

### **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>

**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)

Bishop Rose is delighted to announce the appointment of **Fr. Denis Hartley as LGBTQI+ Adviser**. Denis writes: "I look forward to working with Bishop Rose and the Diocesan staff as LGBTQI+ Adviser.

"I see the focus of the role as supporting parishes and clergy to reach out to the LGBT community with words of comfort and a place at the table. That despite recent setbacks, LGBT folk are still our beloved and respected brothers, sisters, and friends."  
Bishop Rose said, "I am delighted that Denis has accepted this role, Denis has a real passion for supporting diversity and inclusion, this is needed especially at a time of negative national debate."

To contact Fr Denis, please 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 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### **Readings**

Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

### **Prayer**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**THIS SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Holy Communion, 9am, All Saints, Chillenden  
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash (Sparks)  
 Evensong, 6.30pm, All Saints, Stourmouth

**NEXT SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> July**

Whole Benefice Service 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash  
 to celebrate the Ordination of Reverend Anne Talbert

**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 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 cake/rolls. 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** next is 7th July with a break in August and restarting early September. Contact Andrew & Hilary 07510 358709. **The morning Home Group** is on Tuesdays 9.30 am until 11am, next is 30th June. We will start up again in September

**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 27<sup>th</sup> June and 25<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Reverend Anne writes:** Jesus, in our Gospel reading speaks of welcome. Visitors to our churches remark on the warm welcome they receive when they attend services and social events. The quality and depth of welcome can reflect the quality and depth of our faith. If we welcome Jesus to share our lives on a daily basis, it can affect how others perceive us and the God we worship, maybe inspiring them to take steps on their own faith journey. Canterbury Cathedral is hold 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. <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmations/confirmation-faqs>

*Matthew 10:40 Jesus said whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.*

**Community Events:**

Stourmouth Open Gardens: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2-5pm  
 Chillenden Pet Service: 26<sup>th</sup> July 3pm  
 Summer Picnic: 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1pm, The Vicarage  
 Messy Church Park Playdate: date in August  
 TBC, for children and their parents/carers  
**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)  
**Date for the diary:** Pet Service 26<sup>th</sup> July 3pm.

**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**

**Stourmouth Open Gardens:** 27<sup>th</sup> June 2-5pm,  
 List of open gardens on sale in church. £5 pp, children free. Teas + cakes on sale in church. In aid of Stourmouth church/ The Churches Conservation Trust  
**Happy Hour Elmstone:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month 6.30pm

**Holy Cross, Goodnestone**

**Next music event: Sunday June 28th 6pm**  
 Masterpieces for Trumpet and Organ. Christopher Deacon -Trumpet, Benedict Preece-Organ. Tickets £15 [www.goodnestonemusic.com](http://www.goodnestonemusic.com)  
**Friday July 17th 7pm:** Ringlemere Clarinet Trio  
**Rochester Cathedral Evensong:** 19<sup>th</sup>Sept. 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.  
**Ash Proms Night: Thanet Light Orchestra:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm. £10pp, children free. Tickets on the door or from Poparound, Ash. Or link on posters.

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

Ash, Goodnestone, Nonington: daily, daylight hours  
 Chillenden: weekends 10am-5pm  
 Elmstone, Preston and Stourmouth: upon request