

WELCOME to
St Mary the Virgin Church,
Church Road, Willesborough,
Ashford, Kent TN24 0YR



***A Family of Churches, Centred on Jesus, Serving
the Community and Sharing our Faith***

(SUMMER 2023)

INTRODUCTION:

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Willesborough is part of Ashford Town Parish. We are a welcoming church offering a place of friendship, hospitality, and the Good News about Jesus for everyone. The Grade II* listed church has Anglo-Saxon origins and originally belonged to the monastery of St Augustine at Canterbury. It is built with Kentish ragstone.

FACILITIES:

Coffee Shop: **inSpire @ St. Mary's Café**,
open weekdays 09:00 > 13:00
Toilets (inc. Accessible Toilets). Ramped Entrance.
Baby Changing Facilities. Defibrillator. Hearing
(Induction) Loop. Large Print copies available.
We welcome all licensed Assistance Dogs.

REGULAR SERVICES:

Wednesday 09:30 – **Book of Common Prayer
Communion**

Friday 12.00 – **Holy Communion**

Sunday 08:00 – **Book of Common Prayer
Communion**

Sunday 10:00 – **Service with music (with Holy
Communion on most Sundays)**

1st Sunday 7.00pm – **His Holy House (An all age
communion praise service)**

Contact the office to find out about joining the choir.

Visit <https://www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk/>
for Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals

REGULAR EVENTS:

Second Saturday of the month 10:00 > 12:00 –
Family Games Morning with inSpire café open.

'CONNECT' FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

These friendship and bible study groups meet for an hour and a half every other week in homes or in church. Do contact the office if you would like to join one.

CLUB MEETINGS:

Ashford Choral Society – meet Tuesdays 19:30, contact Virginia Brown, secretary@ashfordchoral.org.uk

Ashford Sinfonia – meet Mondays 19:00, contact <https://ashfordsinfonia.com/contact-us/>

Guides – meet Thursdays 18:30 (Term Time only), contact willesboroughguides@gmail.com

Ashford Invicta Singers – meet Wednesdays 19:30, Monica Aherne, monaherne@gmail.com

Rainbows – meet Mondays 16:30 (Term Time only), contact willesboroughguides@gmail.com

SMAG (St. Mary's Afternoon Group) – meet Fourth Tuesday of the month 14:00 > 16:00, contact Tessa Hammond 01233 631421

Sparklerz (after school club) – meet Thursday's (Term Time only) 15:45, contact Parish Office

BELLRINGING:

6 bells hung for full circle ringing, in an upstairs ringing room.

Practice nights are Thursdays 19:45 > 21:00, by arrangement only.

GENERAL CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS:

The Parish Office for all enquiries.

Ashford Parish Hall, Church Yard, Ashford, Kent TN23 1QG

Telephone: (01233) 620433

Email: info@ashfordchurches.co.uk

Parish website:

<https://www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk/>

‘A Church Near You’

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12079/>

Further information is also available on notice boards in the church porch and on the Social Events board in the nave.

We hope you will feel at ease in our church.

Do talk to someone if you need help with anything.