

Breakfast!

Women's Breakfast We have launched! Here are the next dates (3rd Sat of each month) 9.00am-10.00am: **Next 18th Oct, 15th Nov, 20th Dec** If you would like to come along, let Rev Caroline know.

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 25th Oct, 29th Nov, 31st Jan, 28th Feb** (taking a break in Dec).

Sparks Sunday School at St Nicholas, Ash

(Term time) The Church is a place where ALL are welcome, and that means we love to see children come along and be part of everything we do. Sparks is our children's group which runs in the side chapel of St Nicholas Church in Ash during the service, with fun, chat, craft and basic teaching about Christian values and Bible stories. The children then join the rest of the church family for the end of the service and refreshments after. The service lasts just over an hour and starts at 10.30 each week. If you'd like to know more email: canonryvicar@gmail.com or see website. **Come along to our Light Party! Sat 1st November 2-4pm, fun activities for children.**

Ash with Westmarsh Parish Mag is out now! Available from Co-op and Poparound shops in Ash and St Nicholas Church. To subscribe and have the magazine delivered to your door please phone or email the editor Rebecca Smith on 07743 605873 rebeccasmith.ash@gmail.com

Deal Foodbank donation point at Ash Church

We are proud to be a donation point- the donation bin is through the main glass doors.

Recycling fundraisers for local schools.

Collection boxes in the church porches at Ash (bread bags/batteries) and Goodnestone (batteries).

See our leaflet about volunteering with us!

There are so many ways to get involved. We also love to hear your ideas on how we could grow our churches. <https://thecanonrybenefice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-team/>

For Canonry Benefice giving visit:

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

Service of Healing and Blessings this St

Lukestide: The Living Well, our diocesan centre for healing and wholeness, is holding a Service of Healing and Blessings. **Saturday 25 October, 2.30pm** at the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral. All are welcome to attend, and there will be an opportunity during the service to receive prayer and/or anointing with oil.

Safeguarding and Lone Working:

<https://thecanonrybenefice.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?

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/ministry/reader-ministry/licensed-lay-ministry-reader>

Daily Prayer APP and Podcast

Access prayers daily to support and inspire you.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>

Benefice Churches open for private prayer

Ash, Goodnestone, Nonington, Stourmouth: daily in daylight hours **Chillenden:** weekends 10am-5pm **Elmstone, Preston:** upon request



The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

(Ash, Goodnestone, Chillenden, Nonington, Elmstone, Preston, and Stourmouth)

19th October 2025

Or 18th Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Jeremiah 31.27-34
Psalm 119.97-104
2 Timothy 3.14-4.5
Luke 18.1-8

Prayer

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is
given through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

THIS SUNDAY SERVICES 19TH OCTOBER 2025

Holy Communion, 9am, Holy Cross, Goodnestone
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, Elmstone Church
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash

NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES 26TH October 2025

Holy Communion, 9am, All Saints Chillenden
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash
 Evensong, 5pm, Elmstone Church - With Cheerful
 Voice Choral Group: all welcome to come and join in

Weekly Prayer Group: 9.30am every Weds at the Vicarage. Turn up or email canonryvicar@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Home Group: 9.30am until 11.00 am at Marion and Denis' home. Continues on 4th November, 18th November, 2nd December, 16th December. We will be looking at the gospels of Mark and Luke as well as having tea or coffee, a discussion about links with today's world, and a short time of prayer together. Please ring Revd Barbara on 07703 183980 for full information.

Benefice Home Group Evening: We meet on every first and third Tuesday at 7.30pm. The home group will be meeting at Fiona Ridge's in September and will sometimes meet there and sometimes at Delphine's. Please contact Andrew and Hilary on 07510 358709 for full information.

Ash Village Warm Space in St Nicholas Church Starts Thursday 13th November. We are gearing up for winter by offering a Warm, Welcome, FREE space to everyone in our village community each **Thursday 11am-2pm**. There will be a friendly welcome, free tea/coffee and a mug of hot homemade soup with a cheese roll. Come and meet new and old friends! We are one of thousands of Warm Welcome Spaces across the UK, community spaces that bring connection, helping people feel less isolated and boosting wellbeing. Warm Welcome Spaces come in all shapes and sizes, but are places where people of all ages, cultures, backgrounds, faiths, and walks of life can come together. Last winter, more than 5,300 Warm Welcome Spaces hosted 2.6 million people.
<https://www.warmwelcome.uk/find-a-space#map>

Reverend Caroline writes:

Isn't time flying so fast!

The clocks are soon going back, and dare I say it, there are just about two months to go until.....Christmas. One of the joys of being a Christian is that we are encouraged to stop and reflect, either through prayer, or simply by taking the time to notice the world around you. Perhaps you might sit down this week, do a little people watching, have a chat with God, or grab a bible and read something from this amazing library of literature and history. It's in the small 'sanctuary' moments that time becomes ours again and we recapture the essence of who we are and where we fit into this vast universe.

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

Time may fly, but every moment is a gift, giving us a chance to reflect, rejoice, and ready our hearts for what's to come.... but not too quickly please!

Benefice Light Party – Fun event for children!

Saturday 1st Nov, 2-4pm, St Nicholas Church, Ash
 Fun family event with activities, singing, stories and crafts to celebrate all things Light! Free entry, suitable for pre-school and primary school aged children. Wear bright clothes! Children must be accompanied.

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

Happy Hour Elmstone: 1st Fri of month 6.30pm

Singalong Evensong: 26th Oct 5pm. All welcome! Come along and join in (rehearsal at 2pm same day).

Lees Court Music Concert Elmstone: 19th Dec, 5.30pm

Stourmouth: Work on Stourmouth church tower is in progress. We are hoping to offer an **Open Afternoon** on 1st November when the builders will explain the work done with photographs and perhaps drone footage. **The Christmas concert** will be Weds 17th Dec 7.30pm with Thanet Festival Choir.

All Saints, Chillenden

We have a wonderful harvest supper – thanks to all who attended and helped this fundraiser!

www.chillenden.org.uk

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

Holy Cross, Goodnestone

Please note that the post office will be closed on 27th October, 3rd November and 10th November. Open again 17th November 9-11am

Goodnestone Choir are having their annual concert on Tuesday October 28th 7.00pm

NEW! Walk Church 1.45pm starting Sun 23rd Nov.

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

St Mary's Nonington

The Eclectics Community Choir Concert: Saturday 25th October 10.30am £5 including coffee and cake.

Raffle! Arranged by Friends of Nonington Church.

Coffeestop Baptist Chapel Thursdays 10-12.

Happy Hour: Monthly (3rd Fri) 6.30pm

Compline: Monthly Zoom, contact churchwarden

Seekers: Please check with churchwarden
 Services 1st & 2nd Sunday each month. (3rd & 4th Sundays' worship is shared at the Baptist Chapel).

St Nicholas' Church, Ash

Many thanks to all who donated so generously to our collection for the Salvation Army to mark the season of harvest. We were asked to donate food that could be put in 'grab' bags & handed out to the homeless in the Margate area. Once again, the Ash community stepped up & we were delighted to take a car full of donations to the Salvation Army. The volunteers were so grateful.

Sat 18th Oct Lansdown Singers 3-5pm, retiring collection, refreshments. All welcome!

Sat 1st Nov Light Party 2-4pm. Fun activities for children.

Sun 2nd Nov All Souls Service 4pm

Sat 6th December Wreath making workshop £30pp. Email festivearrangements@gmail.com for full info.

Sun 7th December St Nicholas Day Service

Sat 13th December Winterfest Christmas Fayre 2-5pm

Sat 20th December Holy Dusting, est. time 9-11am

Church cleaning: Can you spare an hour or two once a month? Join our group of volunteer cleaners. You will work in pairs and be shown where and how. Flexible timings. Contact Sarah spigott91@gmail.com

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