For Canonry Benefice giving visit:
https://thecanonrybenefice.org.uk/contact-us/finances-and-giving/ Every penny counts!

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

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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 LGBTQI+ Advisor Fr Denis,
email LGBTQI+adviser@diocant.org

Confirmation: 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/

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/

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://thecanonrybenefice.org.uk/about-the-canonry-benefice/safeguarding-statement/

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

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

Sunday 29th November
1st Sunday of Advent

Readings

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Prayer

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

THIS SUNDAY 29th November
10.30am, Benefice Service, St Mildred's, Preston (Hand crafted Christmas cards by Isabel Royston on sale)
6.30pm, Advent Carol Service,Holy Cross,G'dnestone

NEXT SUNDAY 6TH December
Holy Communion, 9am, Holy Cross, Goodnestone
Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Mary's, Nonington
Holy Communion, 11am Elmstone Church
Family Worship, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash
St NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION!

Community Christmas Meal St Nicholas, Ash
Saturday 12th December 6.30pm. A free event open to all – food, raffle and community spirit! Donations welcome on the day. Sign up in church or go to https://thecanonrybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/j303iggy

Morning Home Group Six dates in the lead up to Christmas. Fortnightly Tuesdays 9.30 - 11 am: Next dates 1st & 15th December. All welcome. Contact Rev Barbara for information.
Evening Home Group Our Homegroup Autumn Term is at Delphine's. Next is a social evening with meal on Tuesday December 1st. Contact Andrew & Hilary 07510 358709. All welcome.

Our **NEW Family Group! Tots Praise launched on 5th November** and will continue weekly on Thursdays during term time. 10-11am at St Nicholas, Ash. Story, snack, songs and play time. We are so excited to bring this to our church and look forward to meeting lots of families in a relaxed atmosphere. Stay on afterwards for a cup of tea at the Welcome Space Café.

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

Women's Breakfast 3rd Sat monthly 9-10am, The Vicarage. Next is 21st Nov then 19th Dec.

Bacon Buddies: Men's group last Saturday of the month 9am, Staple. Dan 07753743020. Next 28th November.

Reverend Anne writes: Today starts the season of Advent when we think about our Lord's second coming to be with us, looking forward. At the same time, we look back to remember his first coming to us, his Incarnation as a baby.
We welcome you to our Benefice fifth Sunday service, hosted by St Mildred's Preston. Please do stay for refreshments after the service.
Mark 13 v 37: Jesus says what I say to you I say to all, stay awake.

This evening we have the Advent Carol Service at Holy Cross, Goodnestone – it starts in the dark and gradually lightens as the advent readings and music takes us through the Advent story. 6.30pm. Do join us!

And after lunch come along to Ash high street for the Festive Market 3-6pm, with the tractor parade at 5pm. St Nicholas church have a stall selling gingerbread treats and you can also pick up information about our services, events and groups.

Elmstone Church, St Mildred's Preston & All Saints, Stourmouth
Advance notice: The service on 6th December will start at **11am** (rather than the usual 10.30am).
Happy Hour Elmstone: 1st Friday of month 6.30pm
We are pleased to announce a return visit by Lees Court. **Elmstone church Friday 18th December 5.30pm** It promises to be an excellent event!

All Saints, Chillenden
www.chillenden.org.uk
Fundraiser: "100 club" lottery scheme. Monthly draw. email 100club@chillenden.org.uk

St Mary's Nonington
Art Show: Thank you to those who supported this. Funds raised go to the Friends of Nonington Church.
Coffeestop: Baptist Chapel Thursdays 10-12
Happy Hour: Monthly (3rd Fri) 6.30pm
Compline: Monthly Zoom, contact churchwarden
Seekers: Please check with churchwarden
13th December Candlelit Carols in Mary's at 6pm
18th December Happy Hour 6.30pm
19th December Crib Service in St Marys at 3pm
20th December Carols at the Baptist Chapel 10.30am
24th December Holy Communion in St Mary's at 11.30pm - "Midnight Mass"
Date for the diary! 17th January 2027 Plough Sunday. Choral Evensong in St Mary's with Goodnestone choir

Holy Cross, Goodnestone
Advent Carol Service: Sunday 29th November 6.30pm
Choir rehearsal Tuesday eves 7-8pm. For info: denyer@doctors.org.uk.
Post Office: in church Mondays 9-11am

St Nicholas' Church, Ash
Meal Train: We are supporting a local family, if you can help please contact Sarah Piggot or sign up https://mealtrain.com/9d693v
Warm Welcome Space Every Thursday 11-2 at Ash church. A FREE space to chat and meet others or spend time in church for a pause. 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*
Warm Welcome Space 1st Birthday celebration! on Thursday 3rd December 11-2pm
Village Hall Coffee Morning hosted by the Friends Sat 5th Dec 10-12. Cake donations welcome!
Wreath Tabletop Sale: Saturday 12th December in church 2-4pm. Made by our flower arrangers.

Can you help? To mark St Nicholas' Day, Ash church is supporting Liberty House in Canterbury which provides
accommodation for homeless young women who've experienced domestic abuse and who are pregnant or have a young baby. **We've been asked to collect baby items and some things for the mothers too. See lists in church for more details** often the only present they'll receive) If you would like to contribute, please leave donations in the collecting boxes in church from Mon 30th Nov to Sun 6th Dec.