



Longfield-Links



3rd October 2021 - 19th Sunday of Trinity

Hi everyone and welcome to the current edition of the Longfield Links, we hope that you will enjoy the information regarding St. Mary Magdalene Church in Longfield this week.



A nurse, a British Sign Language Interpreter, a flying enthusiast and a biochemist, were among the 23 men and women ordained as deacons and priests into the Diocese of Rochester on Saturday 25th September.

Two joyful services took place in Rochester Cathedral, which were presided over by the Bishop of Tonbridge, the Rt. Rev Simon Burton-Jones, and live streamed on social media.

A person is ordained a deacon once they have completed their initial ordination training. Following ordination as a deacon, they begin a period of 3 years within a parish – known as a curacy – during which they work alongside an experienced priest to gain a wide experience of ministry in church and community.

After a year of curacy, some continue in ministry as distinctive deacons, while for most, the next step is ordination as a priest.

RNWK's very own Jayne Shillito was one of the candidates who was ordained as a deacon on Saturday and of course was welcomed into the Group at a special service at Fawkham and Hartley Church Centre on Sunday morning.

We wish Jayne and her family all God's blessings for their time with us in Rural North West Kent. As Jayne continues her ministry within the group she will spend time at all the parishes and will be a familiar face to all our congregations over the next three years.

Jayne Shillito
Benefice of Fawkham and Hartley, Ridley, Ash and Longfield
"I yearn for an ever-closer walk with God and pray He will use me to invite and welcome all into His kingdom."
#NewRevs

St. Mary Magdalene Church in Longfield is an -



Monday Bible Study

Adele, Elizabeth and Susan are running this evening session

Zoom Monday 7.30pm - links available from emailed notices or on request from parishoffice@fawkhamandhartley.org.uk

Please contact Paul Thomas at paulnthomas@outlook.com for the Zoom link and a copy of the weekly notes.

Thursday Bible Study Group, Study @1.30pm

Alan and Susan Heads are running this Bible study group on Thursdays at 1.30pm via Zoom.

Contact Alan or Susan for more details or for the link to Zoom.

Link address is as follows - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83194076977>

In person study with Helen and Alison on Saturdays at 10.30am New Ash Green venue dependant on the number attending please register your interest to helen@rnwkgroup.org.uk



The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm. 19. verses 1-4

Please keep yourself informed about what is happening to our world and how you could help care for it in our own local environment.

Talk to members of the RNWK Green Matters group about your ideas to make a difference in our environment. (St. Mary Magdalene representatives - Alan Strachan or Pat Dixon)

Celebrate and pray about what is happening locally and in the world regarding our environment.

God has created the world for our enjoyment and now as a part of that enjoyment we need to look after it responsibly, lovingly and sustainably for each other.



Let us not allow myths and politics to separate us from the gift of the world that God has already given. If you struggle with any of them, a top tip is to pray about it. Tell God that you respect the fact that he made and loves the world and ask him to open your eyes to its beauty, your mind to its wisdom and your heart to its wonder.
Then prepare to be blown away.

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