

Breakfast!

Women's Breakfast We have launched! Here are the next dates (3rd Sat of each month) 9.00am-10.00am: **19th April**, 17th May, 21st June 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. **Next 26th April**. Piglet Place, Fleming Road, Staple, CT3 1LG. Contact Dan on 07753743020.

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

IMPORTANT New Electoral Roll in 2025

Sign up asap! Anyone in the community who wants a vote in church matters. Reach out to those at home or new. Everyone has to fill in a form, even if they were on the old roll. Find forms in church.

APCMs across the Benefice:

EP&S 4th May at Elmstone Church after 10.30 service
Ash 11th May after 10.30am service
Goodnestone Friday 23rd May in church, 10.30am

Christian Aid Coffee Morning - Thank you!

The Coffee morning at Ash Village hall raised over £500! The hall was full! Thank you to all the volunteers and visitors who made the event a success. For more information about Christian Aid and the work it does visit www.christianaid.org.uk

Porchlight charity will be talking during the Chillenden and Ash services on Sunday 27th April. Porchlight is a charity based in Kent that supports homeless and vulnerable adults and also works with young people as well.

Ash with Westmarsh Parish Mag April Edition 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.sh@gmail.com

Living Hope: A Lent Journey 40 daily reflections

www.cofe.io/LivingHope

A Day of Prayer & Fasting with Bishop Rose

Wednesday 16 April in Canterbury Cathedral. You are invited to take time to pray and fast whether by:
*Dropping into the cathedral for quiet reflection
*Setting aside time at home or work to seek God

Deanery Confirmation service May 10th. We have one person from our Benefice so far who is being confirmed - it's not too late to join in. In a confirmation service, we are simply confirming the vows our parents took on our behalf at our baptism. We are making decisions to follow Christ for ourselves. Let Rev Caroline know if interested.

Deepening Discipleship Courses explore how to follow Jesus together with other disciples.

[Spring 2025 Online Course](#)

26 April – 25 June 2025, 7.00pm–8.30pm (including an in-person introductory session at Diocesan House, 12.00pm–2.30pm)

[Summer 2025 In-Person Course](#)

5 June – 31 July 2025, 7.00pm–8.30pm at Diocesan House, Canterbury

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/our-life/spirituality-discipleship/explore-discipleship/deepening-discipleship/>

8 May 2025 80th anniversary of VE Day

Churches across the country will join in ringing bells at 6:30pm, as we reflect on the sacrifices made for peace. More details on Benefice services to follow.

Safeguarding and Lone Working:

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



The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

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

13th April to 20th April 2025
Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday

Readings (Palm Sunday)

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end
Luke 19.28-40

Readings (Easter Sunday)

Acts 10.34-43
Luke 24.1-12

Prayers

Palm Sunday: 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

Easter Sunday: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Holy Week across the Benefice 13th – 20th April

Palm Sunday 13th April

Holy Communion 9.00 All Saints, Chillenden
Holy Communion 10.30 St. Nicholas, Ash
Holy Communion 10.30 St Mildred's Preston
Breakfast Church 9.30 St. Mary's Nonington

Holy Week Evening Reflections

Monday 14th April 7pm Preston

Tuesday 15th April 7pm Nonington

Wednesday 16th 7pm Chillenden

Maundy Thursday 17th Ash 6pm Celebration

Meal with singing and good food. Sign up on website or in church porches

Easter Saturday 19th April

7pm Ash, Easter Vigil with Lighting of Paschal Candle

Good Friday 18th April

10am Service, Ash

2pm Service Nonington

6pm Goodnestone Caritas Chamber Choir & readings

Easter Day 20th April

6.30am Sunrise Service, Chillenden Windmill

9am service with Holy Communion, Goodnestone

10.30am service with Holy Communion, Ash

10.30am service with Holy Communion, Elmstone

FAMILY EVENTS: Palm Sunday Walk (Ash), meet 10.10 Pound Corner. Good Friday Easter Trail and activities/face painting (Ash) 2pm. Easter Sunday treasure hunt after services at Ash & Goodnestone! Children to be accompanied.

Ash church is hosting the **Benefice Passover**

Celebration taking us through stories about Maundy Thursday, Jesus washing the disciples' feet, the last supper, the garden of Gethsemane, and finally stripping the altars before we head home.

Starting at 6.00pm finishing around 7.30pm so that families can join. The last supper will be a

lamb (e.g. moussaka) meal, and vegetarian option, as well as bread and wine. Please sign up either by clicking the link here, or using the form in church.

We would also like volunteers to help - the more the merrier!
<https://thecanonrybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/bo41wgry>

Rev Caroline writes: Palm Sunday to Easter: From the Cross to the Crown

As we wave the palms and walk the road to the cross, we remember—victory is coming. From Jesus' humble entry to His triumphant resurrection, this week changes everything.

**“He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.”
— Matthew 28:6**

Join us for all our Holy Week services and activities as we celebrate the King who conquered death!

Lent Lunches at St Nicholas, Ash

Every Thursday at 12-1pm in the porch until 17th April. Join us for soup/roll. Suggested donation £1-£2 towards the upkeep of the church.

Home Lent Groups (eve) A Big Thank you Delphine for hosting these, they have now finished. BUT the Home Group will continue on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month 7.30pm starting 6th May (with a break in August). Please contact Andrew & Hilary on 07510 358709 if you would like more information.

Morning Lent Group

We will meet again on Tuesday 15th April from 9.30 am until 11 am. Phone Revd Barbara on 07703 183980 for more information if you would like to come along.

Easter Lilies in Church at Easter

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a Loved One, the suggested donation is £4.50.
For St Nicholas Church, Ash please leave donations at Drovers End, Pudding Lane or Ash Physio Clinic.
For Elmstone and Preston Churches please let Elizabeth Timms have your request.
For St Mary's, Nonington please contact Kath/ Wendy.

Churches open for private prayer

Ash, Goodnestone, Nonington; daily in daylight hours
Chillenden – weekends 10am-5pm
Elmstone, Preston and Stourmouth – upon request
Note that Preston is open all of Holy Week 13th - 20th April 10am – 4pm.

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

St Mildred's was closed for a while but we're back worshipping together monthly on the 2nd Sunday.
Happy Hour Elmstone: 1st Fri of month 6.30pm
Elmstone village fete: 11th May 2.30-4.30pm

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). Also, in Nonington: Canterbury Diocesan Centre for Healing & Wholeness www.the-living-well.org.uk/

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.

Pathway renovations starting soon! Thanks to all who helped raise funds for this in the community.

Concerts Caritas Chamber Choir Good Friday 6pm
Graham Rix Piano 3rd May 7pm. See posters for details.

St Nicholas' Church, Ash

Friends of St Nicholas Church Art Exhibition: 3rd to 5th May. Sun 5th 9am service to pray for our artists.

Sat 14th June: Church fete 2-5pm

Sun 14th Sept: Ringlemere Ensemble 2.30pm

£15 (under 16's free) **Sat 13th Dec:** Christmas Fayre

Churchyard maintenance: Let us know if you can help
Bookstall: 50p per book. Pay by cash or card machine.

Empty Bread Bag (all brands) and batteries: porch collection boxes. Fundraisers for local schools.

We are a Deal Foodbank donation point.

Sunday School at St Nicholas, Ash

Every Sunday during term time, no need to book, bring your little ones with you to the service at 10.30. Activities at the back of the church.