

Deal Foodbank donations: Ash Church

We are proud to be a donation point– the donation bin is through the main glass doors. Donations are collected by Deal Foodbank to distribute to those who come to them in need.

Ash with Westmarsh Parish Mag. Available from Co-op and Poparound shops in Ash and St Nicholas Church. To subscribe and have delivery please phone or email the editor Rebecca Smith on 07743 605873 rebeccasmith.ash@gmail.com

Recycling fundraisers for local schools.

Collection boxes in the church porches at Ash for Bread bags.

YES please: Any brand of bakery plastic packaging and bread bags/closures

NO thank you: Paper bags, wax packets, or combined paper-and-film window bag

See our leaflet about volunteering with us!

There are so many ways to get involved. Also share your ideas <https://thecanorybenefice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-team/>

For Canonry Benefice giving visit:

<https://thecanorybenefice.org.uk/contact-us/finances-and-giving/> Every penny counts and goes directly towards keeping our churches open.

Safeguarding and Lone Working:

<https://thecanorybenefice.org.uk/about-the-canonry-benefice/safeguarding-statement/>

Confirmation

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmations/confirmation-faqs> If you would like to know more about getting confirmed please contact Reverend Caroline canonryvicar@gmail.com

Interested in being a lay reader?

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/ministry/reader-ministry/licensed-lay-ministry-reader>

Together: Join a faith community that embraces all, advocating for the full inclusion of everyone in our communities, ranging from highlighting racial injustice and disability advocacy to addressing class inequality and campaigning for the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people. Go to www.together.org.uk

Canterbury Diocesan Conference - Leading your Church into Growth 15 & 16th June 2026, Seasalter Christian Centre, CT5 4AX. Zoom Follow-Ups – 21 September 2026, 11 January 2027, 12 April 2027, all 2pm-4pm. LyCiG' s focus is numerical and spiritual growth which aligns with our three bold outcomes for 2030: Double the number of children and young disciples, 200 new Christian communities, Every parish, benefice and deanery showing signs of revitalisation. Anyone in the church who wants to get involved and enable growth **please let Caroline know asap** so she can block book tickets- they sell out really fast! It would be good to have representation from all our Benefice Churches.

Parish Support Conference 21st May 2026

Come along and learn more about how churches in the Diocese can run more smoothly. From welcome to buildings to finance. hosted by the Generous Giving team and sponsored by Ecclesiastical.

9:45am–3:30pm Lenham Community Hall

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/parishsupport/generosity-giving/upcoming-events.php>

Benefice Churches open for private prayer

Ash, Goodnestone, Nonington, Stourmouth: daily in daylight hours **Chillenden:** weekends 10am-5pm **Elmstone, Preston:** upon request

If you have anything you would like to pray about, please contact me, or one of our pastoral team at asnpteam1@gmail.com

Scan for The Canonry Benefice website



The Churches within the Canonry Benefice
(Ash, Goodnestone, Chillenden, Nonington, Elmstone, Preston, and Stourmouth)

Sunday 15th March
4th Sunday of Lent

Readings

2 Corinthians 1 v 3-7

Luke 2 v 33-35

Colossians 3 v 12-17

Prayer

Merciful Lord, you know our struggles to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn your back to us again: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group: 10am every Wednesday at The Vicarage. All welcome. Enquiries to the vicar, or just turn up!

THIS SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026

Holy Communion, 9am, St Nicholas, Ash
 Mothering Sunday, 9am, Holy Cross, Goodnestone
 Mothering Sunday, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash (Sparks)
 Mothering Sunday, 10.30am, Elmstone Church

NEXT SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2026

Holy Communion, 9am, All Saints, Chillenden
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Nicholas, Ash (Sparks)

Sparks Sunday School at St Nicholas, Ash

The Church is a place where ALL are welcome, we love to see children come along and be part of everything we do. Sparks is our children's group which runs in the side chapel of St Nicholas Church in Ash during the service, with fun, chat, craft & basic teaching about Christian values & Bible stories. The children join the rest of the church family for the end of the service & refreshments. The service is just over an hour starting 10.30 each week during term time. More info canonryvicar@gmail.com

We are relaunching Snics! an after-school club open to all children of primary-school age. 3.30 to 5pm in St Nicholas Church. We need more volunteers from our church to join the parent volunteers from C&K school to welcome children once a month to our 'Messy Church' style gathering. We enjoy tea together, have fun with art & crafts play games and take time for quiet reflection. Let Rev Caroline know if you are interested in helping.

Women's Breakfast 3rd Sat of each month 9-10am at The Vicarage in Ash. **Next 21st March.** Tea, croissants, fellowship, friendly faces!

Bacon Buddies: Men's group: breakfast, chat, chillout in the woods. Last Saturday in the month 9am. Piglet Place, Fleming Road, Staple, CT3 1LG. Contact Dan on 07753743020 **Next 28th March.**

Mothering Sunday: Join us for our special services on Sunday 15th March at Goodnestone (9am), Elmstone (10.30am) and Ash (10.30am). Celebrate those who love and care for us. Stay for coffee! We will be giving out flowers & at Ash there is the memory tree, please add a tag for your loved ones.

Welcome! Today, we have the joy of celebrating Mothering Sunday – a time to honour mothers and mother figures and the love of God. Also to remember those who stay fondly in our memories. We are reminded today that love will always find a way and we are grateful for those that love and nurture us.

Home Groups/Lent courses "Lent Wise - Spiritual Essentials for Real Life" written by Paula Gooder.
Tuesday Mornings: 9.30 am until 11 am with Reverend Barbara- **next is 17/3 which will be the last one. Note that 24/3 is cancelled.**
Tuesday Evenings: 7.30pm **next is 17/3 then 24/3.**
 Email bpmoore51@gmail.com for full details.

There are still places left on our **Prayer Oasis Day** on Friday March 27th at the Living Well. A day of oasis - a gentle day with music and guided prayer. There is no expectation to be anything other than yourself, just enjoy the peace and tranquility - speak out or just listen. The day runs from 10am till 3pm and will include lunch and all for £28. Please let Caroline know Or sign up <https://thecanonybenefice.churchsuite.com/calendar/events/1432>

Easter Passion Play from Riding Lights. Ash is a stop on their UK tour. This now **SOLD OUT** but if you have a ticket that you will not use, please pass on to someone else or drop them back into Cape House, The Street, Ash.

Elmstone Church, St Mildred's Preston & All Saints, Stourmouth

Easter Lilies If you would like to purchase lilies in memory of loved ones, please advise no later than Sun 15 March, as these have to be ordered well in advance. They will again be £4.50 each this year. Orders can be given to Elizabeth Timms or left at Preston Village Shop.

Happy Hour Elmstone: 1st Friday of month 6.30pm

All Saints, Chillenden

www.chillenden.org.uk

Fundraiser: "100 club" lottery scheme. Monthly draw. email 100club@chillenden.org.uk

Holy Cross, Goodnestone

The Crucifixion by John Stainer: (Goodnestone choir) 31st March 7-8pm, retiring collection

Music for Holy Week: Caritas Chamber Choir. 3rd April 7pm, retiring collection.

Post Office: in church Mondays 9-11am

Choir rehearsal Tuesday eves 7-8pm. For info:

denyer@doctors.org.uk.

St Mary's Nonington

Concert by the Friends: 2.30pm Saturday 21st March

Coffeestop Baptist Chapel Thursdays 10-12

Happy Hour: Monthly (3rd Fri) 6.30pm

Compline: Monthly Zoom, contact churchwarden

Seekers: Please check with churchwarden

St Nicholas' Church, Ash

Easter Lilies: Each year we arrange lilies to symbolise memories of our loved ones. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of these lilies we would be grateful. Donations can be posted in the metal box in the wall inside church, marked Lilies. Include a note if you wish.

Ash Village Warm Space: A Warm FREE space to all in our community each **Thursday 11am- 2pm**. There will be a friendly welcome, free tea/coffee and a mug of hot homemade soup & a roll. **PC Bowler 12th March** <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/find-a-space#map>

22nd March Visiting Choir: join in with the Cheerful Voice choir, rehearsal 2pm, Evensong 5pm, Refreshments!

Christian Aid Coffee Morning: Ash Village Hall, Saturday 4th April, 10-12. Bacon baps, drinks, cakes, raffle, stalls, Christian Aid info. **Can you help?** Please leave donations for the raffle or bric-a-brac in the church porch (labelled so we know it's for the coffee morning) Cake/savoury donations please take to village hall on 4th April. Helping on the day please text Hilary on 07510 358709.

Benefice Bibles- Proudly sponsor the book that's changed lives for centuries!

We would really like to have bibles in church on each pews, available to people to read when they visit us. If you would like to sponsor a bible for a suggested donation of £20 per Bible, please let our administrator know, with church preference if you have one.

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