

**For Canonry Benefice giving visit:**

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

**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 Rev Caroline [canonryvicar@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

**Could you be an Eco-church champion?**

can you get us to think about what it is to be good stewards of the environment as Church. Let Rev Caroline know! Eco Champions are volunteers who play a valuable role in guiding churches towards their eco objectives and act as a point of contact for churches seeking advice on environmental matters.

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/mission/caring-for-creation/what-are-we-doing-as-a-diocese>

**Churches are open for private prayer or to cool off in this weather!**

Ash, Goodnestone, Nonington: daily, daylight hours

Chillenden: weekends 10am-5pm

Elmstone: Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm (Preston and Stourmouth: on request)

**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](mailto:rebeccasmith.ash@gmail.com)

**See our leaflet about volunteering with us!**

There are so many ways to get involved. Also share your ideas

<https://thecanonrybenefice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-team/>

**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](http://www.together.org.uk)

To contact the Diocese LGBTQI+ Advisor Fr Denis, email [LGBTQI+adviser@diocant.org](mailto:LGBTQI+adviser@diocant.org)



**The Churches within the Canonry Benefice**

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Readings

Romans 8:1 -11

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Prayer

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THIS SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Holy Communion, 9am, All Saints, Chillenden  
 Breakfast Church, 9.30am, St Mary's, Nonington  
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash (Sparks)  
 Family Worship, 10.30am, St Mildred's, Preston

**NEXT SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Holy Communion, 9am, Holy Cross, Goodnestone  
 Holy Communion, 9am, St Nicholas, Ash  
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash  
 Service of the word, 10.30am, Elmstone Church

**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 Village Welcome Space:** A FREE space to all in our community each **Thursday 11am-2pm**. There will be a friendly welcome, free tea/coffee and cake/rolls. Come and see our new comfy sofas! If you are able to help or can drop in bread, milk, cakes etc please speak to Sarah Pigott or sign up <https://mealtrain.com/8nrk01>

**Home Groups**

**The evening Home Group** Restarting early September. Contact Andrew & Hilary 07510 358709. **The morning Home Group** is on Tuesdays 9.30 am until 11am. We will start up again in September. Dates to be confirmed. Contact Reverend Barbara for information.

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

**Breakfast!**

**Women's Breakfast** 3rd Sat of each month 9-10am at The Vicarage in Ash. **NEXT 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Bacon Buddies:** Men's group last Saturday in the month 9am, Staple. Dan 07753743020

**NEXT 25<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Looking forward!**

Representatives from the Benefice attended the Living your Church in Growth conference last month. Interesting and inspiring presentations and activities to get us thinking, looking at the culture of our churches as warm and welcoming. Bishop Rose gave an update on the strategic direction this month, really focusing on supporting local, simply to enable every local church to share in God's mission. Part of this is growing the church family via families, children and young people. This week (6-12 July) is RECOGNISE Week, a national week of recognition for everyone involved in ministry with children, young people and their families (CYPF). Today we thank those that are part of this in our Benefice.

**Deanery Synod meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 7.30pm** St Nicholas Church on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm. This is open to anyone across



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is the Benefice to attend. It's an opportunity to discuss needs, share initiatives, and think about activities across the Deanery. We would really appreciate any help on the evening, refreshments etc. Let Rev Caroline know.

**Date for the diary: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

The Benefice Big Breakfast Vision morning! 9am-1pm to share breakfast together and then chat together about our aims and visions for our churches. Our previous away day was amazing and fun, all welcome! More details to follow.

**Confirmation:** Canterbury Cathedral is holding a confirmation service on Saturday 7th November 2026. If you would like to know more about welcoming God through Jesus Christ more

fully into your life, please contact Reverend Caroline.

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**Community Events:**

Chillenden Pet Service: 26<sup>th</sup> July 3pm  
 Summer Picnic: 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1pm, The Vicarage,  
 Messy Church Playdate: 6<sup>th</sup> August 11-2pm, for children and their parents/carers. Children must be accompanied. Activities and refreshments. No need to book. Running within our usual Welcome Space.

**Happy Hours: 6.30pm**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month (Elmstone)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month (Nonington)

**All Saints, Chillenden**

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

**Fundraiser:** "100 club" lottery scheme. Monthly draw. email [100club@chillenden.org.uk](mailto:100club@chillenden.org.uk)

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**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

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

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

**Holy Cross, Goodnestone**

**Friday July 17th 7pm:** Ringlemere Clarinet Trio Nathan Winters (clarinet), Keren Starer-Shaw (cello) and Helen Crayford (piano). Tickets £12 pp.

**Rochester Cathedral Evensong: 19<sup>th</sup> September.** The Choir will be singing, please do come along & support them.

**St Nicholas' Church, Ash**

**Open Day** -Thank you to all you supported our event and to our wonderful volunteers. It was a lovely, relaxed afternoon.