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
23rd April 2017
St George's Day

Collect

God of hosts,
who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and by his death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him
the fullness of the resurrection;
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

St. George's Day Service

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

A service sheet is provided (including hymns)

Bible Reading

John 15:1-8 (page 106 NT)

Jesus is the Vine: - his people are the branches. Developing the image of Israel as the unproductive vineyard of God in Isaiah 5, Jesus pictures God as the owner, himself as the vine, from which life and productivity will now flow out to the branches, who are the members of the new community. God is glorified when they obey the commandment of love and live fruitful lives as his people.

Next Week's Diary

Monday 24th April
9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church
10.00am Pastoral Visiting Group meeting at St. Mary's
7.30pm Men's Group Curry Night at Longfield Tandoori

Tuesday 25th April
9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church
11.00am Holy Communion at Fairby Grange
8.00pm Women's Fellowship Meeting in Parish Room

Wednesday 26th April
10.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church

Thursday 27th April
9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints' Church
10.00am Pop-In Coffee & Chat at the Church Centre
8.00pm Friends of All Saints' Church AGM at All Saints' Church

Weekday Readings

Mon	Joshua 1.1-9	Ephesians 6.10-20
Tues	Isaiah 62.6-10	Acts 12.25—13.13
Wed	Deuteronomy 3.18-end	John 20.19-end
Thurs	Deuteronomy 4.1-14	John 21.1-14
Fri	Deuteronomy 4.15-31	John 21.15-19
Sat	Deuteronomy 4.32-40	John 21.20-end

Wednesday 26th April All Saints' Church 10.00am

Acts 5.17-26 Psalm 34.1-8 John 3.16-21

Sunday 30th April 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.30am Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre Group Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Readings for 30th April
Acts 2.14a & 36-41 1 Peter 1.17-23
Luke 24.13-35

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 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/Group and forthcoming services and events. **A special welcome** to those from our local Uniformed Groups as we celebrate St George's today.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped and participated in making Holy Week a very special time. Thank you!

FLOWERS FOR EASTER Thank you to all those who contributed towards the flowers for Easter and a huge thank you to Jean and Anne and their teams for all their hard work arranging the beautiful flowers.

KATHLEEN THOMAS RIP: We have been saddened to hear of the passing of Kathleen, such a loyal and committed Christian. A funeral service to celebrate Kathleen's life will be held on Tuesday 2nd May, 12 noon at Gravesend Crematorium.

NEXT SUNDAY: Whenever there is a fifth Sunday of the month, the mid-morning service will be a Group one to attempt to get all members of our Group together. We will host on this occasion, 10.30am at The Church Centre. For those who prefer an earlier service, there will be a 9.00am Holy Communion at Ridley.

DO SUPPORT our Churchwardens at their Visitation service on 22nd May, 8.00pm at St. Aidan's, Gravesend. All welcome.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH AGM Thursday 27th April 8pm in All Saints' Church. All welcome.

PRAYER BREAKFAST CHRISTIAN AID SPECIAL Thursday, 11th May 9.00am in the Parish Room. All Welcome

MEN'S CURRY NIGHT We are proposing to hold a Men's Curry Night on Monday 24th April starting at 7.30pm. The aim is to wish Jim well as he prepares to start his sabbatical and also to enjoy some good food and convivial conversation (without our wives being present - don't tell Anna I said that!). The venue will be the Longfield Tandoori Restaurant. Please can you let Andrew Gray know whether you are able to come

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP next meeting Tuesday 25th April 8.00pm in Parish Room

50TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTIAN AID WALK SATURDAY 13TH MAY
The morning route will be shorter this year to allow walkers to return to Meopham by 1:30pm for a finger buffet reception. Special guests this year include the Bishop of Rochester, The Right Rev. James Langstaff and Christian Aid's Director of Supporter & Community Partnerships, David Pain. Please joins us for the 10 mile morning walk, which includes stops at both St. Mary's and All Saints', the 6 mile afternoon walk (starting at 2pm) or both. For further information and entry forms please contact Peter Kettle from Meopham Church

RNWK YOUTH CREW FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 11-14 YEARS
Sun 14th May, 11th June and 9th July at St Mary Magdalene (Jubilee Hall) Longfield 7pm—8.0pm

MESSY CHURCH Our next Messy Church is at our Summer Fete on Saturday 20th May at Fawkham Meadow—behind St. Mary's Church, Fawkham—please come and join us.

FAWKHAM AND HARTLEY SUMMER FETE
Saturday 20th May 12 noon start at Fawkham Meadow.
More helpers **please** to set-up on the day and clear away at the end.
Please do come and help and support this event.
If anyone has a gazebo please can we borrow it for the fete
Items we will be needing:
Donations for Luxury Hamper to Penny Cole
Crockery for the crockery smash stall (no glass or pyrex please) - Renata Blacker
Tombola Prizes to Chris Best
Bottles for Bottle Tombola to Cynthia Martin
Nearly new/bric-a-brac and toys contact Jill Cramp or Julie Wilton
Raffle Prizes to Maureen Dorrell
Toiletries & Second Hand Jewellery to Dorothy Loomes & Anne Senneck
Cake Stall - Linda Ho'Vell & Jean Bowes
Cakes on the day - Carole Harris & Jean Bowes
Books and Jigsaws - taken to field on the day - Hazel Frost
Plants for the Plant Stall - Guides
For contact numbers contact Carole Harris or David Tremain

The 25th May - 4th June is a week of global prayer and the '***Thy Kingdom Come' initiative*** at Pentecost.
www.thykingdomcome.global
As part of this week of prayer and unity we will be spending the weekend with lots of other churches to worship, pray and celebrate at the **2017 'Big Church Day Out' on the**
27th and 28th May at Wiston House, West Sussex.
A team is going from our group of churches and we would love you to join us! We will have our own base area with gazebos and we will be meeting up on the Saturday and the Sunday. You can find out more and book your tickets individually at
BIGCHURCHDAYOUT.COM
If you would like to go as part of a group then please let Mell our Curate know as soon as possible. curate@fawkhamandhartley.org.uk

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, "I am the Vine, you are the branches"
John 15: 5

Looking Forward

Sunday 7th May	2pn Walking Treasure Hunt start at Church Centre
Saturday 13th May	50th Anniversary Christian Aid Walk
Saturday 20th May	Church Fayre at Fawkham Meadow
27th/28th May	**'Big Church Day Out'** Wiston House, Sussex
Saturday 17th June	Indoor Boor Sale at Church Centre

WALKING TREASURE HUNT Starting from 2pm at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre. It will take place on pavements and paths around Hartley, and will take about an hour. £5 per team of 4 (but up to 8 will be accepted). Refreshments and some activities will be available in the Church Centre. Prize for the winning team. Pay on door. 704972

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 Friday 5th May. Light lunch and drinks/cakes provided. Just turn up.

OPEN GARDEN FOR CHRISTIAN AID AT BISHOPSCOURT -
Saturday 13th May, 11.00am to 3.00pm.
Come and support Christian Aid by visiting the garden at Bishopscourt - teas, wonderful homemade cakes and a plant sale. Entry £2.00. Dogs welcome on a lead, disabled access to most of the garden.
Bishopscourt, 24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS. Enquiries to bridget.langstaff@btinternet.com Mobile 07816 828439.

THY KINGDOM COME Archdeaconry Prayer Events in Rochester Diocese
Tuesday 30 May 7-8pm Praying with Images—Christ Church Chislehurst
Wednesday 31 May 7-8pm Bringing your Concerns into Prayer—St. Benedict's Centre, St. Mary's Abbey, West Malling
Saturday 3rd June 11am—1pm Praying with the Bible—Christ Church Gravesend. See notice boards for full addresses.

LEAP OF FAITH—Women's Retreat Weekend Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July at Otford Manor. Please see noticeboards for details.

FOOD BANK: Items requested at present are Tea/Coffee, Sugar, tinned food such as Sweet Corn/Custard/Sponge Puddings etc. We thank you for all your on-going support.
Margaret & Carol

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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