

afternoons during term time. Give thanks for volunteers to chat and provide refreshment, for the families who come along. Please pray that we will be able to share God's love in our conversations and actions.

### St Nicholas Southfleet

Please pray for –

- ✦ all that is happening in Lent and Holy Week, for a deepening of faith and growing closer to God.
- ✦ our APCM, our new PCC members and all those feeling called to positions of responsibility and leadership within the church.
- ✦ all the couples who will be married here this year, and for the morning of wedding prep this month.
- ✦ all the staff, students and parents in our schools over the Easter

### Cobham Deanery comprises of the following churches -

**Area Deans: Rev Canon Alyson Davie and Rev Elizabeth Robertson**

#### Rural North West Kent Group -

**St Peter & St Paul, Ash with St Peter, Ridley**

[www.ash-church.org.uk](http://www.ash-church.org.uk)

**St Mary, Fawkham and All Saints, Hartley**

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

**St Mary Magdalene, Longfield**

[www.longfieldchurch.org](http://www.longfieldchurch.org)

**Incumbents - Rev Helen Reeves and Rev Dylan Turner**

**Associate Priest - Rev Elizabeth Robertson**

**St Mary Magdalene, Cobham with St Peter & St Paul, Luddesdowne**

[www.cobham-luddesdowne.org](http://www.cobham-luddesdowne.org) **Incumbent - Rev Angela Walker**

**St Barnabas, Istead Rise**

[www.stbarnabas.church](http://www.stbarnabas.church) **Incumbent - Rev Andrew Vaughan**

**St John the Baptist, Meopham with St Mildred, Nurstead**

[www.stjohnsmeopham.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsmeopham.co.uk) **Incumbent - Rev Canon Alyson Davie**

**St Nicholas, Southfleet**

[www.stnicholassouthfleet.org.uk](http://www.stnicholassouthfleet.org.uk) **Incumbent - Rev Josh Young**

### *Thought for the Month.*

#### **Friend**

*Christ is already standing at the door of our heart knocking. He's been with us on this journey before we even started, seeking us, out of His love for us. And he'll be with us the whole way, especially when it gets rough.*

*-Br. Nicholas Bartoli*



## Cobham Deanery Prayers and Thanksgivings for April



For the Praying the Way Intercessions and World prayers, please go to - <http://rochester.anglican.org/ministry/prayer-amp-intercessions/praying-the-way/>



## Deanery

✦ Continue to pray for Jim and his family as they settle into a new home and as Jim begins a new ministry at St George's on Monday 29 April.

✦ Pray that over Holy Week and Easter, God will give us the opportunities at our services and events to have conversations about His love for each one of us.



As plans are being made for Thy Kingdom Come, May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 9<sup>th</sup> in the Diocese, Deanery and parishes, let us remember in praying 'Thy Kingdom Come', we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities.

✦ At our recent Deanery meeting, we asked Paul Thomas what we could pray for? His answer was 'That I may be a blessing to this person who I am talking to today and do it in the name of Jesus.' Can we pray for him to be a blessing to those he meets and pray for ourselves to a blessing to those we meet?

## Rural North West Kent Group

**Rural North West Kent Group which comprise of these churches and their prayers are now together below - St Peter & St Paul, Ash and St Peter, Ridley; St Mary Fawkham and All Saints Hartley; St Mary Magdalene Longfield**

Please pray for –

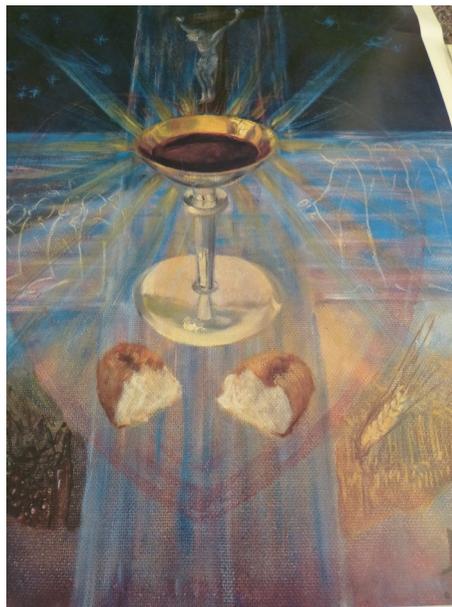
✦ We pray for the APCMs at Ash and at Longfield which are taking place this month.

✦ We pray for all across the group as we observe Holy Week culminating in the triduum.

✦ We give thanks for our musicians and pray especially for them as they prepare a performance of Bob Chilcott's 'St John's Passion' in our Maundy Thursday evening service

✦ We pray for all those who are making 'Messy Good Friday' happen for our children and young people.

✦ We pray that we might celebrate with joy once more the Risen Christ, giving thanks especially for +Ken as he takes the service in Longfield on



Easter Day.

✦ We pray for The Revd Jim Fletcher as he is inducted to his new post on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

✦ We pray for Fawkham and Hartley, and all of us in the group as we seek to discern the next steps forward for us.

✦ We pray for all folk who will be celebrating St George's Day with us across our Group.

✦ the time that Bishop James will be spending with us, in particular as he presides and preaches at our Holy Saturday celebration.

## **Here are prayer requests for Ash and Ridley please:**

✦ We pray for the elderly and vulnerable in our communities, particularly those in care homes and sheltered housing, and all those who care for elderly family members and friends, that we can reach out and support them.

✦ We pray for all who visit our churches during the week, that they may feel God's presence and peace in their lives.

## **St Mary Magdalene, Cobham and St Peter & St Paul Luddesdowne**

Please pray for –

### **St Barnabas Istead Rise**

Please pray for –

✦ those attending and leading the Alpha course, that friendships would deepen and that each person would grow in their faith.

✦ services through the Easter season that those who only attend occasionally would be encouraged to return again soon having experienced a greater sense of God's presence.

✦ our worship team, that they would grow in number as more people feel prompted to use their musical gifts to bless the Lord.

### **St John the Baptist Meopham with St Mildred Nurstead**

Please pray for –

✦ Please pray for our Annual Meetings this month and especially for people to be willing to stand as churchwardens at St Mildred's.

✦ Thank God for those who have brought us to faith and encouraged our discipleship and pray for those who struggle to maintain the disciplines of fellowship, prayer and bible study in the face of changed circumstances, ill health and bereavement.

✦ Please continue to pray for The Lego Club that meets on Friday