



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

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 10th March 2019

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

- Sunday 10th March 2019
- 8.00 am Morning Prayer Service at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Ash
 - 8.00 am Holy Communion Service 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 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 March 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
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 - 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)

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 **next 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.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING- This will take place on Sunday, 7th April after the 10:30 am service (12 noon). Nomination forms for Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC members will be available at the front of the church. If you have any contributions to the Annual Review, please can you submit them to Susan Rogers by 28th March. Thank you.

BIBLE, BREW AND BISCUITS – There will be a relaxed and informal get together at Ruby Wheal's house at 3 Hartley Road, Longfield to have a brew of your choice with some biscuits in the warm glow of the Bible. If you would like a light hearted chat through some of the familiar Bible passages then please do come along. **For further information and the date of the next meeting please speak to Ruby or Steph.**

COFFEE MORNING – This will be on Saturday **16th March** in the Jubilee Hall starting at 10.30am until 12.00noon. All are welcome.

MESSY CHURCH – Messy Church meets again on **Saturday 16th March 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 – A talk by Lynne Waller about life behind the scenes in her role as Virger of St. Paul's Cathedral, on **Tuesday, 19th March 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms at the Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre. All are welcome.

LENT COURSES - See your flier (in church this Sunday) for details

Wednesdays 13th March—17th April All Saints' Church, Hartley 7.15—9.15pm,

Mondays 11th March—15th April Jubilee Hall, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield 8pm, if you are thinking of Joining the Jubilee Hall Lent Course 'Prophet and the Passion' please would you let Anne or Lawrie know in advance and agree to them sending the material week by week by e-mail. Thank you

Wednesdays "Lent Reflections" 10am 13th March & 10th April at Ash, **20th March and 3rd April** at Hartley, **27th March** at Longfield,

Every Day "Ridley Lent Labyrinth" at St. Peter's Church, Ridley.

JIM FLETCHER – **A message from Jim** – I wanted to give you 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.

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

Longfield.

YARN AND YAP – The next meeting will be on the **5th April starting at 12.30pm until 2.00pm** in the Jubilee Hall. Light lunch and drinks/cakes are all provided. Donations of wool or a contribution towards its purchase is very much appreciated.

COLLECTION FOR JIM FLETCHER - We are making 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 available from Marion Strachan.

C2 SAFEGUARDING COURSE – If you need to do this level of course book yourself on via the Diocese of Rochester website – you can wait until the next local one is announced if this is more convenient.

SIDESMEN, SOUND AND READING-. **Sunday 10th March services: For the 8.00 am service the Sidesperson and Reader will be Elaine Thurtle. For the 10.30am service the Sidespeople will be Val Choules and Terry Dumbrell, the Reader will be Jane Noakes with Prayers by Pauline Foster, on Sound will be Gary Mitton.**

Sunday 17th March service: For the 10.30 am service the Sidespeople will be Susan Rogers and Marion Stubbs, the Reader will be Gill Horner and Prayers by Stephanie Perfitt with Sound by Peter Garrod. 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!

This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus was tempted by the devil. If we recall the story of Jesus' temptations by Satan briefly, we can rest our point. The first which was to turn a stone into bread was well set because Jesus was hungry after the fasting. In Matthew's account, it was stated that "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which He was hungry – Matthew. 4:2. It is not as if it was hard for Jesus to turn a stone into bread. It was still the same Jesus who, in John 2:1-11, changed water into wine. It was the same Jesus who, in Mark. 6:41, fed the five thousand with only five loaves and two fish.

We will never be tempted with something which will appear difficult to us. The fact remains that it takes a deep sense of vigilance to know the voice speaking to you.

This Lent season, we have been called for a resolution to turn away from our wrong deeds in order to obtain God's Mercy. But while we are making this resolution, it is important to know that Satan is also making his own plans. The admonition of St. Peter is real here – Be calm but vigilant, because your enemy, the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, looking for someone to eat. We must obtain God's mercy within this season of Lent and remember, Jesus is always there to help us.

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