

## Resources and Support

### The Wonder Prayer Community 2025

Would you like to join a wider prayer community? The aim of 'Wonder' is to form a little community in the Diocese, lasting just a year, and to discover together not the weight of prayer but the wonder of prayer. Meeting monthly. Contact: Lyndall Bywater, Changing Lives Prayer Network Co-ordinator.

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### Bishop Rose: 3 bold outcomes 2030

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/our-life/strategy/3-bold-outcomes/>

### Bishop Rose: Are you ready for Advent?

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

### Anna Chaplaincy

#### Spiritual care for those with dementia

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/ministry/recognised-lay-ministry/anna-chaplaincy/>

### Growing Greener Newsletter

Environmental news, campaigns & tips. Sign up and also access archive of past editions.

<https://canterburydiocese.org/newsletters.php>

**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>

### For the younger congregation

Free songs, videos & cartoons to help children & families grow in faith. BSL also.

<https://cheekypandas.com/accessible-resources/>

## Safeguarding Statement

The Canonry Benefice acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard & promote the welfare of all adults & children & is committed to ensuring safeguarding practises reflect statutory responsibilities as well as Government & Diocesan guidance thus complying with best practice. Our policy recognises that the welfare of adults & children is paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation & social economic background everyone is entitled to worship or participate in events in a safe environment. Each parish of the Canonry Benefice has its own safeguarding officer.

### The Canonry Benefice Website

[www.thecanorybenefice.org.uk](http://www.thecanorybenefice.org.uk)

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## The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

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

**Benefice prayer meeting** every Wednesday 9.30am at The Vicarage. Just turn up or email [canoryvicar@gmail.com](mailto:canoryvicar@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### Readings

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalms 25.1-9

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

Luke 21.25-36

### Prayer:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of the holiness, that we may be ready to meet in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

### This Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

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

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

9.00	Holy Communion, All Saints, Chillenden
10.30	Holy Communion, Elmstone Church
10.30	Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Ash <b>St Nicholas Day Celebration!</b>
9.30	Breakfast Church, St Mary's. Nonington
6pm	Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's, Nonington

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

9.00	Holy Communion, Holy Cross, Goodnestone
10.30	Holy Communion & Crib, Elmstone Church
10.30	Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Ash
6.30	Carols by Candlelight, St Nicholas, Ash

### Churches open for Private Prayer

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

**We are entering Advent!** Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, the "advent", of Jesus at Christmas time. During this important event on the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme - hope, peace, joy & love.

This year in the Canonry Benefice, we are hoping to have a **confirmation service** for those people who would like to reaffirm their baptismal promises with Bishop Rose, and to say 'yes' to carrying the light of Christ in our world. If you are interested in being confirmed this year, Reverend Caroline will be holding sessions exploring faith and what it means. If this is something you would like to know more about, please get in contact with Reverend Caroline at [canonryvicar@gmail.com](mailto:canonryvicar@gmail.com)

Last week was **Stir Up Sunday** and we invited the church family to join in with us at Ash as we all stirred our Christmas cake mix - which we will all get to taste on Christmas day, accompanied by a shot of your favourite homemade tippie! If you are accustomed to making sloe gin, or any other winter favourites, perhaps you would consider making extra to share on Christmas day with those who join us for our celebration service. Please let the catering team or Rev Caroline know.

**Weekly Prayer Group:** 9.30am every Wednesday at the Vicarage. Just come along or email [canonryvicar@gmail.com](mailto:canonryvicar@gmail.com)

### St Mary's Nonington

**Christmas Tree Festival:** 6-8<sup>th</sup> Dec at church, ending with Carols by Candlelight 6pm 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
**Coffeestop** Baptist Chapel Thursdays 10-12.  
**Happy Hour:** Monthly (3rd Fri) 6.30pm  
**Compline:** Monthly Zoom, contact churchwarden  
**Seekers:** Please check with churchwarden  
 Services 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month. (3rd & 4th Sundays' worship is shared at the Baptist Chapel).

### All Saints, Chillenden

**Songs of Praise Service 5pm Sat 16th November**

Music, singing & soup! See posters for info.

**Christmas themed quiz! Fri 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

Raising money for the village hall repairs. The hall is key to us, supporting church events and a place for all to meet.

### Elmstone Church & St Mildred's Preston

St Mildred's is currently closed for building works.

**Happy Hour Elmstone:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri of month 6.30pm

**Sun 1 Dec 10.30** Light & decorate 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.

**Stourmouth Christmas Concert:** 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm

### Holy Cross, Goodnestone

**Advent Carols** 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 6.30pm. Music & readings

**Carols by Candlelight** 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm. Tickets £10 via [www.goodnestonemusic.com](http://www.goodnestonemusic.com) or on the door.

Retiring collection for Porchlight homeless charity.

The church is open as a post office Mondays 9-11

**Choir rehearsal** Tuesday eves 7-8pm. For info:

[denyer@doctors.org.uk](mailto:denyer@doctors.org.uk).

### St Nicholas' Church, Ash

**Meal Train:** delivering home cooked meals to support community members. If you can help contact Sarah: [spigott91@gmail.com](mailto:spigott91@gmail.com)/07763227244.

**St Nicholas' Day Collection** for Cantercare House, accommodation for 16-24-year-olds who are pregnant & 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. **All items must be new.** Collecting boxes in the porch Sun 1st Dec to 8th Dec.

**St Nicholas Flower Arrangers Workshop 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** 10-12. Raising money for Porchlight, Trussell Trust, St Nicholas Church. Tickets £25 Alison at Little Studio, [info@studioartdays.co.uk](mailto:info@studioartdays.co.uk), 07856 080517.