

What's Happening in the Benefice and Diocese:

Note to all PCC members: There will be a joint PCC meeting on Saturday the 28th of April from 9.30 am until 12 pm. Coffee will be served beforehand.

Have you ever fancied the idea of a spiritual retreat, but the expense and inconvenience of going away has stopped you? There will be a week of 'A Retreat in Everyday Life' held at Eastry Church on Sunday 13th May until Saturday 19th May. If you are interested please see the brochure and application form at the back of the church. If you have any further questions please contact Shannon.

If you would like to receive the Benefice news sheet via email, contact Shannon at shannonpemberton@hotmail.com to be included in the weekly email list.

People in the Benefice to pray for this week:

Valerie Watkins, Sarah Luckhurst, Robin Bailey, Chris Elvin, Nigel Cannon, Ruth Bond, Russell and Sally Wright, Mike Bushell, Una & Haydon Rouse, Marjorie Foard, Anna Maynard, and Angela Newton

And for the families of those who have recently died: Vera Freer, Hon. Henry Maude

Please note:
Canonry Benefice Website
www.canonrybenefice.org.uk
St. Nicholas' Website
www.s8nicholas.org

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If you would like a notice included in this Benefice new sheet, please contact Shannon at shannonpemberton@hotmail.com



The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

(Ash, Wingham, Goodnestone, Chillenden, Nonington, Elmstone, Preston, and Stourmouth)

22nd April
Fourth Sunday of Easter

A very warm welcome to everyone at our services today. Please join us after the service for a cup of coffee and biscuits.

Readings for today:
Acts 4:5-12; Psa. 23; 1 John 3:16-end;
John 10:11-18

Today's Prayer:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Sunday 22nd April

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion, Ash |
| 9.00 am | Holy Communion, Goodnestone |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Preston |
| 10.30 am | Holy Communion, Ash |
| 10.30 am | Holy Communion, Nonington Baptist Church |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion, Wingham |

This week at a glance:

Tuesday 24th April

- 18.00 Prayer Meeting - Ash
- 19.30 Bell Ringers Practice - Wingham

Wednesday 25th April

- 10.00 Church Café - Ash
- 12.30 Foodbank - Ash
- 15.00 SNICS - Ash

Thursday 26th April

- 10.00 Coffee-stop - Nonington Baptist Church
- 14.30 Daytime Bible Study - Wingham
- 19.30 Bible Study - Nonington 'Cadair'

Friday 27th April

- 11.15 Home Group - Wingham

Next Sunday 29th April

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion, Ash |
| 10.30 am | Benefice Service, Goodnestone |

Notices within the Benefice:

On Sunday 29th April, we will be holding a Benefice Service at Holy Cross Church in Goodnestone at 10.30 am. Apart from the 8 am Holy Communion Service at Ash, there will be no other services in the Benefice on that day. It promises to be a lovely service with Rev. Peter Ingrams speaking and Goodnestone choir with other choirsters singing. This will be a fantastic opportunity to catch up with everyone from across our Benefice - so please come along!

The Friends of St. Mary's will be holding a 'Garage Sale' on Saturday 2nd June. To register your "garage" (it doesn't have to be a garage!) contact Jan Millett 01227 720215. If you would like to take part but aren't central to our village, we can arrange a site for you. The fee to register is £10 per site.

Ash Church Cafe meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to come along for a coffee, cake, and a chat.

The APCM (Annual meeting) for Elmstone and Preston churches will be in St. Mildred's church Preston on Sunday 22nd April at 10.30 am after the service.

Elmstone Open Church and Village Fete will be held on Sunday 6th May from 2.30 to 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and support the church and community.

Nonington 'Coffestop' meet at the Baptist Chapel, Thursdays from 10-12noon. Come along and meet your friends or make new ones

Members of a fellowship group from St. Nicholas' Church in Ash, Kent will be participating in a sleep-rough at the end of April to fund raise for the Christian Mission Society. We intend to spend the night 'sleeping rough' in a effort to highlight the plight of many in this country and overseas. Please support Nick, Denise, Kate, Tim, Ian, Sarah, Will, Shannon, Peter, Lynne, Jacqueline, and David who will be taking part, and give generously for the work of CMS. Visit their website at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-nicholas-fellowship-group to donate or pick up a paper form at St. Nicholas' Church.

Ash Art Exhibition will be held on 5th -7th May from 10am to 6pm. Not to be missed, there will be 500 exhibits, café with homemade food , Childrens' Art Competition, Treasure Hunt round the village and trips up the Church Tower 2-4pm each day.

The community coffee morning in Ash Village Hall for Christian Aid raised £343.87 Thank you everyone who helped and supported this event Envelopes will be available in Christian aid week for those who could not make the coffee morning and wish to contribute.