



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

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 14th April 2019

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

Sunday 14th April 2019
PALM SUNDAY

8.00 am Morning Prayer Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash
8.00 am Holy Communion Service 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 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 (BCP) at St. Mary's Church, Fawkham

Thursday 18th April 2019
MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00pm Group Holy Communion Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church Longfield

Sunday 21st April 2019
EASTER DAY

5.30 am Tower Service at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Ash
5.30 am Dawn Service at Service at St. Mary's Church Fawkham
8.00 am Holy Communion Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church Ash
9.00 am Holy Communion Service at St. Peter's Church Ridley
10.30 am Holy Communion Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church Ash
10.30 am Holy Communion Service at All Saints Church Hartley
10.30 am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church Longfield

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

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.**

OPEN CHURCH WEDNESDAYS FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER – MORNINGS 10.00-12.00 - Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help open our church to visitors for just 2 hours each Wednesday morning during the spring and summer months. Stewards operate in pairs and the time passes quickly. Although we have already had to put a rota in place we would be very grateful for more volunteers as it would lessen the load on those who have already agreed to help. If you would like more information please speak to Gill Horner.

JIM FLETCHER – My 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 Strachan.

LENT COURSES - See your flier (in church this Sunday) for details
Wednesdays 17th April All Saints' Church, Hartley 7.15—9.15pm,
Mondays 15th April Jubilee Hall, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield 8pm.
Every Day "Ridley Lent Labyrinth" at St. Peter's Church, Ridley.

COFFEE MORNING – This will be on Saturday **13th April** in the Jubilee Hall starting at 10.30am until 12.00noon. There will also be a church yard garden party at the same time so if you grab your wellies, spade and broom you can also grab a cup of coffee or tea at the same time. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – on **Tuesday, 16th April at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms at the Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre. We will be reviewing the book *Conclave* by Robert Harris. All are welcome.

MESSY CHURCH – Messy Church meets again on **Good Friday 19th April 2019** at 9.00am 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/>

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER EVE) SERVICE – 20TH APRIL It would be lovely to see as many folk as possible at the Holy Saturday service next Saturday 20th April. The service begins in a darkened church with a vigil, reminding us of the saving stories of God found in the Hebrew Scripture. We then move outside for the lighting of the Easter fire, from which the paschal candle is lit. All of the candles in the church are then lit from the paschal candle – and slowly the church is bathed in light. Finally we will renew our baptism vows and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. The service is particularly exciting this year as Bishop James will be presiding and preaching. It's a unique way that the whole of the RNWK Group can enter deeply into the mystery of the resurrection. Those who attended last year thoroughly enjoyed it. After the service there will be a festive 'bring and share' as we

break our Lenten fast. It would be wonderful if you could bring a plate of food with you to share afterwards. Please do speak to Gill or Paul our churchwardens if you'd like to know more. The service takes place at **Ash Church at 7pm on Saturday 20th April.**

COFFEE AND COMMUNION – This will be held on **Wednesday 24th April** starting at 10.00am in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield.

YARN AND YAP – The next meeting will be on the **3rd May 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.

ALAN STRACHAN'S LICENCING AS AN LLM This will be on **Saturday 18th May** in Rochester Cathedral. If anyone would like to go along to support him and are most welcome and you will need to be seated at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm service start.

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.

LOOKING FORWARD

Monday 15th April 8pm Compline at All Saints' Church

Tuesday 16th April 8pm Compline at Ash Church

Wednesday 17th April 10am Holy Communion at Ash Church with Bishop James, 8pm Compline at St. Mary's Church

Thursday 18th April 8pm Maundy Thursday Service at Longfield Church

Friday 19th April 9am Messy Good Friday, Walk of Witness, 11.30am Family Service at Church Centre, 2.00pm Last Hour Service at Ridley

Saturday 20th April Easter Vigil Service with Bishop James at Ash at 7pm

SIDESMEN, SOUND AND READING:- Sunday 14th April services: For the 8.00am service the sidesperson and reader will be Elaine Thurtle. For the 10.30am service the Sidespeople will be Hilary and Bob Patten, the Reader will be Yikai Wang-Hojgaard and Prayers by Pauline Foster with Sound by Peter Garrod.

Sunday 21st April service: For the 10.30 am service the Sidespeople will be Barbara and Peter Darvill, the reader will be Gill Horner or Paul Thomas, prayers by Gill Horner and sound courtesy of 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 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 320 PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR OUR T FOR 2-500 PLUS CHALLENGE, WE STILL HAVE 180 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!

Jesus came into Jerusalem and the people accepted him with real enthusiasm as he rode in, but they did miss the significance of his coming. He came as a king, but he came as a king on a donkey.

Riding the donkey he rejected both the reality and the trappings of power. He came humbly choosing the way of peace. Jesus was a non conformist, a rebel. Not for the sake of rebellion and not deliberately. His values were so different from those of his day that they inevitably brought him into conflict with authority. Jesus's lifestyle challenges everyone, then and now, you and me, he challenges us to change, not just the man or women across the street.

If Jesus entered Rochester today I have a feeling he would appear, not in a company car, but on a tatty bicycle, with his trousers tucked into his socks and the first call he would make would not be at the Cathedral but at the homeless shelter to see who needed help.

I wonder then who would cry "Hosanna" and who "Crucify"

Just a thought.....