

## What's happening in the Deanery and Diocese:

Those who were at Church last week would have heard the contents of a letter written by Archdeacon Jo. In short, the vacancy in the Littlebourne group of churches will be taken up by Rev. Chris Brewer and this group of churches will be incorporating Wingham as well. The repercussions of this for the Canonry Benefice will be that Rev. David Moulden will be responsible for Elmstone and Preston as well. This will be a challenge for all of us and your prayers would be appreciated as we come to grips with the challenges we face.

*What personality are you? The Enneagram* is a tool of compassion which helps us to understand ourselves and our motivations. It describes nine different personality styles. Each one is defined by an emotional habit, a characteristic pattern of thought and a style of relating to others, which together produce a distinctive point of view. The diocese will be running an Enneagram course from 28 to 30 September in Canterbury at a cost of £45 per person.

The Diocese is holding a one day conference on Saturday 6 October at Holy Trinity Church in Sittingbourne, entitled 'Faith and The Environment.' This conference is ideal for anyone interested in environmental issues. The day will provide a Christian perspective on caring for creation, with speakers including Ruth Valerio who is the Global Advocacy and Influencing Director for Tear Fund; Ruth Knight, the Environmental Policy Officer for the Church of England and Esther Stewart, from the National Stewardship Team of the Church of England.

On Friday 12 October 2018 over 3,000 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers across Kent will spend the night in a cardboard box to raise money for Kent's homelessness charity Porchlight.

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People in the Benefice to pray for this week:

Valerie Watkins, Ruth Bond, Russell and Sally Wright, Mike Bushell, Una & Haydon Rouse, Marjorie Foard, Anna Maynard, Angela Newton and Janet Wood.

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If you have any notices for this Benefice news-sheet, please send them to Jane at [thecanorybenefice@hotmail.com](mailto:thecanorybenefice@hotmail.com).

### **Please note: Canonry Benefice Website**

[www.canorybenefice.org.uk](http://www.canorybenefice.org.uk)

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## The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

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

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2018: The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

*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:**

Ps. 1; Prov. 31: 10-end; James 3: 13-4.3, 7-8a; Mark 9.30-37

### **Today's Prayer:**

Gracious God, you call us to fulness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Today: 23<sup>rd</sup> September

8.00	Holy Communion, Ash
9.00	Holy Communion, Goodnestone
9.30	Holy Communion, Preston
9.30	All Age Worship, Nonington Baptist Chapel
10.30	Holy Communion, Ash
11.00	Morning Worship, Wingham
18.30	Harvest Festival, Stourmouth

### This week at a glance:

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

19.00 Choir Practice - Goodnestone

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 Church Café – Ash

12.45 Funeral and Burial - Ash

19.30 Wingham Singers – Wingham

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 Coffee-stop - Nonington Baptist Chapel

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

11.00-13.00 The Meeting Place - Wingham

## Next Sunday: 30<sup>th</sup> September

8.00	Holy Communion, Ash
10.30	Benefice Service, Wingham

### Notices within the Benefice:

Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September is a fifth Sunday and we have a Benefice Service and, on this occasion, we meet in Wingham. This is an important occasion and a celebration, not only because Bishop Trevor will be ministering, but also because this service will be a milestone in our journey as a Benefice. Goodnestone's choir will be singing and there will be refreshments after too – so please don't miss this important occasion.

Ash's Harvest Festival will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> October this year. Please amend your diaries and let others know please.

Essential work has commenced in Elmstone Church with a hopeful completion date of the 31<sup>st</sup> October. During this time, all services will be held in Preston. (Apart from our Benefice service on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. which will be at St. Mary's Wingham – please see above).

The Friends of St Mary's Church Wingham invite you to their Harvest Supper Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm St Mary's - fish & chips & fruit trifle.

Could you give life-saving assistance to family, friend or stranger? Resuscitation & Defibrillator Training Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October at St Nicholas Church, please arrive at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Free professional training, all are welcome.

Please note for publication at the appropriate times that our Wingham Prayer Group will meet next on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in St. Mary's, that is following the pattern of the summer months, but from November onwards we'll be gathering on the second Wednesday of the month, at 11 St. Mary's Meadow, at 4.00pm. Thus November's meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup>, December's on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and so on during the cold months until further notice.

Prayer Time in Ash will re-commence on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 18.00.

We still need some more volunteers to help run the Wednesday Church Cafe in Ash. Please speak to Anne Talbot if you are able to spare some time.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of the new Benefice Administrator, Jane Davies, who has recently joined us.

The Friends of Elmstone and Preston Churches Family Harvest Supper and Quiz, Preston Community Centre; Sat 29 September, 6.30 for 7 pm start. Teams of up to 8. Please don't worry if you only have a part team as we can put a table together. £5.00 Adults, £4.00 children, including supper. Jacket potatoes with various fillings and crumble. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Everything else will be provided. Tickets in person at Preston Village Shop or phone 01227 722704

Bangers and Bingo at Preston Community Centre. Enjoy good fun and maybe win some cash! Tickets £4 each from Village Shop, includes food - please bring your own drinks and glasses.