

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/>

DON'T MISS! Canterbury Diocesan Conference - Leading your Church into Growth 15 & 16th June 2026, Seasalter Christian Centre. Zoom Follow-Ups – 21 September 2026, 11 January 2027, 12 April 2027, all 2pm-4pm. LyCiG' s focus is numerical & 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>

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

Scan for The Canonry Benefice website



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

Sunday 12th April
2nd Sunday of Easter

Readings
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
John 20:19-31

Prayer
Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY 12TH APRIL

Holy Communion, 9am, All Saints, Chillenden
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash
 Family Service with HC, 10.30am, St Mildred's, Preston
 Breakfast Church, 9.30am, St Mary's, Nonington

NEXT SUNDAY 19TH APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Communion, 9am, Holy Cross, Goodnestone
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, Elmstone
 Family Worship, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash (no sparks)

Sparks Sunday School at St Nicholas, Ash

The Church is a place where ALL are welcome, 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 & basic teaching about Christian values & Bible stories. 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. More info canonryvicar@gmail.com

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 **25th April.**

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.

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

Thank you! What a wonderful journey to Easter we have had together. It has been a joy and pleasure to welcome congregations and community together for this special time. Thank you to all those who helped prepare the church for Easter, helped at services & events – there is so much going on behind the scenes! You are all appreciated.

Looking ahead:

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.

Pentecost - this is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, "fiftieth").

Rogation Sunday - the fifth Sunday *after* Easter Sunday, a time for prayers for God's blessings on land, livestock and crops.

The Thursday following is the feast of the **Ascension**, which comes on a Thursday, the 40th day after Easter.

All will be celebrated, including a special Rogation Sunday walk and an Ascension day service from the top of the church tower! – watch this space for information!

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 thecanonrybenefice@gmail.com

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/>

IMPORTANT New Electoral Roll in 2026

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:

Nonington 3rd May after church

Ash 10th May after church

EP&S 17th May at Elmstone Church after church

Chillenden Thurs 21st May at the Village Hall 7.30pm

Goodnestone Friday 29th May in church, 10.30am

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

Happy Hour Elmstone: 1st Friday of month 6.30pm

Holy Cross, Goodnestone

Post Office: in church Mondays 9-11am

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

St Mary's Nonington

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

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>