Stone will be leading a party to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau, an event held just once every ten years. There are still a few places remaining for this visit which leaves on **27 May 2020 and returns a week later**. The booking deadline is **28 February** this year. Exact details of the trip and costs etc. are available by email - chris.stone@hotmail.co.uk - or by phone - 01474 707511 - and a general description of the visit and the play can be found at <https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/our-pilgrimages/oberammergau/>.

SIDESMEN, SOUND AND READING - Sunday 10th February services: For the 8.00 am service the Sidesperson and Reader will be Sylvia Partridge. For the 10.30am service the Sidespeople will be Sally and Gary Mitton, the Reader will be Stephanie Perfitt with Prayers by Marion Strachan, on Sound will be Peter Garrod.

Sunday 17th February service: For the 10.30 am service the Sidespeople will be Barbara and Peter Darvill, the Reader will be Hazel Cotteril and Prayers by Susan Rogers, 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

'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!

Yes, we live in very troubling times; and yet we are fortunate to be alive now when we have so much possibility for growth in love. Many say we are in the midst of a spiritual awakening. Theologian Harvey Cox calls it the Age of the Spirit. He writes: 'Faith is resurgent, while dogma is dying. The spiritual, communal, and justice-seeking dimensions of Christianity are now its leading edge. . . . A religion based on subscribing to mandatory beliefs is no longer viable'.

There is a broad awareness that Jesus was clearly teaching non-violence, simplicity of lifestyle, peace-making, love of creation, and dying to the ego for both individuals and groups by offering a radical social critique to the systems of domination, power, and money. There's a growing recognition that Jesus was concerned about the transformation of real persons and human society here on earth. Christianity is meant to be a loving way of life now, not just a system of beliefs and requirements that people hope will earn them a later reward in heaven.

There is a new appreciation for "many gifts and ministries" (1 Corinthians 12), "together making a unity in the work of service" (Ephesians 4) instead of concentrating power and knowledge in a top tier of leadership.

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