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

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

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 8th November
Remembrance Day

Readings

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

James 3: 13-18

Prayer

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THIS SUNDAY 8th November Remembrance
10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash, moving to war memorial
10.30am, St Mildred's, Preston
10.45am, All Saints, Chillenden
10.50am, St Mary's Nonington,start outside by war memorial.Singing led by Snowdown Male Voice Choir
3pm Ware/Westmarsh memorial

NEXT SUNDAY 15th November
Holy Communion, 9am, Holy Cross, Goodnestone
Holy Communion, 9am, St Nicholas, Ash
Service of the Word, 10.30am, Elmstone Church
Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash

Stir up Sunday! 22nd November Enjoy this special service at Chillenden or Ash and get stirring pudding mix whilst welcoming Advent. Then eat the cake on Christmas day with a shot of something festive!

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

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

We have had a great start to our Autumn Homegroups! It's never too late to join.
Morning Home Group Six dates in the lead up to Christmas. Fortnightly Tuesdays 9.30 - 11 am: Next dates 17th November, 1st & 15th December. All welcome. Contact Rev Barbara for information.
Evening Home Group Our Homegroup Autumn Term is at Delphine's. Next is November 17th. Social evening with meal on Tuesday December 1st. Contact Andrew & Hilary 07510 358709. All welcome.

Today we mark Remembrance and remember those who have given their lives in war, in services across the Benefice. Remembrance is an act of hope, just as our other community events are, bringing a determination to believe that God is at work in bringing new life and light through even the darkest of times.
And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22:5

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. A short service with puppets, story, snack and play time. We are so excited to bring this to our church and look forward to meeting lots of families whilst having a relaxed, fun hour of music and singing. Stay on afterwards for a cup of tea at the Welcome Space Café which starts immediately afterwards.
"Mark 10 v 13-16 Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"

Messy Church Help! If anyone has any empty tin cans for the November session's craft please leave in the box in Ash church porch anytime until 11th November. Thank you!

Happy Hours and Community Cafes
We have seen a fantastic swell in numbers at our community spaces this autumn – we have enjoyed welcoming members of the community. Warm Welcome Space is seeing best numbers yet – we are nearly a year old! St Mary's, Nonington hosted a wonderfully large group last time! We run a happy hour at Elmstone too. See church listings.

Elmstone Church, St Mildred's Preston & All Saints, Stourmouth
Talk: The Augustine Camino Sun 15th November 2pm Pilgrimage walk through Kent by Andrew Kelly. Free entry, teas and coffees on sale.
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
Evensong led by East Kent Evensong at Chillenden on 22nd Nov. 3pm rehearsal for a 5pm start. We have had such lovely feedback from previous events and look forward to another great evening of singing.

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

Holy Cross, Goodnestone
News! 40 years now have a wonderful window in the tower with a fantastic view. We are hoping to do tower tours in the new year.
Hythe U3A Swing Band: Saturday 21st November 6.30pm. Live music, dancing in the aisles allowed! Details from Sue Baker. Pay on door card or cash.
Choir rehearsal Tuesday eves 7-8pm. For info: denyer@doctors.org.uk.
Post Office: in church Mondays 9-11am

St Nicholas' Church, Ash
Families are welcome anytime and can use our new play area!
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 runs every Thursday 11-2 at Ash church. 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* It's almost a year since we launched. **Join us for a Birthday celebration! Thursday 3rd December.**
We had a lovely message from Macmillan thanking Warm Space for £366.60 raised at our coffee morning.
Wreath Tabletop Sale: Saturday 12th December in church 2-4pm. Made by our flower arrangers.