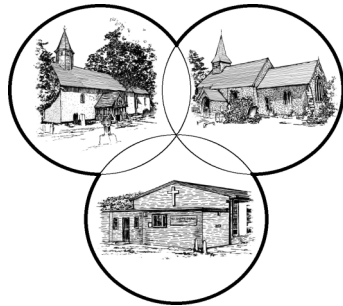


## THE PARISH OF FAWKHAM AND HARTLEY

St. Mary's Church,  
Fawkham

All Saints' Church,  
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## PARISH NOTES 20th November 2016

### *Christ the King*

### Collect

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

*We welcome all who attend our  
services today, especially those who  
are visitors or newcomers.*

At the communion services, all who are confirmed or who are full members of other churches are welcome to receive Communion. All others, adults and children, are invited to come forward for a blessing; in this case, please carry a book with you so that it is clear to those administering that you do not intend to receive Communion.

**COME**  
& SEE  
DISCOVER  
SHARE  
BE

### 9.00 am All Saints' Church, Hartley Holy Communion (Common Worship)

A service booklet is provided

Hymns: 77, 435, 528 & 109 (MP)

### 10.30 am Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre, Hartley Family Service

A service booklet is provided

### 11.00am St. Mary's Church, Fawkham Morning Prayer (BCP said)

### 12.30 pm All Saints' Church, Hartley Holy Baptism

Esmé Evans is Baptised into the life of Christ and the fellowship of the Church

## Sunday Bible Readings

### Jeremiah 23, 1 - 6 (page 736 OT)

Jeremiah, in a leap of faith, foretells the coming of a King who will sit on David's throne. He will create a society marked by wise and just administration; he will restore the broken unity of God's people. God himself pledges the honour of his name. He is the covenant Lord committed to his people by promises that will not be broken.

### Colossians 1, 11 - 20 (page 197 NT)

Paul praises Christ the King. Without him the universe cannot be either understood or properly appreciated. He will take away sin and make us a transformed society; he will give us the power to endure and live in the light. His resurrection and defeat of the cosmic powers ensure the safety and victory of the Church.

### Luke 23, 33 - 43 (page 85 NT)

One of the criminals dying beside Jesus on the cross recognises Jesus for who he really is. Flying in the face of all apparent evidence he acknowledges the battered and dying figure on the cross as the true God to whom all would pay allegiance. And in answering him Jesus points to the certainty of the Kingdom "Today you will be with me in paradise."

## Next Week's Diary

### Monday 21st November

9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church

10.00am Healing Team/Visitors Group meeting at St. Mary's

### Tuesday 22nd November

NO MORNING PRAYER TODAY

11.00am Funeral of Jan Day at St. Mary's Church

7.30pm Women's Fellowship at Maureen Dorrell's

### Wednesday 23rd November

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church

### Thursday 24th November

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church

10.00am Pop-In Coffee & Chat at the Church Centre

7.30pm Buildings Committee in Parish Room

### Saturday 26th November

4.00pm Messy Church At the Church Centre

## Weekday Readings

Mon	Isaiah 40.1-11	Revelation 14.1-13
Tues	Isaiah 40.12-26	Revelation 14.14 - 15.end
Wed	Isaiah 40.27 - 41.7	Revelation 16.1-11
Thurs	Isaiah 41.8-20	Revelation 16.12-end
Fri	Isaiah 41.21 - 42.9	Revelation ch. 17
Sat	Isaiah 42.10-17	Revelation ch. 18

## Wednesday Holy Communion at All Saints' Church 10.00am

Revelation 15.1-4      Psalm 98      Luke 21.12-19

## Sunday 27th November 2016 Advent Sunday

**10.00am Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre  
Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
Joint Parish Service**

**4.00pm St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Ash  
Cluster Carol Service**

### FROM THE RECTOR

A very special **WELCOME** to our services today and to all visitors, or if it is your first time to our Church. Please do take this Parish Notes home with you to read. Our website address is on the front of these notes—do have a browse for more information about our Parish/Cluster and forthcoming services and events. **TODAY** we remember the Kingship of Christ in our services. A big welcome to the Evans family as Esme is baptised in to God's family today.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped and supported our Christmas Fayre yesterday. We will know for next weeks notes how much we have raised. A special thank you to Carole Harris and her team for all their organisation and hard work.

**MESSY ADVENT/NATIVITY:** The Messy Church team would like to organise the Advent Project again. This involves children collecting the names of knitted sheep from local shops and businesses, and spreading the word about the true meaning of Christmas. We therefore need people to help deliver the sheep and posters locally. If you can help please contact Kim Vale. The Project will conclude with everyone being invited to Messy Nativity on Sunday 18th December, 10.30am at The Church Centre. All welcome.

**ADVENT TRAVELLERS** Please sign up asap on our rota if you wish to host the Advent Travellers this year. Their journey around the Parish begins next Sunday, 27th November.

**CLUSTER ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** on Sunday 27th November, 4.00pm at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Ash. All welcome.

**CHURCH CENTRE CUP QUIZ** Following a very successful and enjoyable quiz last Saturday, we made £428 profit after expenses for church funds. Well done to everyone involved, particularly Barbara and Peter Mayer for their hard work in setting such interesting and challenging questions.

**NEW DAYLIGHT BIBLE READING NOTES** If you wish to continue receiving this publication and would like join the scheme to receive them please let Rosemary Roberts know by Wednesday 30th November at the latest 01474 702470. Rosemary will be taking on the ordering of these in the future. We still have a few copies of the current publication that have not been collected.

**NEXT CLUSTER COFFEE AND COMMUNION AT LONGFIELD**  
9.30am on Wednesday 30th November.

### Advent Courses for 2016 - Living in the Light

Thursdays in Parish Room 11.00am in Parish Room - 3 sessions 1st, 8th and 15th December - names to Marion in Parish Office 704972

St. Mary Magdalene Longfield, Wednesdays, 11. a.m., Jubilee Hall, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (following Cluster Communion at 9.30am), December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Each session is 'stand alone' - so you can miss a week without losing the thread! The Course Book will be provided. **Any one may attend** (bring a Friend) in the Cluster.

Contact Lawrie Townson at Longfield Church

**Cluster Youth Crew CHRISTMAS CURRY PARTY- Sunday 11th December - for young people ages 11- 14yrs C.Y.C 7.30pm - 9.30pm** at Church Centre, Hartley(after Christingle Service) . All young people are welcome - *Bring a friend or someone new!*

Our next **PRAYER BREAKFAST** is Thursday, 15th December 'Advent Special' in the Parish Room at the Church Centre. All welcome. A big thank you to the Kneller's for hosting last weeks.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** Next meeting is at Maureen Dorrell's house, 9 Greenway, Hartley on Tuesday 22nd November starting at the earlier time of 7.30pm.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR** Our special group which will lead the singing on Sunday December 18th at the service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Rehearsals will be at St. Mary Fawkham 8.00 – 9.15 pm on Tuesdays: 22, 29 November, 6 and 13 December with the final rehearsal on Friday 16 December. All singers welcome. Please contact Norma Crowe as soon as possible.

**CHRISTINGLE MAKING:** Please do come and join us for Christingle making on Saturday 10th December, 10.00am at the Church Centre. This is always good fun, and if 15-20 people turn up it should only take us about an hour and a half. Hot drinks provided, and leftover dolly mixtures for the children! Christingle services are the following day, the 11th, 4.00pm and 6.00pm at St. Mary's, Fawkham.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR APPEAL?** We are asking all families to donate one small item of food or toiletries each day between Advent Sunday (27th November) and Messy Nativity (18th December) and to put these in a box or bag and bring them along to the Messy Nativity Service. The gifts will be blessed before being taken to the local food bank for distribution before Christmas.

**YARN AND YAP - Jubilee Hall, St. Mary Magdalene, Longfield - come and help.** Monthly Cluster Woolly Meetings in aid of Blankets for the Homeless. 12.30pm – 2.30pm December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Light lunch and drinks/ cakes provided. Just turn up.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB** A new lunch club will be launching in 2017 (see noticeboards). If you are interested in being involved in this worthwhile project and you can spare just a few hours once a month, then we need to hear from you. Contact Community Warden, Jackie West - 07811271259 Jackie.west@kent.gov.uk or Joy Chapman

**BIG ADVENT COFFEE MORNING** - The Big Advent Coffee Morning and Advent Raffle will be at 10am on Saturday 3rd December at Jubilee Hall, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield. Do come along and join us.

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom

*Luke 23:42*

### Looking Forward

**Wednesday 30th November 7.30pm** Holy Land meeting at Church Centre

**Saturday 10th December 10.00am** Christingle making at Church Centre

**Sunday 11th December 4 & 6pm** Christingle Services at St. Mary's Church

**Sunday 18th December 10.30am** Messy Nativity at the Church Centre  
5.00pm 9 Lessons and Carols at St Mary's

**Thursday 22nd December** Carols & Christmassy Things at Church Centre

**Saturday 24th December** Crib Services at All Saints' Church

**TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND 2018** We would potentially like to organise a Cluster 8 day trip to the Holy Land in Spring 2018, taking in Jerusalem and Galilee. If you are interested in coming please register your interest with Andrew Gray as there will be a maximum number we can take. A meeting to find out more will be in Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre **7.30pm on Wednesday 30th November** where Jim and Mell will talk about their experiences of going to the Holy Land. You will not be committing yourself to anything by just coming along to find out what it is all about.

**CAROL SINGING IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE Monday 5 December, 7-8 p.m.** This has over the years been a very happy event for our church community at Ash - singers and supporters - and we're now looking forward to it being an evening enjoyed by our friends across the cluster. The invitation is for **people to sing and people to support**. The singing is largely of very well known carols - copies provided and no rehearsal needed! We take a collection in the square, this year for the Ellenor Lions Hospice. There will be a **coach, leaving New Ash Green (via Hartley and Longfield) at 5 p.m.** offering a return journey (and, with luck, a drive around the Christmas lights) at a cost of about £10. Anyone who would like to sing, or would like a seat on the coach, should please contact Ian Nurdin, John Harding or Nick Noakes through Ash Church - before too long!

**PASTORAL MATTERS** Please inform us of anyone who is unwell or in need of help within the community to enable us to ensure that we can arrange visits and practical help if necessary. Please contact Shirley Wilson. If you would like someone added to our prayer list please let someone on the Ministry Team know, but please keep us updated with information of that person.

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