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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!

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

Eco Conference 2026 Saturday 19 September 2026

9:30am - 1pm at Rochester Cathedral. Great speakers!

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/mission/the-environment/events.php>

Ash with Westmarsh Parish Mag. Available from Co-op and Papparounds 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

Together: 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 Diocese LGBTQIA+ Advisor Fr Denis, email LGBTQIA+adviser@diocant.org

Confirmation: Canterbury Cathedral is holding a confirmation service 7th November 2026. If you would like to know more about welcoming God through Jesus Christ more fully into your life, contact Rev Caroline.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmations/confirmation-faqs>

Interested in being a lay reader? More info here:

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/ministry/recognising-lay-ministry/worship/>

Deepening Discipleship

Explore your journey. Oct to Dec cohort – deadline 17th Sept. Speak to Rev Caroline if interested.

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/>

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. Regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation & social economic background everyone is welcome.

Safeguarding and Lone Working:

lone working policy ensures the safety and well-being of employees who work alone, giving guidance on how to stay safe what to do in emergency situations. If this applies to you, please take a moment to familiarise yourself with key steps to take when working alone and endeavour to always work in pairs if possible.

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



The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

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

Sunday 13th September
15th Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Romans 14.1-12

Matthew 18.21-35

Prayer

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

THIS SUNDAY 13th September

Holy Communion, 9am, All Saints, Chillenden
 Breakfast Church, 9.30am, St Mary's Nonington
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash
 Family Worship, no HC, 10.30am, St Mildred's, Preston

NEXT SUNDAY 20th September

Holy Communion, 9am, Holy Cross, Goodnestone
 Holy Communion, 9am, St Nicholas Church, Ash
 Service of the Word, 10.30am, Elmstone Church
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash
 Benefice Praise with meal, 5pm, St Nicholas Ash

Warm Welcome Space Thursdays 11-2. A FREE space to chat and meet others or simply spend time in church for a pause from busy schedules. Teas, coffees, rolls and cakes are served (no charge). 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>

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

Women's Breakfast 3rd Sat monthly 9-10am, The Vicarage. **NEXT 19th Sept**

Bacon Buddies: Men's group last Saturday of the month 9am, Staple. Dan 07753743020 **NEXT 26th September.**

Evening Home Group Our Homegroup Autumn Term starts this month at Delphine's. The dates are: September 22nd, October 6th and 20th, November 3rd and 17th. Social evening with meal on Tuesday December 1st. Contact Andrew & Hilary 07510 358709. All welcome.

Morning Home Group Next meeting is Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 9.30 am until 11 am to discuss topics for the Autumn and to talk about prayer in our lives and what helps us to pray. Six dates to follow - fortnightly Tuesdays 9.30 - 11 am: 6th & 20th October, 3rd & 17th November, 1st & 15th December. Topics will be decided by the group at the September meeting. Venues to be announced. All welcome. Contact Rev Barbara.

One not to miss! Benefice Praise

evening Sun 20th Sept 5pm, Ash led by Pete. Those who were at the prayer day at the Living Well will have met Pete, who led our worship beautifully. We are so pleased he's coming to lead again as we sing, pray and then have a bring and share supper together as a Benefice after. Worship is a powerful way to give thanks to God and enjoy a good sing! Sign up here <https://thecanonrybenefice.org.uk/whats-on/>
 If you can bring food to share then please let one of the church team know – there is a sign up sheet in church also. If you have particular dietary needs let us know.

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

Other events to add to the diary, for all the Benefice to join in with.

Saturday 21st Nov: The Benefice Big Breakfast Vision morning! 9am-1pm to share breakfast together and then chat together about our vision, direction and priorities for our churches and the Benefice as a whole. Our previous away day was amazing and fun, all welcome! More details to follow.

Evensong led by With Cheerful Voice at Chillenden on 22nd Nov. We have had such lovely feedback from previous events and look forward to another great evening of singing.

Don't forget that all of this and more can be found on our website and you can have access to this by using your own 'My Church Suite' app on your phones to keep you up to date. We are rolling this out in every Parish in the Benefice so please sign up when you are invited to do so.

We are big supporters of Ride and Stride! We welcomed Ride & Striders on Saturday 12th September who dropped into our churches to register and rest/hydrate, our friendly welcomers will be there to cheer you on!
<https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

All Saints, Chillenden

www.chillenden.org.uk

Fundraiser: "100 club" lottery scheme. Monthly draw. email 100club@chillenden.org.uk

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: 1st Friday of month 6.30pm

Holy Cross, Goodnestone

Thank you to all those who supported Goodnestone Festival!

Rochester Cathedral Evensong: 19th Sept 3.15pm.

The Church Choir will be singing, please come along & support them. Canticles Brewer in D, Anthem Blessed City, Heavenly Salem- Baitstow.

St Nicholas' Church, Ash**Harvest Festival:**

As is our custom, we will be supporting the Salvation Army in Margate. We would really appreciate your help and support once again! Suggested donations of:

Non-perishable foods (Please ensure tinned products have ring pulls). Tinned tuna, tinned fruit, cuppa soups, pot noodles, instant coffee sachets, squash.

Long-dated perishable Foods Individual portions/variety pack of cereals. Individual 15g portions of spreads such as jam, marmalade, honey & Nutella.

Crackers. Cheese sticks/bread sticks. Crisps. Cereal Bars. Paste (meat/fish)

Suggested Hygiene Products Hairbrushes/Combs. Toothbrushes / Toothpaste (travel size). Sanitary products. Travel Shampoo/Conditioner/Shower gel (Travel Size). Deodorant. Wet Wipes. Hats/gloves.

There will be collection boxes in the church porch from Saturday 12th September until Sunday 20th September. Thank you

The Book Stall is open this but no more donations please whilst we manage stock & volunteers take a breather!