

Breakfast!

Women's Breakfast: 3rd Sat of each month 9.00am-10.00am: **Next 20th Dec** at St Nicholas Church – linking in with the annual Holy Dust! If you would like to come along, let Reverend Caroline know.
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 29th Nov**, 31st Jan, 28th Feb (taking a break in Dec).

Sparks Sunday School at St Nicholas, Ash

The Church is a place where ALL are welcome, and that means 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 and basic teaching about Christian values and Bible stories. The children then join the rest of the church family for the end of the service and refreshments after. The service lasts just over an hour and starts at 10.30 each week during term time. More info from canonryvicar@gmail.com or see our website.

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

Deal Foodbank donation point at 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.

Recycling fundraisers for local schools.

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

See our leaflet about volunteering with us!

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

For Canonry Benefice giving visit:

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

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. A dedicated day designed to equip and inspire parish teams to make the most of your church buildings – hosted by the Generous Giving team and sponsored by Ecclesiastical.

When? Thursday 21 May 2026 | 9:45am–3:30pm

Where? Lenham Community Hall

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

Safeguarding and Lone Working:

<https://thecanonrybenefice.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>

Benefice Churches open for private prayer

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

Weekly Prayer Group: 9.30am every Weds at the Vicarage. Turn up or email canonryvicar@gmail.com

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The Churches within the Canonry Benefice

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

7th December 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent

Readings

Isaiah 11.1-10
Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

For St Nicholas Day (Ash)

1 Timothy 6.

Prayer

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and God. Amen

THIS SUNDAY SERVICE 7TH DECEMBER 2025

Holy Communion, 9am, Holy Cross Goodnestone
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, Elmstone Church
 Service of the Word, 10.30am St Mary's Nonington

Family Worship & St Nicholas Day Celebration

10.30am, St Nicholas Ash
 Charity collection for Liberty House

NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES 14TH DECEMBER 2025

Holy Communion, 9.00, All Saints, Chillenden
 Breakfast Church, 9.30, St. Mary's Nonington
 Holy Communion, 10.30 St. Nicholas, Ash
 Family Service with H/C 10.30 St Mildred's, Preston
 Candlelit Carol Service 6.00 St Mary's Nonington
 Candlelit Carol Service 6.30 St. Nicholas Ash

Please note the afternoon Cribbs around the World exhibition at St Mildred's has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

An enormous **Thank You** to all who came to the afternoon tea in Chequer Lane on Friday 21st November, held by the family of the late Andrew Way in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. It was a very happy occasion and a tremendous £430 was raised. This money has been sent and acknowledged and the raffle tickets bought have also been forwarded to them. Thank you so much for such wonderful support and incredible generosity. From Helen, Stephen, Barbara & all our family.

Tuesday Morning Home Group: 9.30am until 11.00 am at Marion and Denis' home. Continues on 2nd December & 16th December. Please ring Reverend Barbara on 07703 183980 for full information.

Benefice Home Group Evening: We meet on every first and third Tuesday at 7.30pm. The home group meets at Fiona Ridge's and sometimes at Delphine's. Contact Andrew & Hilary 07510 358709.

Ash Village Warm Space in St Nicholas Church A
 Warm, Welcome, FREE space to everyone in our village community each Thursday 11am- 2pm. There will be a friendly welcome, free tea/coffee and a mug of hot homemade soup with a roll. Warm Welcome Spaces
<https://www.warmwelcome.uk/find-a-space#map>

This Advent Sunday we focus on Peace. Jesus came as the Prince of Peace, as foretold by the Prophets. This is an important aspect, we all need that peace in our hearts, minds and the wider world. We honour this in all our services this Sunday. In addition, St Nicholas Day is being celebrated in Ash. St Nicholas was renowned for his kindness and generosity, giving his money to those in greater need than himself. He is the Patron Saint of Children and many others. We reflect his generosity in our donations towards Liberty House which provides accommodation for homeless young women who've experienced domestic abuse and are pregnant or have a young baby. We've been asked to collect Baby wipes, nappies, toiletries, new baby clothes/bedding, toys, gifts for the mums. There will be collecting boxes in church until Sunday. People have been so generous already, it will really make a difference to the residents.

WINTERFEST, in Ash. This is coming around quickly so please could you support us on Sat 13th December by donating bottles, tombola prizes & teddies. Please drop them off at the church or the vicarage in Ash, labelled Winterfest. If you can help on the day please email thecanonrybenefice@gmail.com.

Wreath Making at St Nicholas, Ash If you are reading this before Sunday - We still have spaces! - last year was great fun and a wonderful way to get into the festive spirit in the beautiful, spacious surroundings of the church. A chance to benefit from the expertise of our talented flower arranging team. £30 to include all materials and refreshments. **WHAT A BARGAIN!** Raising money for the church. This is definitely one not to miss! For info and Email festivearrangements@gmail.com

New Group! Would you be interested in a Beginners Christianity group? Let Reverend Caroline know!

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

Happy Hour Elmstone: 1st Fri of month 6.30pm

Cancelled: Cribbs from around the World: Sun 14th Dec- due to unforeseen circumstances.

Lees Court Music Concert Elmstone: 19th Dec, 5.30pm

Bus Stop Carols: Fri 19th Dec, 6pm, Preston Village

Stourmouth: Work on Stourmouth church tower is in progress. The **Christmas concert** will be Weds 17th Dec 7.30pm with Thanet Festival Choir. Tickets £7 on the door.

All Saints, Chillenden

www.chillenden.org.uk

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

Holy Cross, Goodnestone

Post Office: in church Mondays 9-11am

Caritas Chamber Choir Eternal Chant: 16th Nov 6pm

Directed by Benedict Preece. Tickets £10 on the door

Advent Carol Service 30th November 6.30pm. Music and readings for Advent

Christmas Carol Service 21st December 6.30pm

Choir rehearsal Tuesday eves 7-8pm. For info: denyer@doctors.org.uk.

St Mary's Nonington

Christmas Tree Festival Dec 12/13/14/ 11am- 4pm

Candlelit Carols: 6pm 14th Dec mulled wine/mince pies.

Coffeestop Baptist Chapel Thursdays 10-12

Happy Hour: Monthly (3rd Fri) 6.30pm

Compline: Monthly Zoom, contact churchwarden

Seekers: Please check with churchwarden

Services 1st & 2nd Sunday each month. (3rd & 4th Sundays' worship is shared at the Baptist Chapel)

St Nicholas' Church, Ash

The Friends of St Nicholas Coffee Morning: Sat 6th Dec 10-12, Stalls, raffle, refreshments, warmth and welcome! Cake and raffle prize donations please. They should be delivered to the village hall at 9 am on Saturday 6th December. Thank you!

St Nicholas' Day Sunday 7th December – followed by lunch. Collecting donations for Liberty House – baby supplies and gifts for mothers.

Sat 6th Dec Wreath making workshop

Sun 7th Dec St Nicholas Day Service

Sat 13th Dec Winterfest Christmas Fayre 2-5pm

Sat 14th Dec Candlelit Carols 6.30pm

Sat 20th Dec Holy Dusting, 9-11am. Bring the family and enjoy breakfast too!

Mon 22nd Dec Community Carols outside church 6.30pm

Weds 24th Dec Parade from Pound Corner at 3.40pm – come in costumes! & Nativity at 4pm.

Church cleaning: Can you spare an hour or two once a month? Flexible timings. Contact spigott91@gmail.com

Meal train: We are running this for the Warm Space initiative. Can you help and be a soup volunteer and help us provide soup, bread etc for our new Warm Space Initiative? Let Sarah Pigott know.