

Resources and support:

Black History Month

<https://www.churchofengland.org/mission-ministry/inclusivity/racial-justice/black-history-month> Under the 2024 national theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives'.

For the younger congregation

Free songs, videos & cartoons to help children & families grow in faith. BSL also.
<https://cheekypandas.com/accessible-resources/>

Spiritual care for those with dementia

<https://canterburydiocese.org/celebrating-the-10-year-anniversary-of-anna-chaplaincy.php>

Cathedrals and churches to light up red

20th November for the global challenge of religious persecution. The initiative, developed by the CofE, stems from a General Synod motion passed in July 2024 calling for a national focus on prayer and action for the persecuted Church.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/press-releases/new-resources-launched-support-prayer-and-action-religious-persecution>

Supporting your military communities

In the lead up to Remembrance Sunday we think of our Armed Forces. Please pray for those serving in the forces and their families.
[Prayers for the Armed Forces | The Church of England](#)

Bishop Rose: 3 bold outcomes 2030

Watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgbv5iJesJ>

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Prayer for Peace & Hope from the CofE

October 2023 saw the attacks on Israel by Hamas & subsequent escalation of violence.
*O God, we pray for all the children of Abraham in Israel and Palestine and in every country of the world. We pray for Muslims, Jews and Christians that we will draw on the best of our traditions to guide us away from words and acts of division and discrimination so that everyone may be free to live in safety.
Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving. Amen*

Eco Diocese - All 42 CofE dioceses in the have signed up to be an "eco diocese"

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/eco-diocese>

The Canonry Benefice Website

www.thecanonrybenefice.org.uk

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This pew sheet is issued several days before Sunday and is correct at time of print.



The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

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

October's Parish Magazine is now out!

Benefice prayer meeting every Wednesday 9.30am at The Vicarage. NEW group! Just turn up or email canonryvicar@gmail.com

27th October 2024

Last Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Job 42.1-6, 10-end

Psalms 34.1-8, 19-end

Hebrews 7.23-end

Mark 10.46-end

Prayer:

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, and trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This Sunday: 27th October

9.00	Holy Communion, All Saints, Chillenden
10.30	Holy Communion, St Nicholas Church, Ash

Next Sunday: 3rd November

9.00	Holy Communion, Holy Cross, Goodnestone
10.30	Holy Communion, Elmstone Church
10.30	Family Worship, St Nicholas Church, Ash
10.30	Holy Communion, St Mary's, Nonington

Private Prayer Please note services may be taking place during these times.

Churches open for Private Prayer

St Nicholas', Ash	9am-3pm
Holy Cross, G'stone	All week in daylight hours
St Mary's Nonington	All week in daylight hours
All Saints, Chillenden	Weekends 10am-5pm

Prayer resources

Canterbury Diocese Calendar of Prayer
<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/calendar-of-prayer/>
The Church of England – Prayer APP
<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>

Church Teams Day Thanks to all who attended. It was a successful day of thinking about our vision and growth as a benefice, some great ideas were shared. Thank you to Steve Coneys, Mission and Growth Advisor at the Diocese, who joined us.

Reverend Caroline writes: *This Sunday marks the Last Sunday of Trinity, a special moment in the church calendar as we conclude the long season of growth and reflection. Traditionally, this Sunday invites us to look back on the spiritual lessons we've learned throughout the year and to give thanks for God's continued presence in our lives.*

As we prepare for the upcoming Advent season, may this day be a time of gratitude, renewal, and hope for the future. Our role is to share the love and light we've received. We are really thankful to Neville Emslie Director of Mission & Ministry who will be looking with us at how we can do this well across the Canonry Benefice. The following verse from Paul's letter to the church at Colossae could be our prayer as we prepare spiritually for what is yet to come. Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

Benefice Men's Group: breakfast, chat, chillout. Monthly meet. Dan 07753743020.

Benefice Children's Light Party 2nd Nov! St Nicholas Ash 3-5pm, **FREE!** Suitable for pre-school & primary school ages. Book tickets with jo.sperrin@outlook.com

Holy Cross, Goodnestone

The church is open as a post office Mondays 9-11
Choir rehearsal Tuesday eves 7-8pm. For info: denyer@doctors.org.uk.

Elmstone Church & St Mildred's Preston

St Mildred's is currently closed for building works. Monthly Sunday service at Elmstone Oct to Dec.
Preston Village Christmas Fair Fri 29 Nov 2-6 pm, in the Village Hall.

Happy Hour Elmstone: 1st Fri of month 6.30pm
Sun 1 Dec 10.30 Light & decorate the Christmas Tree

Fri 20 Dec 6pm Christmas Concert Lees Court Ensemble. Tickets, inc. mince pies/mulled wine £12 from Preston Village Shop, Janette Nickols on 01227 722077, at the Fair above and on the door.

St Mary's Nonington

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

Meal Train: We have launched a new venture in Ash to reach others in the community. The Meal train is an organised way for friends, family, neighbours & church members to deliver a home cooked meal once a week or more depending on their needs. We need more people to sign up and cook! If you can help contact Sarah Pigott: spigott91@gmail.com or 07763227244.

The Book Stall: Come along & browse! 50p an item suggested. Donated books welcome also.

Stewardship Committee: Join our Exploration of Stewardship event-Tuesday 12th Nov 7pm.

Sunday School 10.30am – no need to pre-book

Bellringing: contact Marilyn Barden.

Collection to celebrate St Nicholas' Day for Cantercare House which provides accommodation to 16-24-year-olds who are pregnant and at risk of abuse, homelessness, or exploitation. We are collecting baby toiletries (inc nappies newborn-1 year), toys, clothes, baby bedding and also items which can be gifts for mums. Please note all items must be new. Collecting boxes in the porch Sun 1st Dec to Sun 8th Dec.

St Nicholas Flower Arrangers Workshop

14th Dec 10-12 in church. Make a door wreath, table-top arrangement & candle decoration. Tickets are £25 including tea, coffee, biscuits. Tickets via Alison at Little Studio or info@studioartdays.co.uk or 07856 080517.

All Saints, Chillenden

Songs of Praise Service 5pm Sat 16th November

Music, singing & soup! See posters for info.

Christmas themed quiz! Fri 13th December. Raising money for the village hall repairs. The hall is key to us, supporting church events and a place for all to meet.