

## 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

15th October 2017

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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.*

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**

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

A service booklet is provided

Hymns: 16 All My Hope on God is Founded  
(Mission Praise) 111 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
327 Immortal, Invisible  
708 To God be the Glory

**10.30am Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre  
Morning Worship**

A service booklet is provided

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## Bible Readings

**Isaiah 25:1-9 (page 662 OT)**

In the Old Testament reading **Isaiah** speaks of the greatness of God which elicits praise from the faithful and enemies alike. He pictures future salvation as an extravagant feast for all the world. It is a symbol of the joy and plenty that will abound when God's creation-wide rule is established in power on earth.

**Philippians 4: 1 - 9 (page 196 NT)**

In the reading from his letter to the **Philippians** Paul writes from prison and pleads with the Philippians not to make his sacrifices worthless by reneging on their commitment to Christ or by allowing division and dissent to rupture the fellowship they enjoy. They are to have the responsibility of passing on the message and upholding the faith. They are to rejoice and not be anxious because it is only the response of joy and trust, whatever the circumstances that will enable the peace of God to be experienced in a way that passes understanding because it transcends outward circumstances.

**Matthew 22: 1 - 14 (page 23 NT)**

In the reading from the Gospel of **Saint Matthew** Jesus criticises the breathtaking stupidity of those who reject the king's invitation to his glorious banquet. Their priorities are completely wrong and they have no sense of the value of the invitation or the consequences of its refusal. However the plan is bigger than those for whom it was originally intended, and so the invitation is broadened out to include all sorts of unlikely people. But there are standards of life and conduct to maintain as an appropriate response to it and a failure to maintain those standards is as damning as refusing the invitation in the first place.

### Next Week's Diary

#### **Monday 16th October**

9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church

#### **Tuesday 17th October**

9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church

#### **Wednesday 18th October**

10.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church, Hartley

#### **Thursday 19th October**

9.00am Prayer Breakfast at The Kneller's house

10.00am Pop-In Parlour at Church Centre

#### **Saturday 21st October**

9.00am Quiet Day at Burrswood

### **Weekday Readings**

Mon	2 Chronicles 17.1-12	Mark 15.1-15
Tues	2 Chronicles 18.1-27	Mark 15.16-32
Wed	Isaiah ch. 55	Luke 1.1-4
Thurs	2 Chronicles 20.1-23	Mark 15.42-end
Fri	2 Chronicles 22.10—23.end	Mark 16.1-8
Sat	2 Chronicles 24.1-22	Mark 16.9-end

#### **Wednesday 10.00am at All Saints' Church, Hartley**

Isaiah 35.3-6 Psalm 147.1-7 Luke 10.1-9

**Sunday 22nd October 2017**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**5.00pm St. Mary's Church, Fawkham**  
**Healing Service**

**Reading for 22nd October**  
**Matthew 22.15-22**

**FROM THE RECTOR**

**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. **PARISH NEWSLETTERS** are being given out today so please make sure you are given one. I am preaching today at All Saints', Orpington where Cathy Knight-Scott is Curate so I will pass on your best wishes.

**FROM MELL, BRIAN, ARWEN AND ARTHUR**

Thank you so much for our lovely farewell service and lunch last Sunday and for all who came and made it so special. It was very moving and we will miss you all. Thank you for the flowers, gifts and kind wishes you have sent and we have begun to use the voucher to start the hunt for curtains for the vicarage! We shall be leaving Hartley and moving up on Tuesday 24th October. I will be installed as Vicar of the Holy Redeemer Church Lamorbey, Days Lane, Sidcup DA15 8JR on the 8th November. Jim and Marion will have our forwarding details. In the meantime you can e-mail me on [melaniejemmett@btinternet.com](mailto:melaniejemmett@btinternet.com) Do come and visit at a service to say hello anytime and stay in touch. Please hold us in your prayers as a family at this time of transition. Farewell and God Bless x

**ON WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**, Mell will be licensed at Holy Redeemer, Lamorbey at 7.30pm. Tickets have all gone but you can join a waiting list if anyone drops out. Speak to Marion Strachan.

**JOHN CROOK RIP:** We have all been saddened with the news of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with Jenny and the family at this time. John's funeral will be Friday 10th November, 12.30pm at St Mary's, Fawkham.

**THANK YOU** to so many who helped make the Harvest Festival weekend, Beetle Drive and Barn dance so special. The **Food Bank** were delighted to receive 170.5 kilos of donations from us and £52.06 in cash. They send their heartfelt thanks. Their main requirement now is savoury pies and sweet puddings if you want to help them.

**ON THE 29TH OCTOBER** there will now be an additional 9.00am Group communion service at All Saints' Church. At 10.30am that day there is an opportunity to say goodbye to Ruth Oates who is retiring. This is at Ash Church. All welcome.

**NEXT PRAYER BREAKFAST** is on 19th October, 9.00am at the Kneller's house. (contact via 704972) All welcome.

**HELP NEEDED** If anyone would like to help me lead services in our local residential homes of Old Downs and Fairby Grange please do speak to me for more details.

**MESSY CHURCH** Thanks to those who helped yesterday. Our next Messy Church will be on Saturday 25th November at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre, 4.00—6.00pm

**HEALING WEEKEND:** Jim is leading a Quiet day at Burrswood, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday 21st October, 9.00 - 5.00pm including travel time and attending the Burrswood Healing service. Max of 20 spaces, please book with Marion (car shares recommended). No cost, but please bring a packed lunch. The following day on the 22nd, there will be a 5.00pm Healing service at St. Mary's. All welcome.

**EVENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL OLDER MILITARY VETERANS**

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October Royal British Legion Industries are holding an Information and Advice Day at West Kingsdown Village Hall to support local older Military Veterans. See noticeboards for details.

**ASH VILLAGE HALL THE STREET ASH - FUND RAISING CONCERT**

On Saturday 21st October at 7.30 pm "The Back Room Band " will be giving a concert in Ash Village Hall in aid of refurbishing the kitchen. Tickets (£8) are available from Pet's Pantry New Ash Green

**'JAM FOR JAMES'** We will soon be advertising details of Bishop James' visit to the deanery at the end of November. On the 25th November, 7.30pm there will be an 'open mic' jam session evening where we are inviting musicians and singers to be part of a wonderful welcome to Bishop James. This will be at the New Ash Green Sports Pavilion. Please contact Cameron Clark if you would like to participate in the evening. Please do put the date in the diary to come along and join the fun! Speak to Jim or Norma Crowe if you have any questions.

**FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** are now six months overdue. If you do not intend to rejoin for 2017, please let the Membership Secretary Colin Senneck know. Alternatively please drop your form/cheque/cash to him

**GROUP WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

At the next Group Women's Fellowship Meeting there will be a talk on the Romanovs by Alan Strachan. Do come along and join us for this evening—7.30pm at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre on Tuesday 24th October—there is no cost for this event.

**Parish Charity Golf Day - Thursday 5th October 2017**

Thirty-five golfers took part in this year's event at Redlibbets Golf Club and forty-one golfers and guests sat down for the presentation dinner. Congratulations to Janet Byard who won the Ladies plate and Trevor Gibb who won the Gentlemen's Cup. We were blessed with fabulous weather for the golf and enjoyed a good meal and a social evening. The chosen charity this year was The Children's Society and four hundred and seventy-nine pounds and fifty pence was raised on the night. Thanks to all who took part, helped with the administration and provided prizes and support for the raffle. Their generosity is much appreciated. Brian Bowes **And a big thank you to Brian for all his organising. Jim.**

**VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer  
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be  
made known to God

*Philippians 4: 6*

**Looking Forward**

<b>Saturday 28th October</b>	Church Centre Cup Quiz
<b>Sunday 5th November</b>	All Saints' Patronal and Departed Loved Ones service
Friday 10th November	Broadway Show Songs - Church Centre
<b>Sunday 12th November</b>	Remembrance Sunday
<b>Saturday 25th November</b>	'Jam for James' concert (see parish notes)
<b>Sunday 26th November</b>	6.00pm Confirmation Service
Friday 8th December	Front Room Singers Christmas Concert - Church Centre

**CONFIRMATION:** There will be a Deanery Confirmation service at 6.00pm on Sunday 26th November at Cobham Church. If you have not been confirmed and would like to, please speak to Jim.

**CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ** Friday 20th October 7.30pm/ £6 per head, Teams of up to 8. St. John's Church, Meopham. Proceeds will go to a Christian Aid partnership scheme supporting children affected by HIV/AIDS in Kenya. Tickets 01474 879059

WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO ACCEPT THE OLD ONE POUND COINS

**CHURCH CENTRE CUP QUIZ**

Saturday 28th October 7.30 pm at the Church Centre. Teams of 6-8 people. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets available from the Parish Office 704972 or Tony Lyne

**BROADWAY SHOW SONGS 7.30pm on Friday 10th November in Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre.** An informal candlelit evening of musical songs – classic solos, duets and show songs performed by Justine Davies, soprano and Andrew Quinn, bass-baritone and accompanied by Barrie Payne at the keyboard. Tickets £10 to include a food platter and a drink. Booking essential from Parish Office 704972.

**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 WILL BE CLOSED FROM 3PM FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER—OPEN AGAIN ON TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER**  
**The Parish Office is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings 9am—12 noon and Thursday afternoon until 3pm. 01474 704972**  
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