

NETWORKING MORNING FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT GROUPS

Saturday 28 March, 10.30-12.30
The Lounge, Littlebourne Village Hall (*access via the playing field side, not the main entrance*)
(<https://littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk/littlebourne-war-memorial-hall/>)

Deal Foodbank donations: Ash Church

We are proud to be a donation point– the donation bin is through the main glass doors. Donations are collected by Deal Foodbank to distribute to those who come to them in need.

Ash with Westmarsh Parish Mag. Available from Co-op and Poparound shops in Ash and St Nicholas Church. To subscribe and have delivery please phone or email the editor Rebecca Smith on 07743 605873 rebeccasmith.ash@gmail.com

Recycling fundraisers for C&K primary school.

Collection box Ash church porch for Bread bags. **YES please:** Any brand of bakery plastic packaging & bread bags/closures **NO thank you:** Paper bags, wax packets, or combined paper-&-film window bag.

See our leaflet about volunteering with us!

There are so many ways to get involved. Also share your ideas <https://thecanorybenefice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-team/>

For Canonry Benefice giving visit:

<https://thecanorybenefice.org.uk/contact-us/finances-and-giving/> Every penny counts and goes directly towards keeping our churches open.

Safeguarding and Lone Working:

<https://thecanorybenefice.org.uk/about-the-canonry-benefice/safeguarding-statement/>

Confirmation

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmations/confirmation-faqs> If you would like to know more about getting confirmed please contact Reverend Caroline canonryvicar@gmail.com

Interested in being a lay reader?

More information on Recognised Lay Worship Leading ministry can be found here (apply by 24th August) <https://www.canterburydiocese.org/ministry/recognising-lay-ministry/worship/>

DON'T MISS! Canterbury Diocesan Conference - Leading your Church into Growth 15 & 16th June 2026, Seasalter Christian Centre, CT5 4AX. Zoom Follow-Ups – 21 September 2026, 11 January 2027, 12 April 2027, all 2pm-4pm. LyCiG's focus is numerical and spiritual growth which aligns with our three bold outcomes for 2030: Double the number of children and young disciples, 200 new Christian communities, Every parish, benefice and deanery showing signs of revitalisation. Anyone in the church who wants to get involved and enable growth **please let Caroline know asap** so she can block book tickets- they sell out really fast! It would be good to have representation from all our Benefice Churches.

Together: Join a faith community that embraces all, advocating for the full inclusion of everyone in our communities, ranging from highlighting racial injustice and disability advocacy to addressing class inequality and campaigning for the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people. Go to www.together.org.uk

Parish Support Conference 21st May 2026

Come along and learn more about how churches in the Diocese can run more smoothly. From welcome to buildings to finance. hosted by the Generous Giving team and sponsored by Ecclesiastical.

9:45am–3:30pm Lenham Community Hall
<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/parishsupport/generosity-giving/upcoming-events.php>

Benefice Bibles- Proudly sponsor the book that's changed lives for centuries! We would love to have bibles in church on each pew, for people to read when they visit us. If you would like to sponsor a bible for a suggested donation of £20 per Bible, please let our administrator know thecanorybenefice@gmail.com

Scan for The Canonry Benefice website



The Churches within the Canonry Benefice
(Ash, Goodnestone, Chillenden, Nonington, Elmstone, Preston, and Stourmouth)

Sunday 29th March
Palm Sunday

Readings

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11

Prayer

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group: 10am every Wednesday at The Vicarage. All welcome.

THIS SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026 PALM SUNDAY
Whole Benefice Service at St Nicholas Ash.
Journey with Jesus and the donkey from Pound
Corner at 10.10am, service at 10.30am

HOLY WEEK

Monday 30th March

7pm Holy Week Reflection St Mildred's, Preston

Tuesday 31st March

7pm Holy Week Reflection Elmstone Church
7pm Goodnestone Choir Performance Holy Cross,
Goodnestone; The Crucifixion by John Stainer

Wednesday 1st April

7pm Holy Week Reflection All Saints, Chillenden

Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday

6pm Passover, St Nicholas, Ash (see below)

Friday 3rd April Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross St Nicholas, Ash
2pm Stations of the Cross St Mary's, Nonington
2-4pm Family Easter Trail St Nicholas, Ash
7pm Caritas Chamber Choir Holy Cross, Goodnestone
Music & readings

Saturday 4th April Easter Saturday

7pm Holy Week Easter Vigil St Mary's, Nonington
Including lighting of the Paschal Candle

Taize Service Sunday 19th April: Anne is leading this as part of her training journey 6-7pm. A quiet reflective service for all ages. Taize is an ecumenical community in France which focuses on silence, prayer, songs and chants. It is easy to learn Taizé chants as they are repeated again and again, using just a few words. Refreshments will be served at the end of the service.

Home Groups/Lent courses

Tuesday Mornings: The Lent courses have now finished, it was lovely to share time and thoughts with many. **The evening Home Group** continues on Tuesday 21st April, 5th May, 19th May, 2nd June, 16th June, 7th July with a break in August and restarting early September. Contact Andrew & Hilary 07510 358709. **The morning Home Group** will restart for four sessions during May and June. They are on Tuesdays from 9.30 am until 11 am on 12th May, 2nd June, 16th June and 30th June. We will be looking at different aspects of prayer.

Watch the historic installation of Dame Sarah Mullally as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury
<https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Rev Caroline writes: The Archbishop of Canterbury took a pilgrimage from London to Canterbury ahead of her installation, what a marvellous journey! Our Journey continues for us in our Benefice too, we are travelling towards Easter together - please join us! **Holy Week:** each evening where we share reflections from parishioners in a calm, contemplative and informal way. **Please sign up for our Maundy Thursday celebration by Sun 29th March** - washing of feet (if you're brave enough), eating traditional food something that the whole family can be a part of. Children and grandchildren welcome. Sign up sheet in Ash porch or via the link on the Benefice website. Saturday evening vigil...we are in for a treat at Nonington, sharing in a communal lighting of the Easter flame where each Parish is invited to bring their Paschal candles to be lit from the first flame to mark the arrival of Easter and the promise of resurrection. Also some lovely music at Goodnestone during Holy Week. **Easter Sunday** we get up at the crack of dawn to celebrate the rising of the sun and the first sign of dawn. Hope restored. Christ is risen. So, join in and experience that journey as a Benefice. I would encourage you to come to each **reflection evening** if you are able - the full immersive experience of Holy week is something quite beautiful. **Last year**, we heard people's moving reflections and stories of their lives that live long in the memory. I hope and pray that this year brings the same depth of experience. Come along, experience something new and deepen faith together.

Sparks Sunday School at St Nicholas, Ash

Our children's group which runs in the side chapel of St Nicholas Church in Ash during the service. The children join the rest of the church family for the end of the service & refreshments. The service is just over an hour starting 10.30 each week during term time.

Women's Breakfast 3rd Sat of each month 9-10am at The Vicarage in Ash. **Next 18th April.** Tea, croissants, fellowship, friendly faces!

Bacon Buddies: Men's group: breakfast, chat, chillout in the woods. Last Saturday in the month 9am. Piglet Place, Fleming Road, Staple, CT3 1LG. Contact Dan on 07753743020 **Next 28th March, then 25th April.**

All Saints, Chillenden

www.chillenden.org.uk

Fundraiser: "100 club" lottery scheme. Monthly draw. email 100club@chillenden.org.uk

Elmstone Church, St Mildred's Preston & All Saints, Stourmouth

Easter Lilies The deadline for purchasing lilies has now passed. Please do come and look at the arrangements over Easter.

Happy Hour Elmstone: 1st Friday of month 6.30pm

Holy Cross, Goodnestone

The Crucifixion by John Stainer: (Goodnestone choir) 31st March 7-8pm, retiring collection

Music for Holy Week: Caritas Chamber Choir. 3rd April 7pm, retiring collection.

Post Office: in church Mondays 9-11am

Choir rehearsal Tuesday eves 7-8pm. For info: denyer@doctors.org.uk.

St Mary's Nonington

Easter Lilies: To have a lily in church during Easter for loved ones please contact Kath or Wendy from the church team. Suggested donation £2.50 per lily.

Concert by the Friends: 2.30pm Saturday 21st March

Coffeestop Baptist Chapel Thursdays 10-12

Happy Hour: Monthly (3rd Fri) 6.30pm

Compline: Monthly Zoom, contact churchwarden

Seekers: Please check with churchwarden

St Nicholas' Church, Ash

Easter Lilies: Each year we arrange lilies to symbolise memories of our loved ones. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of these lilies donations can be posted in the metal box in the wall inside church, marked Lilies.

Ash Village Warm Space: A Warm FREE space to all in our community each **Thursday 11am- 2pm**. There will be a friendly welcome, free tea/coffee and a mug of hot homemade soup & a roll.

<https://www.warmwelcome.uk/find-a-space#map>

Christian Aid Coffee Morning: Ash Village Hall, Saturday 4th April, 10-12. Bacon baps, drinks, cakes, raffle, stalls, Christian Aid info. **Can you help?** Please leave donations for the raffle or bric-a-brac in the church porch (labelled so we know it's for the coffee morning) Cake/savoury donations please take to village hall on 4th April. Helping on the day please text Hilary on 07510 358709.

Pastoral team: here if you need support
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