

### Friends of St Nicholas Ash Art Exhibition 2025.

It was the 21st annual event the Friends have organised with nearly 650 visitors. The Exhibition was once again sponsored by Rex Cadman and this year the honour of opening it went to local historian Peter Ewart. During the 3 days, enthusiastic visitors were treated to nearly 400 pictures and photos; 85 varied table top exhibits including stonemasonry, woodworking and ceramics. and the fabulous café food. We were indebted to Tower Captain Marilyn Barden and her team of bell ringers for providing stewarding over the weekend ensuring the Tower was open again this year. The Family Treasure Hunt was also back this year and was enjoyed (I think!) by 45 families walking around the village to find/workout the clues. The eventual winners, Ayles family and Izzy Wells, received a cash prize of £20. We also featured live on Radio Kent/Sussex/Surrey this year. We are so pleased to have raised a staggering £5425.66. Thanks to the committee, volunteers, artists and also St Faith's Prep School who provided parking. By Chris Burnside, Chairman.

### Breakfast!

**Women's Breakfast** We have launched! Here are the next dates (3rd Sat of each month) 9.00am-10.00am: **Next 21st June**, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like to come along, let Rev Caroline know.

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

### Deal Foodbank donation point

We are proud to be a donation point at Ash Church – the donation "bin" is through the main glass doors.

### Recycling fundraisers for local schools.

Collection boxes in the church porches at Ash (bread bags/batteries) and Goodnestone (batteries).

### Join a great team of Benefice volunteers!

Share your time, skills and willingness to get stuck in! Do you want to join us? Please chat to your churchwarden or the vicar and share your gifts of time and talents! **Help us build our profile:** If you have computer, admin, design or marketing skills we would love your input to help us with growth and outreach through some great marketing initiatives.

### For giving to the Canonry Benefice visit:

<https://thecanorrybenefice.org.uk/contact-us/finances-and-giving/>

### Safeguarding and Lone Working:

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

### 105 years of Girlguiding in Ash!

Diary Date: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 10am-1pm  
All welcome to the open morning celebrating the history. If you want to get involved in Guiding or share your memories email: 1stashrangers@gmail.com

**The next Diocesan Confirmation Service** is to be held at Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday 16 July at 7.30pm. If you would like to know more about getting confirmed please contact Reverend Caroline [canonryvicar@gmail.com](mailto:canonryvicar@gmail.com)

**Refugee Week 2025:** Community as a Superpower Monday 16 – Sunday 22 June, various events will be held at Canterbury Cathedral to celebrate the power of community to bring people together who have fled from disparate parts of the world as a result of war, oppression, abuse or climate change. Organised by Canterbury Cathedral, The Social Justice Network and the Kent Refugee Action Network (KRAN). More information about events can be found on the Canterbury Cathedral website:

### Churches open for private prayer

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



## The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### Readings

1 Kings 19.1-4 [5-7] 8-15a  
Psalms 42, 43  
Galatians 3.23-end  
Psalm 22.19-28  
Luke 8.26-39

### Prayer

God of Truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

**Services this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Holy Communion, 9.00 All Saints, Chillenden  
 Holy Communion, 10.30, St Nicholas, Ash  
 Evensong, 6.30pm, All Saints, Stourmouth

Sunday School in 10.30am service St Nicholas, Ash

**Service next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Whole Benefice Service 10.30 St Mildred's, Preston

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

Bishop Rose has directed that churches can no longer intinct (dip the bread in the wine). Please speak to the churchwarden or vicar ahead of the service if you need to discuss this.

**Home Group Evening:** For July the dates are Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 22nd at 7.30pm. There is a break for August and dates for September will be confirmed. Please contact Andrew & Hilary on 07510 358709 if you would like more info.

**Home Group: Morning Starting Tuesday 9th September** from 9.30 am until 11 am.

The Tuesday morning Lent course has decided to start up as a new Home Group in the Autumn at a venue in Ash. This will be open to any who would like to come and the first session will be on Tuesday 9th September from 9.30 am until 11 am, possibly fortnightly but that is to be decided for sure.

If you are interested in coming together in the day-time to discuss our faith, to look more deeply at parts of The Bible and to possibly follow a short course, do come to the first meeting and see if it is for you. If you are interested, please keep this date. For more information, please contact Barbara on 07703 183980.

**Weekly Prayer Group:** 9.30am every Weds at the Vicarage. Turn up or [canonryvicar@gmail.com](mailto:canonryvicar@gmail.com)

**Mid-week early morning prayer or communion** if this is something people would like - just let Rev Caroline know.

**Rev Caroline writes:**

Today is the first week of 'Ordinary Time' and yet our lives are anything but ordinary. We lead rich, diverse and wonderful lives, full of experiences, both good and bad. Woven into this tapestry is our deep-rooted faith in God who we ask to journey alongside us through our ups and downs.

Our readings this week remind us that God's kingdom takes us way beyond the limits of our own individual stories and communities to be 'revolutionaries of tenderness' to others, even if they might not fit in, or they are people we would rather avoid.

This week is Refugee Week and in Bishop Rose's message (see video below), she tells us that 'community' means expressing what we have in common, rather than finding all that divides. If Jesus calls those on the very edge of society, then we also, aided by the Holy Spirit, will be able to go beyond our own comfort zones, choosing to be a part of sharing God's love, and perhaps to be surprised when amazing things happen.

**Canterbury Cathedral Ordinations 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Ordination services for Deacons and Priests are taking place in Canterbury Cathedral on 28 June 2025 10.30. Anne Talbert from this Benefice is one of the Ordinands!

These services are a celebration of the work that has been undertaken by our ordinands, who have been training for between one and three years. The ordination training involves deepening their understanding of the Christian faith, and learning the skills needed to be a minister.

Once this training is complete, they are ordained as a Deacon in the Church of England. They will then begin a curacy lasting three years. This year's deacons will be ordained Priest in 12 months' time.

All are invited to watch the ordination services, which will be live-streamed by Canterbury Cathedral. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNCFZ5G6YwY>

Please pray for Anne and all of the ordinands as they take this next step in their ministry.

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

St Mildred's was closed for a while but we're back worshipping together monthly on the 2nd Sunday.  
**Happy Hour Elmstone:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri of month 6.30pm  
**Christmas Concert Elmstone:** 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, evening (time TBC - more information to follow!)

**All Saints, Chillenden**

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

**Fundraiser:** "100 club" lottery scheme. Monthly draw. email [100club@chillenden.org.uk](mailto:100club@chillenden.org.uk)

**Chillenden Hymns and Pimms Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**6.30pm:** Join us for a singsong of popular hymns with Pimms & Lemonade and strawberries & cream. £8pp. Contact Ros 07984 618870 or Louise 07732 672516 to book.

**St Mary's Nonington**

**Coffeestop** Baptist Chapel Thursdays 10-12.

**Happy Hour:** Monthly (3rd Fri) 6.30pm

**Compline:** Monthly Zoom, contact churchwarden

**Seekers:** Please check with churchwarden  
 Services 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month. (3rd & 4th Sundays' worship is shared at the Baptist Chapel). Also, in Nonington: Canterbury Diocesan Centre for Healing & Wholeness [www.the-living-well.org.uk/](http://www.the-living-well.org.uk/)

**Holy Cross, Goodnestone**

The church is open as a post office Mondays 9-11

**Choir rehearsal** Tuesday eves 7-8pm. For info: [denyer@doctors.org.uk](mailto:denyer@doctors.org.uk).

**Good Gnos Sat 12<sup>th</sup> July 7pm.** Tickets £12

For both events: [www.goodnestonemusic.com](http://www.goodnestonemusic.com)

**St Nicholas' Church, Ash**

**Thank you** to all who supported our Summer Fete!

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Ringlemere Ensemble 2.30pm  
 £15 (under 16's free)

**Church cleaning:** Can you spare an hour or two once a month? Join our group of volunteer cleaners. You will work in pairs and be shown where and how. Flexible timings. Contact Sarah on [spigott91@gmail.com](mailto:spigott91@gmail.com)

**Christian Aid:** A fantastic total of £651.55 has been raised for Christian Aid through coffee morning & Christian Aid envelopes. This will help to support those living in poverty due to climate change.