

THE PARISH OF FAWKHAM AND HARTLEY

St. Mary's Church,
Fawkham

All Saints' Church,
Hartley



Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre

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PARISH NOTES

17th February 2019

Third Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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.*

*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.

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

A service booklet is provided
Hymns: (Mission Praise)
457 Make Way, Make Way
1 A New Commandment
59 Blessed Assurance
498 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

10.30am Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre Morning Worship

A service booklet is provided
Hymns: (Mission Praise)
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Sunday 24th February - Second Sunday before Lent

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

Other services across the Group next Sunday:

8.00am Ash—Morning Prayer
8.00am Longfield—Holy Communion
9.00am Ridley—Morning Worship
10.30am Ash—Holy Communion
10.30am Longfield—All Age Worship
6.30pm Ridley—Evening Prayer

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 17.5-10 (page 730 OT)

In the Old Testament reading **Jeremiah** presents paths that lead either to life or to death. The way to death is one of dryness and fruitlessness, relying as it does on human achievement and turning away from God. The way to life is the way of trust, faith and fruitfulness. It is part of the creating love of God.

1 Corinthians 15. 12-20 (page 173 NT)

In his first letter to the **Corinthians** Paul asserts the centrality of the resurrection of Christ, without which neither Christian living nor Christian preaching are possible.

Luke 6.17-26 (page 61 NT)

In the reading from the **Gospel of Saint Luke** Jesus teaches the true meaning of living. No life of faith and love is possible if basic attitudes are worldly and self-centred.

Next Week's Diary

Monday 18th February

9.30 am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church

Tuesday 19th February

9.30 am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church
7.30pm Women's Fellowship Magic Lantern Show at Church Centre

Wednesday 20th February

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Hartley

Thursday 21st February

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church
10.00 am Pop-In at All Saints' Church Centre
1.30pm Funeral of Winifred Green (Teri) at St. Mary's Church

Weekday Readings at Morning Prayer

Mon	2 Chronicles 2.1-16	John 17.1-5
Tue	2 Chronicles 3	John 17.6-19
Wed	2 Chronicles 5	John 17.20-end
Thurs	2 Chronicles 6.1-21	John 18.1-11
Fri	2 Chronicles 6.22-end	John 18.12-27
Sat	2 Chronicles 7	John 18.28-end

Wednesday Readings for 20th February

Genesis 8.6-13, 20-end Psalm 116.10-end Mark 8.22-26



FROM THE CLERGY

WELCOME to our services today 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.

FROM THE RECTOR:- Our last Sunday will be the **24th March** with a joint Group Holy Communion, **10.30am** at the Church Centre. Would be lovely to see you as we bid farewell. Following the service there will be a Bring and Share lunch. The licensing service at St. George's will be **Monday 29th April, 7.30pm**. Being a bigger Church there is no need of a ticket system but it would be helpful to know how many may be coming—please give your name to Marion in the office. There may also be an opportunity to car share if you speak to Marion.

PRAYER CHAMPION: A big thank you to Anna Gray for her service to the Deanery and being our Parish Prayer Champion. We now need someone new who could take on this role and be prepared to be involved with Deanery prayer events and opportunities. Speak to Jim for more info. Anna leaving her Deanery Synod role does create one more position to be filled than was first advertised. Again, speak to Jim for more info about what Deanery Synod involves (only 3 meetings a year).

APCM: This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on **Thursday 21st March, 8.00pm** at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre. At this meeting we will elect 2 Churchwardens, 5 PCC members (4 for 3 years and 1 person for one year) and two Deanery Synod members (all subject to a DBS check). Please speak to Jim or Valerie if interested.

ELECTORAL ROLL Every six years the existing Electoral Roll has to be destroyed and **EVERYONE** on the existing Electoral Roll now has to **REAPPLY** to go on the new one. You all need to fill in a new form if you wish to be included on the new Electoral Roll. These forms are available at the back of the churches or on the website and they will be circulated to you if you receive Parish Notes by e-mail. These forms need to be **RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR TO CHRISTINE HOAD BY WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY** when the new Electoral will be closed prior to the APCM meeting. Names can be added after the APCM meeting when the Roll opens again.

NEW PARISH MISSION LINK: Before Christmas, the PCC agreed to support one of our Diocesan Mission Links as we have not been supporting a particular project since our support to Banni School ended. We have decided on Mpwapwa in Central Tanzania as our Parish used to have an association with there. Stephen and Sylvie Barbor are coming to speak to us to launch the project on **Sunday 10th March, 10.30am** at the Church Centre. Do come along to find out more. Norma Crowe was very involved with our Parish Mission Links so we are looking for new people to be involved. Please speak to Jim, James Nash or Sheila Howsam to find out more.

MORNING PRAYER: It would be lovely to have a small team of people who can lead Morning Prayer in our Churches on weekdays after Jim has left. Please speak to Jim for more info.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Magic Lantern Show, Tuesday, 19th February 7.30pm at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre.

PRAYER BREAKFAST: We meet again for a time of prayer, food and fellowship on **Thursday 14th March**, 9.00am at the Kneller's. We can also discuss possibilities for future prayer breakfasts.

PROOFREADING and BOOKS: With Jim leaving, would anyone like to take on the parish notes proof reading task? Speak to Marion if interested. Also, if you have any books of Jim's that were lent please can you return before he leaves.

MESSY CHURCH: Thanks to those who helped yesterday. Messy meets again on **Saturday, 16th March**, 4.00pm at The Church Centre. ALL WELCOME.

C0 DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COURSE Many thanks to all who attended the courses on 28th November and 5th December. Certificates are now available from the Parish Office.

PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, In May 2020, Chris and Carol Stone will be leading a party to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau, an event held just once every ten years. There are still a few places remaining for this visit which leaves on 27 May 2020 and returns a week later. The booking deadline is 28 February this year. Exact details of the trip and costs etc are available by email - chris.stone@hotmail.co.uk - or by phone via the Parish Office - 01474 704972 and a general description of the visit and the play can be found at <https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/our-pilgrimages/oberammergau/>.

FRIENDS OF FAWKHAM CHURCH AGM
The Friends of Fawkham Church are holding their Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th March 2019 in St Mary's Church, Fawkham. After brief formal proceedings there will be a break for coffee & biscuits then a talk by Chairman Christopher Proudfoot.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord

Jeremiah 17: 7

Looking Forward

Friday 1st March	World Day of Prayer at New Ash Green Community Centre
Thursday 14th March	9am Prayer Breakfast at the Kneller's 7.30 pm Friends of Fawkham Church AGM at St. Mary's Church
Saturday 16th March	4pm Messy Church at the Church Centre
Thursday 21st March	APCM, 8pm at the Church Centre
Saturday 8th June	Summer Fete

SUMMER FETE COMMITTEE This year's Summer Fete will be on Saturday 8th June. If you would like to join the committee or can offer help please speak to Carole Harris or David Tremain.

THE HART: As many of you know, I write an article for The Hart 5-6 times a year. Usually this is something connected with the Church year but can be anything with a spiritual connection. The Hart editors would love to hear from you if you would like to write an article. My clergy colleagues will do some but not as many as 5-6 a year, so some offers of help would be lovely. Please speak to Jim or Jeff Loomes for more info.

PALM CROSSES: It's that time of year when we need your Palm Crosses back ready for Ash Wednesday. Please either give these to Marion in the Office or through The Rectory door. Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - (formally Women's, but now all are welcome) is on Friday March 1st at New Ash Green Community Centre, next to the Primary School. A light lunch will be served beforehand. Time to be confirmed, but 12.45 for 1pm until 3pm. Please come along.

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 usually open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings 9am—12 noon and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon until 3pm. inclusive. 01474 704972 e-mail: parishoffice@fawkhamandhartley.org.uk

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