

THE PARISHES OF FAWKHAM AND HARTLEY AND LONGFIELD



NoticeBoard

Sunday 10th January 2021

First Sunday of Epiphany

SERVICES

Fawkhams and Hartley Parish	Sunday 10th January 2021	9am	Morning Praise service held via Zoom Meeting ID: 860 8576 6093 Passcode: 929181 Or to join via telephone call 0203 481 5237
	Sunday 17th January 2021	9am	Morning Praise service held via Zoom—details to follow
Longfield Parish	Sunday 10th January 2021	10.30am	Morning Worship service held by Zoom Meeting ID: 860 4927 5756 Passcode: 433696 Or to join by telephone call 0203 901 7895
	Sunday 17th January 2021	10.30am	Morning Worship service held via Zoom—details to follow
On-line Services gathering@four YouTube Available on our YouTube channel	Sunday 10th January 2021	4pm	Matthew 2. 13-end
	Sunday 17th January 2021	4pm	Matthew 8. 5-13

Dear Everyone,
At the start of a new year we all have some hope, I think, that 2021 will be a better year than 2020 was! At the start of the first lockdown last March I know that I did not envisage that at the start of 2021 we would be entering lockdown three. Once again our lives feel as though they are on hold, plans have quickly been reworked and hopes for the year ahead feel fragile. This uncertain time affects all of us in different ways and we may be left with feelings wondering when all this will end and life will return to normal. Hope is a theme that waves itself through our Christian faith and is something to hold onto in these days. Many Bible verses reflect on hope and help us enter into a deeper understanding of the promises of God for us and what that means to each of us. For me, there have been times in my life of deep sadness, uncertainty and loss, one such period was about 10 years ago now. The words of Jeremiah sustained me; 'I have called you with everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness'. Jeremiah was sent to confront Israel over their loss of faith, to speak of a breaking down before the rebuilding that God

was going to put into motion. God's promises, God's unfailing love for his people and God's presence now and into eternity remind me I am not alone and any present difficulties will not remain forever. Our greatest hope is always God. Over the next few weeks I will be asking members of our churches to reflect on what Hope means for them, starting with Anne Philpott next week. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Blessed and Peaceful New Year.

Rev. Adele



COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus,
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.
Amen

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday 10th January	Genesis 1. 1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19. 1-7, Mark 1. 4-11
Sunday 17th January	1 Samuel 3. 1-10, Psalm 139. 1-5, 12-18, Revelations 5. 1-10, John 1. 43-end

LECTIONARY READINGS

Monday 11th January	Mark 1. 14-20
Tuesday 12th January	Mark 1. 21-28
Wednesday 13th January	Mark 1. 29-39
Thursday 14th January	Mark 1. 40-end
Friday 15th January	Mark 2. 1-12
Saturday 16th January	Mark 2. 13-17

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR OUR PARISHES

Please pray for all those living in: Scudders Hill and School Lane, Fawkham; Broomfields and Carmelite Way, Hartley and Langafel Close and Main Road, Longfield.



Pray for the teachers at all our local schools asking God to be with them as they continue to teach vulnerable children and the children of keyworkers. Be with those who have the difficult task of teaching by Zoom to the students who are learning from home and unable to attend classes due to lockdown.

Pray for our local Care Homes, for the staff caring for their vulnerable residents and for the safety of all.

Give thanks for all those who have volunteered to give the Vaccine to people in our community asking God to be with them as they begin the additional comprehensive training they have to undergo to carry this out.

Pray for our local businesses in lockdown, for the continued support of the community for owners and their staff.

Pray for all those who are having difficulty managing financially day to day and gives thanks for our local Community Cupboard continuing to provide food for those in need.

Pray for all who are ill or in pain. Especially we pray for Lisa Debnam, Connie Bratton, Roger Smith, Natasha Warner, Sheila Eames, Harriet Waller, Marian Kneller, Pam Cass, Pam Glover, Barrie Carr, Sheila Grainger, John Roberts, Ruby and John Wheal, Hazel Cotteril and Marion Bennett.

We pray for the recently departed and those who grieve at this time particularly for the family and friends of Margaret Foster, Jean Hunt and Tom Bowen.

AMEN

A PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR

Lord,

You are Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

Our world has tilted on its axis and thrown us off our feet;

As this year turns, our hearts are muddled with anxiety and hope; faith and fear.

Settle us as you calmed the raging storm on Galilee, that we may share this peace with those who are swamped.

May our communities find healing and unity, and our nation be shaped more fully in the character of Jesus, as we find our strength and purpose again.

For his glory we pray. Amen

THIS WEEK...

Monday Bible Study

You are most welcome to the Monday Evening Bible Study Group which takes place on Zoom at 7.30pm (see Mission Update or Longfield Links for details). Please contact Anne Philpott [philptanne@gmail.com] or Lawrie Townson for details; [lawrencetownson@btinternet.com]

Thursday Bible Study

This will resume at 1.30 pm on Thursday 14th January 2021. Please contact Revd. Helen Reeves or Alan Strachan or see Longfield Links for details. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83194076977>

RNWK GROUP CONFIRMATION

There will be a RNWK Group Confirmation service at Ash Church with Bishop James in May 2021. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, please contact Adele.

FAREWELL FROM MARION

"I would just like to say a huge thank you for your generosity in presenting me with the beautiful clock, flowers, pictures of Longfield and a large sum of money on the occasion of my retirement after over 20 years working for you. I don't know how you did the collection without me knowing!

I have some lovely memories I will keep and have made many very good friends who I value very much. I will continue to visit the parish and be part of your services in the future, and will also attend your fund raising events.

My heartfelt thanks to you all.

All my love, Marion."

NEWS FROM REVD. HELEN

It is with a very heavy heart that I share with you some very upsetting news.

John Harding, Ash church's churchwarden, treasurer, choir master and long time member and friend to so many in the local area suddenly and unexpectedly died on the 6th January 2021 on his way home from a walk.

John will be desperately missed by so many of us, as a man who cared deeply for others in so many ways and in so many different areas of the community.

Please hold Alison and all the family in your prayers as they grapple with this sudden and bewildering bereavement.

May God's love and comfort surround us all.

Revd. Helen

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The Safeguarding service remains available. If you or anyone you know is experiencing difficulties or is in a vulnerable position, – do not hesitate to contact a member of the clergy or one of the safeguarding officers if you need to.

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