

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.

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

Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives: The Church of England's 2026 Summer Campaign

This summer, the Church of England offers a new reflection campaign centred around pilgrimage. The reflections are available to pre-order as a booklet from Church House Publishing and the Everyday Faith app will feature them between 25 May and 20 June. if anyone wants to buy the booklet of daily readings - £3.50 per book – let Rev Caroline know.

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>

Confirmation

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmations/confirmation-faqs> If you would like to know more about getting confirmed please contact Reverend Carolinecanoryvicar@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/>

Benefice Bibles: we have raised enough money to ensure there are several bibles in our pews and for children as well. How wonderful! If you would like a personal thank you please indicate to our treasurer Andrew Collings.



The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

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

Sunday 19th April
3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Luke 24: 13-35

Prayer

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

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

NEXT SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

Holy Communion, 9am, All Saints, Chillenden
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash (SPARKS)
 Evensong, 5pm St Clement's, Knowlton – see info below

Join us for the Come & Sing Choral Evensong next Sunday evening at St Clement's, Knowlton. These are organised by Phil Price, who lives in Sandwich. Phil is an experienced church music conductor and choral singer, and is hoping to attract the support of all who enjoy singing Choral Evensong and who love Kent's country churches. Rehearsal at 3pm.

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 (NOTE THIS ONE IS AT THE VICARAGE)**

Home Groups

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.

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>

Rev Caroline writes: Thank you! What a wonderful journey to Easter we have had together. Heartfelt thanks to all from across the Benefice who were with us in preparation, attendance or prayer. We are still in Easter – it has not finished! There are still more events throughout this period of time to help us celebrate the Resurrection of Christ (see below).

Prayer Festival 30th May, West Malling: We recently held our Prayer Oasis Day for the Benefice which was a blessing to those who attended. Learning about prayer in a different way and enabling those who attended to try new things. Following from that, Susanne Carlsson, who heads up prayer in the Rochester Diocese, is leading this prayer festival which will be a treat for those who attend. I cannot recommend Susanne highly enough, and Neville is preaching - many of you will have heard Neville preach across the Benefice before. This looks like a super day. If you are interested, please book yourself on using the link <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxLTkwNA/t>, and let me know, as I will hopefully be coming along as well. *Rev Caroline*

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. Open to all who would welcome some and space for calm in a sacred space. Refreshments afterwards

Rogation Sunday 10th May: Fifth Sunday after Easter, a time for prayers for God's blessings on agriculture, communities & farm workers. We will run a **special Rogation Sunday walk at 2pm on the day** – starting at Holy Cross, Goodnestone onto All Saints, Chillenden and ending at St Mary's, Nonington with refreshments! A 1 - 2 hours walk open to all! Not walking all the boundaries as we are so big! but a small part to acknowledge that we are all one, a Benefice family. All welcome, families, children, dogs. Please consider parking – Nonington is the last stop so ensure there is a car to bring you home, unless you are keen and want to walk back again! Toilets at Goodnestone and Nonington.

The Thursday following (**14th May**) is the feast of the **Ascension**, which comes on a Thursday, the 40th day after Easter. There will be an Ascension Day service from

the top of Ash church tower at 8am! Followed by croissant and coffee. The view is beautiful! Last year it drizzled but we still had a good group!

Pentecost 24th May: The festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter, the name comes from Greek pentekoste, "fiftieth". Join at Chillenden, Ash, Stourmouth (evensong). Tradition is to wear Red & to celebrate that we are not left alone, the Holy Spirit lives in us.

IMPORTANT Electoral Roll in 2026

Sign up! Anyone who wants a vote in church matters. Reach out to those at home or new. Forms in church. If you did it last year no need to re-do. **APCM dates:**

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

Friends' event: St Mildred's 14th June 2.30-4.30pm

Holy Cross, Goodnestone

Saturday May 2nd 7pm: An evening of Song with Catherine and Sabrina -classical duets for sopranos, retiring collection.

Friday 15th May 7.30pm: Zvarder Trio, violin, piano, cell. Tickets £12

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

St Nicholas' Church, Ash

Friends' Art Exhibition: 2nd to 4th May. One not to miss! Sun 3rd 9am service to pray for our artists.

Sunday 17th May 3pm: Ringlemere Ensemble tickets £15 including refreshments. Students £7.