

What's Happening in the Benefice and Diocese:

St. Mary's Wingham Revision of Electoral Roll - The Electoral Roll will be revised between Sunday 11th March and Sunday 25th March. Members of the congregation must be on the Electoral Roll if they wish to vote at the Annual Parochial Meeting to be held on Sunday 15th April 2018. All those not already on the Roll may take an Application Form from the back of the Church and return it when completed to "The Vicar's Box" addressed to "Barbara Hennessy" no later than 25th March.

The Elmstone Easter Service will be on Sunday 1 April, 9.30, this year. If you would like to have a lily,, in memory of someone, in the Church, for Easter, then please let me know (01227 722704) or leave your name together with the money at Preston Village Shop. If you wish to have a card placed near the flowers, please also provide this in advance or, alternatively, bring to the service. The lilies will be £2.50 each. We will need to have all requests by Saturday 17 March latest please.

Ash Gift Aid - as a result of new data protection laws all those of you who give money to the church and have previously completed a Gift Aid form will need to complete a new form as soon as possible. This is important as it enables the church to continue to receive an additional 25% on all donations from UK tax payers. For the parish of Ash the new forms are available from either the Treasurer Andrew Collings or the Church Wardens Bill Vennart and Jenny Taylor. The forms are very short and straightforward and once completed should be returned to either Andrew, Bill or Jenny.

People in the Benefice to pray for

this week: Sarah Luckhurst, Robin Bailey, Chris Elvin, Nigel Cannon, Vera Freer, Ruth Bond, Russell and Sally Wright, Mike Bushell, Una & Haydon Rouse, Marjorie Foard, Anna Maynard, Rhoda Duplock, and Angela Newton

Please note:

Canonry Benefice Website

www.canonrybenefice.org.uk

St. Nicholas' Website

www.s8nicholas.org

Clergy:

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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)

18 March 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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:

Jer. 31:31-34; Psa. 51: 1-12 or Psa. 119: 9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Today's Prayer:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Sunday 18th March

8.00 am	Holy Communion, Ash
9.00 am	Holy Communion, Chillenden
9.30 am	Holy Communion, Elmstone
10.30 am	Confirmation Service, Ash
10.30 am	All Age Worship, Nonington Baptist Church
11.00 am	Holy Communion, Wingham

This week at a glance:

Monday 19th March

14.00 St. Faith's rehearsal _ Ash

Tuesday 20th March

10.00 St. Faith's Easter Service - Ash
19.30 Lent Course - Ash
19.30 Bell Ringers Practice - Wingham

Wednesday 21st March

10.00 Church Café - Ash
12.30 Foodbank - Ash
19.30 Ash PCC

Thursday 22nd March

10.00 Coffee-stop - Nonington Baptist Church
14.30 Daytime Bible Study - Wingham
18.00 Chequer Inn Society mtg - Ash

Friday 23rd March

11.15 Home Group - Wingham
14.00 Tiny Tots - Wingham
15.30 Messy Friday - Wingham
19.00 Rock Choir - Wingham
19.30 Film Night - G'stone Village Hall

Next Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday

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	Holly Communion, Nonington Baptist Church
11.00 am	Holy Communion, Wingham

Notices within the Benefice:

Congratulations to Jane Pemberton, Angus Lambie, Bryn Mathlin, Ian Belsey and Peter Ewart who are being confirmed today at St. Nicholas' Church, and a big welcome to Bishop Trevor and his Chaplain Jenny Corcoran.

St. Mary's in Wingham will be holding Tiny Tots and Messy Friday this coming Friday the 23rd March from 2 pm. Please bring your little ones and come join the fun!

The final G'stone Film night for this season will be this Friday 23rd March at 7.30 pm featuring 'Victoria and Abdul' at Goodnestone Village Hall. Tickets are £3.

Next Sunday (Palm Sunday), everyone is welcome to join us outside Cartwright and Kelsey School at 9.45 am and then process to St. Nicholas' Church through the village led by Basil the donkey in time to join the rest of the congregation at the 10.30 am service.

St Nicholas' Church are hosting the coffee morning in the village hall on Saturday 7th April to raise funds for Christian Aid. If you could donate a raffle prize and/or bake a cake your help would be much appreciated. Please let a member of the Stewardship Committee know if you can help (Bill, Jenny, Andrew, Hilary, Ann, Barbara & Christine) Thank you for your support.

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

As you may be aware we are trying something new at St. Nicholas' for Easter & will have 6 stations placed around the church from 28th March to 8th April, representing the time from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. To help our displays, if anyone has some green leaf houseplants to represent trees that we could borrow to help in our displays (yucca, cheese plant, palm or similar), if you could help I'd really appreciate it! Please see Jenny, many thanks.

The Friends of St. Mary's Church would like to invite you to 'Rock Choir' which will be held on Friday 23rd March at 7 pm. Tickets are £6 including wine and nibbles. Please contact Jan at 01227 720 215 or Lyn at 07939093138 for more details.

Ash Church Cafe is running very successfully, but we do need a few more volunteers to help with the morning. If you feel like this is something you might be interested in, contact Rev. David or Shannon for further information. Many thanks!