

THE PARISH OF FAWKHAM AND HARTLEY

St. Mary's Church,
Fawkham

All Saints' Church,
Hartley



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PARISH NOTES

12th and 19th August 2018

Collect for 12th August (11th Sunday after Trinity)

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for 19th August (12th Sunday after Trinity)

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

If you use a hearing aid, switch it to "T" to get the clearest sound.

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.

12th August

9.00am All Saints' Church, Hartley, Morning Worship

HYMNS: (Ancient & Modern)
192 Praise my Soul the King of Heaven
262 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
394 Lord of all hopefulness
214 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

6.30pm St Mary's Church, Fawkham Evening Prayer (BCP)

HYMNS: (Ancient & Modern)
192 Praise my Soul the King of Heaven
262 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
394 Lord of all hopefulness
104 For the beauty of the earth

19th August

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

HYMNS: (Mission Praise)
59 Blessed Assurance
327 Immortal, invisible
51 Be Thou my vision
498 O God, our help in ages past

12.30pm All Saints' Church, Hartley, Holy Baptism

Valencia Kerr-Cameron is Baptised into the life of Christ and the fellowship of the Church

Weekday Readings from 13th August

Mon	2 Samuel 3.12-end	Acts ch. 6
Tues	2 Samuel 5.1-12	Acts 7.1-16
Wed	2 Samuel 6.1-19	Acts 7.17-43
Thurs	2 Samuel 7.1-17	Acts 7.44-53
Fri	2 Samuel 7.18-end	Acts 7.54—8.3
Sat	2 Samuel ch. 9	Acts 8.4-25

Bible Readings

12th August

1 Kings 19, 4 - 8 (page 336 OT)

In the Old Testament reading from Kings Elijah, having been brought low by Jezebel's threats and apparently giving up the ministry to which God has called him, has become depressed. The response of God, in sending an angel with food and drink, is gracious and beautifully compassionate. The nourishment Elijah receives from heaven appears to have a special quality which enables his extraordinary journey to Horeb, where he will encounter the still, small voice of God and be commissioned once again for God's work.

Ephesians 4, 25 - 5, 2 (page 191 NT)

Paul, having stressed the need for Christians to lead a new life in Christ, now explains how this might work out in practice. The list of instructions shows how the principles of unity and love in the church should affect the way we behave. Lying, unjustified anger and stealing, all of which undermine fellowship with one another, are condemned, especially taking into account the everyday nature of these sins. Unity and love must be real, not just in principle. The security of knowing that we are loved by God the Father helps us to love others in return. Christ's sacrificial love is an example for us to follow. The Holy Spirit lives in us as a guarantee of redemption enabling us to live lives pleasing to God.

John 6, 35 and 41 - 51 (page 95 NT)

In the reading from the Gospel of Saint John Jesus says "I am the bread of life". As the bread of life Jesus is the one who nourishes us, the one on whom we are to depend for eternal life. This brings into sharp focus the implications of accepting or rejecting his message. God's offer is made to those whom he chooses, but this is balanced by stress on our responsibility to come to God through Christ. Through his Spirit God teaches us and gives us insight so that our will becomes more attuned to his; his choice and our response work in harmony.

19th August

Proverbs 9, 1 - 6 (page 603 OT)

The reading tells of wisdom as the creative power of God. Wisdom offers generous hospitality. God takes the initiative and offers blessing on a grand scale to those who are prepared to admit their need for him. Wisdom offers understanding. God does not expect mere blind obedience; though his Spirit our minds are illuminated so that we become willing partners in his purposes. Wisdom offers life. He stark choice between wisdom and folly is portrayed as a matter of choosing between life and death.

Ephesians 5, 15 - 20 (page 192 NT)

Paul gives a wake-up call to the church to live the distinctive committed life God wants us to live in an indifferent or hostile world. We live the wisdom of God and not the folly of the world. We are to use our time wisely in a sinful age. We are to live wisely by gaining a practical understanding of what God's will for us is. Being filled with the Holy Spirit manifests itself in worship. Our praise of God shows the world that our commitment is to God's will and wisdom. In turn our worship of God reinforces our relationship with him, binding us more closely to him, both as an individual and his church.

John 6, 51 - 58 (page 95 NT)

Jesus sums the teaching about himself as the bread of life and sets it in the context of his work on the cross. Jesus says he will give his flesh for the life of the world. These verses are both a reference to the Eucharist and a metaphor for the believer's relationship with Jesus. Both ideas point back to the person of Jesus, his sacrificial love (epitomised by his death) and the need for a faithful response to that love.

Weekday Readings from 20th August

Mon	2 Samuel ch. 11	Acts 8.26-end
Tues	2 Samuel 12.1-25	Acts 9.1-19a
Wed	2 Samuel 15.1-12	Acts 9.19b-31
Thurs	2 Samuel 15.13-end	Acts 9.32-end
Fri	Genesis 28.10-17	John 1.43-end
Sat	2 Samuel 17.1-23	Acts 10.17-33

Sunday 25th August 2018
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am St, Mary's Church, Fawkham
Joint Holy Communion
(Common Worship)

READINGS FOR 25th AUGUST

Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18 Ephesians 6.10-20 John 6.56-69

FROM THE CLERGY

WELCOME to our services and to all visitors, or if it is your first time to our Church. Please do take these 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/Group and forthcoming services and events.

SUMMER: For those going away during the summer, safe and exciting travels to you all! Whether you are away or at home, I hope you have a few weeks of rest, refreshment or at least a different pace of life! Do pray for our local school leavers as they move to secondary school and for families who might find these few weeks a difficult time.

CHURCH CENTRE: Due to holidays and work being done at the Centre, there will be no services at the Church Centre during August. Please check Parish Notes and the rota for services at All Saints', St Mary's and in the Group across this period. Please speak to our Churchwardens if you require a lift to any services in August. If you are able to drive to other places and can offer a lift please do so.

BISHOP JAMES announced last week that our new Archdeacon will be Revd. Andrew Wooding Jones. Please see noticeboards for more details and please pray for Andrew and his wife Margaret as they prepare to take up this position.

REVD. HELEN REEVES has been announced as the new Rector for Ash and Ridley. We know Helen well from her time here and this is therefore exciting news for her, Ash and Ridley and the RNWK Group. Helen will start this position in the Autumn. Her licencing will be on 13th November. Do keep her and the family in your prayers.

ST. MARY'S PATRONAL is on Sunday 9th Sept, 10.30am. If you would like to join a Group Choir for this occasion please speak to Norma Crowe or Jim. And if you would like to help with some picnic refreshments after please speak to our Churchwardens. Thank you to those who supported Longfield's Patronal recently.

Next 2 Weeks' Diary

No Wednesday morning services during this period but the Churches are open for your own prayer and reflection.

Monday 13th August	NO MORNING PRAYER 11.15am Funeral of June Davies at Medway Crematorium
Tuesday 14th August	9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church
Thursday 16th August	9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church 10.00am Pop-in Parlour at Church Centre
Friday 17th August	Wedding of Patrick Horwood and Sarah Blanche at St. Mary's Church
Saturday 18th August	4.00—6.00pm Messy Church Roadshow at St. Mary's Church, Fawkham
Monday 20th August	NO MORNING PRAYER
Tuesday 21st August	9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church
Thursday 23rd 9.00am	Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church

CONFIRMATION: If you are not confirmed and would like to be, we will be starting a confirmation course in the Autumn. A Deanery Confirmation service will then be held on Sunday 25th November at 6.00pm.

MESSY CHURCH ROADSHOW Saturdays 18th and 25th at St Mary's, Fawkham. All at 4.00—6.00pm and all welcome. Please bring a picnic.

MESSY CHURCH: Dates for 2018 are available, on flyers at the back of Church or in the office. Next Messy Church is on Saturday 15th September in the Church Centre but please make note of our Summer Roadshows below. Spread the word!

AN INVITATION FROM ASH CHURCH—WE WALK AGAIN [Watch this space for details of an 'all-day' (i.e. a bit longer, but leisurely) expedition on Bank Holiday Monday, 27 August ...]

BIKE AROUND BRANDS 2018. Bob Kneller is once again taking part in the annual sponsored bicycle event at Brands Hatch, on the famous 1.2 mile Indy Circuit. Organised by the Lions in support of Ellenor it takes place on Friday August 17th at 6.30pm. If you would like to sponsor him we would be pleased to hear from you. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF KENT RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday 8th September 10am—6pm

We need volunteers for manning churches and for cyclists and walkers to participate in this traditional event. Please contact Valerie Campbell via Parish Office 704972 if you can help and for sponsor forms.

TALKING....THE GOOD NEWS Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in this. We are hoping to run this sometime later in the Autumn, dates will be announced once we hear back from Diocesan Office.

Looking Forward

Saturday 18th August	4pm Messy Church Roadshow at Fawkham
Saturday 25th August	4pm Messy Church Roadshow at Fawkham
Sunday 9th September	St. Mary's Patronal
Sunday 30th September	Harvest Festival
Saturday 20th October	7.30pm Church Centre Cup Quiz
Sunday 25th November	6.00pm Deanery Confirmation

PRAYER BREAKFAST: Thursday 20th September. 8.30am at The Rectory for a Prayer walk to All Saints' Church followed by breakfast.

PRAYER FESTIVAL AT ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Saturday 22nd September 10am—2.30pm. A donation of £6 per person is requested to cover costs. For more details visit: www.rochester.anglican.ord/prayer-festival.php

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP next meeting will be Tuesday 25th September. Venue to be arranged.

16TH PARISH CHARITY GOLF COMPETITION (Gentleman's Cup & Ladies' Plate) will be held on Thursday 4th October 2018

The day's programme is : -
Coffee and a bacon roll on arrival followed by T-off from 11am. Competition followed by a presentation Dinner (2 courses), coffee, prize-giving & raffle. Golfers £47.50 (Redlibetts members 24.50) Dinner guests £17.50 Nominated charity: WaterAid (www.wateraid.org)
For further details or to enter the competition please contact: - Brian Bowes. The closing date for entries is Sunday 23rd September 2018

WEEDING AT THE CHURCH CENTRE We are in need of a kind volunteer or two who are willing to do some weeding at the Church Centre. Anyone interested please contact Marion in the Parish Office, Valerie Campbell or Malcolm Harris. We still need some more volunteers to set up a team to help with this.

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.

PARISH OFFICE The Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings 9am—12 noon and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon until 3pm.
The Parish Office will be closed from 23rd to 29th August inclusive. 01474 704972 e-mail: parishoffice@fawkhamandhartley.org.uk

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