

### The many names of CHRIST

To the ARTIST he is the One Altogether Lovely. To the ARCHITECT he is the Chief Corner Stone. To the BAKER he is the Living Bread. To the BANKER he is the Hidden Treasure. To the BIOLOGIST he is the Life. To the BUILDER he is the Sure Foundation. To the CARPENTER he is the Door. To the DOCTOR he is the Great Physician. To the EDUCATOR he is the Great Teacher. To the ENGINEER he is the New and Living Way. To the FLORIST he is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.

To the FARMER he is the Good Shepherd.

To the FRIGHTENED and HELPLESS he is a very present Help in Trouble. To the SINNER he is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the World.

To the JUDGE he is the Righteous Judge, Judge of All Men.

To the JEWELLER he is the Pearl of Great Price.

To the LAWYER he is the Counsellor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.

To the NEWSPAPER he is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.

To the OPTICIAN he is the Light of the Eyes.

To the PHILANTHROPIST he is the Unspeakable Gift.

To the PHILOSOPHER he is the Wisdom of God.

To the PREACHER he is the Word of God.

To the SCULPTOR he is the Living Stone.

To the SERVANT he is the Good Master.

To the STATESMAN he is the Desire of All Nations.

To the STUDENT he is the Incarnate Truth.

To the THEOLOGIAN he is the Author and Finisher

of our Faith

To the GEOLOGIST he is the Rock of Ages. To the HORTICULTURIST he is the True Vine.

To the TOILER he is the Giver of Rest.

To the CHRISTIAN he is the Son of the Living God

the Saviour, the Redeemer and the Lord.

To me...he is all of this. He is my everything, my Saviour, my King, my God.

What is he to you?



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday 8th April 2012,

11.00am till 4.00pm

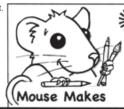
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Jesus Christ is risen today! our triumphant holy day, who did once upon the cross suffer to redeem our loss.

Sing we to our God above praise eternal as his love, for the Lord from death is raised Father, Spirit, Son be praised! ALLELUIA!

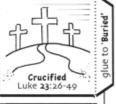


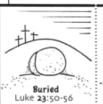












Luke 22:1-3, 39-53





Make a mini Easter book: Cut out the strips, glue them together then zig-zag fold along the dotted lines.

# Happy Easter

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### Holy Week Services

1st April Palm Sunday

Eastling 8am Holy Communion Eastling 10am Holy Communion Otterden 3pm Evening Prayer

5th April Maundy Thursday

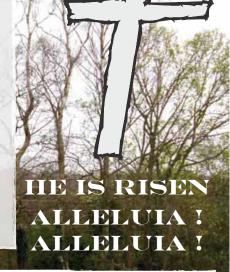
Stalisfield 7.30pm Holy Communion

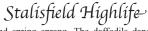
6th April Good Friday

Eastling 12 noon Easter Meditation and Vigil 1 - 3pm

8th April Easter Day

Throwley 9.30am Holy Communion Eastling 10am Family Communion Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion





Winter went and spring sprang. The daffodils dance and it's time again to dust off the cranial cobwebs for the

### Annual Stalisfield Spring Quiz Party.

Don't be put off by the date of Friday 13th April- treat it more as a challenge. We are following our traditional formula of a maximum of six to a table at a charge of £2.50 per person, bring your own nibbles and tipples. Gather your friends to make a up table or come and join a "pot luck" group. Our resident quizmasters will ensure an entertaining evening and you are guaranteed to be wiser at the end of it. We will aim to start at 7.30pm sharp in the Hut on the Green at Stalisfield. Make sure of your place by booking with Ian on 01795 890475.



### An Easter Message

Today in Britain we live in a secular world - or at least, a world with very vocal secularists. Christians are frequently thought to be fanciful or crazy. Yet this is not the only age when our religion has been disbelieved . Jesus called his time "This godless and wicked day" (Mark 8, v38), and the doubt and disbelief must have been amplified for his disciples when Jesus was killed.

Then, when Jesus actually returned to them in the flesh. all their doubts were dispelled, and a deep joy took hold of them (John 20 v19-20). The exception was Thomas,



who said he would not believe in the resurrection of Jesus unless he put his finger in the print of the nails in his hands. When he too sees Jesus he suddenly realises that the impossible is true. (John 20 v24-29) The belief of Thomas, the sceptic, is all the more convincing.

Those who doubt Christ's resurrection have only to look at the extraordinary change in these few frightened men huddling together in a locked upper room to bold men proclaiming the resurrection and risking their lives to do so (Acts 2 v14-47). How else could this change have happened? Really no other explanation fits the bill.

So let us put aside doubts and proclaim Jesus' resurrection with joy and thankfulness. God is alive and His strength and His peace and His loving presence is here for us now.

He is risen! Alleluia!

May God bless you this Easter.

Please come and join us for one of our Easter services, details are on the front cover.





Sunday At Easter let us rejoice in the resurrection.

Monday Pray for love and concord in this troubled world.

Bless all those who are Tuesday planning the Bluebell Walk.

Wednesday Bless those who are grieving the loss of a loved one

Thursday Guide the leaders of nations in your paths.

Friday For our farmers growing our food in times of drought

Saturday That our faith may grow strong in your love.



St Mary's Church, Stalisfield

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2pm - 4pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. 10am - 4pm daily

Refreshments will be available each afternoon Cream Teas on Sunday from 2pm - 4pm

Join us for the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service at 10am on Sunday 3rd June



### **Decorating St Mary's Church** for Easter.

Please come along to the church on Saturday 7th April at 10.30am to help with the communal decorating for Easter.

All donations of flowers and foliage gratefully received and everyone welcome. Refreshments

If you wish to donate towards an Easter lily in remembrance of a loved one, please contact Bay on 01795892036 or baylees@mac.com

### Why did Jesus fold the napkin?



On that first Easter morning, John's gospel (20:7) tells us that when Peter stooped and when into the tomb, he found the linen wrappings that Jesus' body had been wrapped in, thrown to one side. But the napkin, which had been placed over the face of Jesus, was neatly

folded and placed at the head of that stony coffin. Why? Why should Jesus fold the napkin after his resurrection?

The significance of the folded napkin might be found in Hebrew tradition of the day. When a servant waited on his master at the dinner table, and the master was done eating, he would rise from the table and toss the napkin to one side. But when the master was not finished, he would fold his napkin to indicate that though he had left the table for the moment, he was coming back.

When Jesus folded his napkin, could it be that he was saying to the world: I may be leaving now, but - I am coming back! One day, the Bible teaches us, he WILL!

### **Eastling Neighbourhood Watch**

Contact Nos

Parish /Village Warden 07794 010394 Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Swale Police 101

Emergencies 999 Again, there have been reports of the old chestnut random phone calls being made to local people stating that they have a problem on their computer. These people have no access to your computer and it is a scam. If you do feel worried about such calls, please give me a call and it will be sorted out.

It seems that the stealing of heating oil and and other petroleum products is on the increase, so please ensure your oil tanks and car fuel tanks are securely locked.

It has been a very quiet month relating to any localised crime or anti-social behaviour so please keep up the good work and report anything untoward so we can keep it that way.

As a matter of interest, a dog was found in the village in the early hours about 7 weeks ago was passed onto me to deal with. I checked for microchip, then Swale, Maidstone and Ashford police, plus the dog warden, alas to no avail. I agreed with the dog warden that I would look after him for a while, should his owner turn up, but no one has and now he has his feet 'firmly' as to say 'under the table' and has been accepted by my other dogs. So he is here to stay and we have named

Good news that the defibrillator has not been needed in the village but, as we have all read and heard about recently, the young footballer collapsing at the football match highlights the importance of having a defibrillator available.

Have a good month and take care out there.

### the Carpenters Arm 01795 890234

Wednesday 2-4-1

From 28th March on Wednesday evenings we will be operating a 2 for 1 main course offer to run throughout April. With our week-ends now selling out in the dining room we are trying to encourage mid-week dining as well, so we will run with this and possibly extend it through the summer. So, order 2 main courses and you only pay for one.

Corinne's Indian Banquet Saturday 14th April Corrine Goodman returns to take over the Carps kitchen for the evening. She will be cooking a traditional Indian banquet of 7 taster courses.

Murder Mystery Dinner Saturday 21st April

Hu Jones returns with his team to perform another evening of murder mayhem over dinner.

Dine from Rob's new menu and work out the culprit to win dinner for two.

"The Retrophonic Archive" Friday 6th April

One of our favourite local bands The Retrophonic Archive are a covers band based in Kent, specialising in popular music of the 60s, 70s and 80s.

> Many thanks and best wishes Mitch, Donna and the dogs

We have recently experimented with a new method of discouraging undesirables and ne'er-do-wells from "The Carps. By simply pretending we have no beer we have found that said people leave rather quickly and move on elsewhere, genius

### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL TRUST and PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETINGS

Have you ever considered getting more involved with your local community? Would you like to have a say in the running of Eastling Village generally. Or have you got a comment on the way the Hall operates or suggestions for its future?

The Village Hall Trust's Annual General Meeting is at 7.30 pm on Thursday 26 April 2012 in the Village Hall and all are welcome to attend. The meeting includes a public forum for questions and suggestions from villagers and nominations will be considered for election of two "village representatives" to serve as Trustees. Nominees must be 18 years of age or

over. Nomination forms and further details are available from the Trust Secretary, Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling 890254: (tel: sueandpeter@live.co.uk). The Trustees' Annual General

Meeting will be followed at 8pm by the Parish Council's Annual Meeting - have you got a burning issue you would like to raise or comments about how your precept is spent? Please turn up and support the Trustees and the Parish Council. Both groups would greatly welcome your input.

### Annual Parish Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Otterden Parish Meeting will be held at

Otterden Place on Wednesday 9th May 2012 at 7.30pm.

All residents are welcome to attend. **Eastling Village Hall** Thursday 26th April

7.30pm Hall Trust's Annual General Meeting 8pm Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Please come along to support your local amenities.

### **EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council met on 14th March and Councillors were glad that the Youth Club was running well with support from adults. The Quiz night on the 24th March raised much needed funds.

Councillor Bailey had attended the Planning Enforcement Briefing and Emergency Planning meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Wooden fencing around the village sign was approved and would be installed to protect the area.

Councillor Prescott advised that there would be a consultation later this year regarding modernisation of the Library Service.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 26th April 2012 commencing at at 8pm in Eastling Village Hall. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 30th May at 6.30pm In Eastling village Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council mick\_seaman@yahoo.co.uk

### Self- Employed Secretary/ PA **Seeks Part Time Work**

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### Services in our Churches

### 1st April Palm Sunday

Philippians 2. 5 - 11. Mark 11. 1 - 11

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Eastling Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer

5th April Maundy Thursday 1 Corinthians 11, 23 - 26, John 13, 1 - 17, 31b - 35 Stalisfield 7.30 pm Holy Communion

### 6th April Good Friday

12 noon Meditation followed by 1 pm Vigil

### 8th April Easter Day

Acts 10, 34 - 43. John 20, 1 - 18 or Mark 16, 1 - 8 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW) 10 am Family Communion Eastling

### 15th April Easter 2

Acts 4, 32 - 35, John 20, 19 - end

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Eastling Eastling 10 am S Club in Village Hall

### 22nd April Easter 3

Acts 3. 12 - 19, Luke 24. 36b - 48

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW) 10 am Youngstyle Eastling

### 29th April Easter 4

Acts 4, 5 - 12 John 10, 11 - 18

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Throwley 10 am Benefice Communion

### 6th May Easter 5

Acts 8. 26 - end, John 15. 1 - 8

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Eastling Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer

### Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Vacant

Reader

Eastling

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate

Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124) New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)

4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Hugh Perks (01795 890603) Weald Cottage, Eastling

### Churchwardens

Steve Youle (01795 890368) Audrey Smith (01795 890469)

Parish Administrator Janet Payne

(01795 890487) E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

### Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean West (01233 712270) Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)

Parish Administrator

Sheila Moger (01233 713212) E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

Throwley Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258) Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)

### Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly 17th April, Study Group 9am Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling Tuesdays: weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm Thursdays: weekly Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

### 2012 Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Stalisfield - 22nd April 2011, 11am in Stalisfield Church Eastling - 1st April 2012, 11am in Eastling Church Members of the congregations are welcome to attend. For further details please contact respective Churchwardens

### Throwley Church Services

8th April 9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) 22nd April 9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 29th April 10 am Benefice Communion

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### Christians in Syria need your help today

Barnabas Fund has just launched a crisis appeal for Christians in Syria, especially in the battle-besieged city of Homs, where many thousands are trapped. Whole families and many orphans are in desperate need. Prices have rocketed by up to 50 per cent and supplies are low. More than 200 Christians have already been killed, and the Christian community has been beset by a series of kidnappings. Even when high ransoms are paid, the victim is often found murdered.

There are two million Christians in Svria, around ten per cent of the whole population. Among them are thousands of Iraqi Christian refugees who have been forced from their homeland by anti-Christian violence. Barnabas Fund is one of the very few Christian aid agencies helping Christians in Syria at this tumultuous time. It is working directly with Christian partners in the country to get urgent supplies to needy families. If you would like to support this work, please go to: www.barnabasfund.org

### The word Prayer comes from the **The Prayer** latin 'Precari' (from Prex, precis a prayer). Prayer is an entreaty, to entreat is to beg, Chambers Dictionary describes Prayer as an

act of communication with one's God, an address to the God or a Spiritual Power. It is a kind of petition or penitence, the petition of the kind one would submit to a public body like Parliament or Legislative Council. The Great Sage in our own times, Mahatma Gandhi, described Prayer as the heart - the soul of all religions. He started his day with a Prayer and ended it likewise. A J Gordon observed, "You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed."

The act of praying is unique, it involves supplication and invocation. It is a honest and urgent request imploring and pleading We go to the for help and support. Temple, to Church, to Synagogue, to

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An observation by Raghu Gaind

Mosque to pray. To most of us, Prayer is The Bhakti is chanting of Mantras and

India declared, "The essence of the prayer does not consist in asking God for something, but in opening our hearts to the God, in speaking with Him and living with Him in perpetual communion." Prayer he stated involves abandonment of self to the God. Prayer, he stressed, does not ask God for all kinds of things one desires or wants. but is a union with God Himself, the only Giver of Life. The Prayer is thus not asking for anything, but a unification with the Divine Father. The Prayer is a desire to possess God Himself, the Source of all life. The true spirit of Prayer does not consist in asking for blessings but receiving Him, Who is the giver of all blessings, and living a life of union/fellowship with Him.

The older religions Hinduism, Buddhism

### The Swallows

by Audrey Keen

How graceful are the swallows. So few now, but those that gather bring joy to those of us left to look upon them and wonder at their journey through life. See their elegant shape and flattering colours, their eye catching flight and recognizable fish tails, as they flash and catch their food from the summer sky. They close in quickly on the garden pond to drink, not stopping but swooping, gathering the water needed to quench their thirst then flying on. They are a summer friend. Their loud and foreign chatter is much welcomed though there are so

few now. Let us fervently hope that their numbers increase or, like the cuckoo, they will be another of God's creatures that disappear. Then they will only be found in picture books for future generations to read about.

The fog behind was thick and dense But there upon the garden fence A blackbird sang. Each note he uttered strong and clear.

This song of spring I wait to hear Especially in the evenings when April comes to Kent again. AIK



indeed an honest act, thus honest begging is not a passive act, it demands.

Sadhu Sundar Singh, a Sage from Punjab,

and Jainism evolved between 500 to 3000 BC. They originated in the Indian subcontinent. The emphasis on Prayer and Worship is common to them all ;Meditation/ yoga involves Bhakti (Devotion).

repetitive prayers. Intense Bhakti creates tranquility and trancelike state which allows us to detach ourself from Maya (illusion of the material world), it leads to Moksha/Nirvana, the latter is a state of complete blessedness achieved when the individual soul is at one with/ united with the universal soul, the Brahman. The Prayer may focus on the personal forms of God ie, Shiva, Vishnu or Vishnu's Avatars, Ram an Krishna. Thus fundamental Monism of

Hinduism pertains ultimately to one universal soul, the Brahman, which can be called the Unknowable, the Infinite, True and the Divine. All this is the essence of the Vedic system. Over time the Prayer has not changed in meaning or purpose and it is integral to all beliefs and religions. "He who has learnt to pray has learnt the greatest secret of a holy and happy life." so said William Law, English cleric and

Raghu Gaind, Otterden. (raghunandangaind@gmail.com)

theological writer (1686 - 1761).

### A Day of Healing and Wholeness

Revd. Dr. Russ Parker **Director of the Acorn Christian Healing** Foundation

### Saturday 9th June 2012

in Eastling Village Hall.

10am - 4pm (registration and coffee from 9.30am) Cost will be £9 per person. Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.

If you would like to book or need further information, please leave contact details on 01795 890487 or email: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

### The secret to good relationships...

If you want your friendships and indeed your romances to flourish, there is a simple secret: show some gratitude for the 'little things' in your relationship. According to recent research, daily kindness

and thoughtful gestures have the ability to add meaning to the lives of both you and your friend/ partner, and helps keep your relationship warm. Proverbs 11:25 observes: 'A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.'

### **Belmont Spring Fair**

Sunday 6th and Monday 7th May 11am - 5pm Free admission to fair and gardens

Arts \* Crafts \* Bar

Refreshments \* Tea room open



### **Stalisfield Onion Society**

The Mammoth Onion Plants will be ready for collection from 12th April. Judgement Day will, as usual, be the Stalisfield Summer Fête (Saturday 25th August) – with a trophy for the winner. Don't forget this year's event will also include a trophy for the O.O.O. (Odd One Out) - the most unusual fruit or vegetable, in terms of shape, size, etc. Cost of the Mammoth Onions is £3.50 for five plants. Please contact Brian Richmond on 01795 890697

### Stalisfield Highlife Provisional programme for 2012 is:

Friday 13th April-Sunday 3rd June-

Jubilee Party on the Green Monday 4th June-Jubilee Beacon Saturday 28th July-Olympics Race Meet

Saturday 25th August-Saturday 29th September- Harvest Supper Friday 19th October-Thursday 15th November- Election Day Friday 7th December-Saturday 8th December- Pantomime

Fête on the Green Autumn Quiz Party Pantomime Saturday 15th December- Over 60s' Tea.

Spring Quiz Party

### **Eastling Short Mat Bowls**

On the 23rd February the Eastling Cherries played the Ash Archers at home, when Eileen Piles, Mick Heath and Chris Smith won their mat 18 shots to 9 shots, with Des Briggs, Bryan Searly and Roy Piles winning 18 shots to 5 shots earning 6 points for Eastling, nil for Ash. On 1st March the team played away to Ash Archers with. Eileen. Mick and Chris winning 17 shots to 6 shots, but, for the second time this season, Des, Bryan and Roy Piles lost 9 shots to 15. Eastling with more shots still came away with 4 points.

Playing Dover Sharks at home, Eileen, Mick and Chris Smith won 19 shots to 9: Des Bryan and Roy won 16 shots to 6; Eastling 6 points. At the return game on 15th March, our last game in the East Kent League for this season Eileen, Mick and Chris won 17-9: Des. Bryan and Roy were 15-15 with one end to go when Roy with the last wood took shot and won earning 6 more points The Eastling team has won the second division in the East Kent League finishing on 107 points - First division next season! In the Swale League there are still five

games to play; report next month. Roy Piles.

### Youth Club Quiz Night

We would like to thank Alan and Marion Willson for organising a splendid quiz night in aid of Eastling Youth Club, and everyone who came to support it. Thanks to you we raised £357 towards our dwindling funds, which has given us a great boost.

We much appreciate it.

Thank you! Jordan, Ben and Angela

### FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

We hope you all enjoy Easter and the holiday. Dates to remember:

Summer Fete - Sunday 1st July. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

End of Term Social - Thursday 19th July Second Hand school uniform always available for parents to purchase at very reasonable prices.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity. 01795 890252

### Otterden WI

A big thank you to all our ladies who cooked such lovely food for our. 'Bring your own homemade food' tasting night.

4th April - Our next meeting will be another gastronomic extravaganza, in the form of an Indian cookery demonstration by Corrine Goodman this will be held in Stalisfield Hall 7.30pm.

28th April we are holding a sale in Stalisfield Hall from 10am onwards selling clothes, books, DVDs, toys, crafty bits, and plants. If you would like to hire a table it will be £5 or you have something you would like to donate to us please contact Carol Morris on 01795 892038 or Kim Curtis on 01795 890691. There will also be yummy cakes, teas and coffee. So why not join us anyway for a sit down and a chat.

2nd May Annual meeting AGM then Bingo, Stalisfield Hall 7.30pm. 18th May Quiz night! please book your table early, call Julie on 01795 890700.

18th June Lavender farm visit. (Arrangements to be confirmed) 4th July Wine tasting with Andrew Higgs, Stalisfield Hall 7.30pm. 1st August Air Ambulance talk, please come and show your support, quests most welcome, Stalisfield Hall 7,30pm.

5th September Pampered Chef. Stalisfield Hall 7.30pm.

3rd October English apple tasting evening, Stalisfield Hall 7,30pm.

7th November Sugar craft stalisfield Hall 7.30pm.

5th December Wreath making (venue to be confirmed)

This year's

### **Bluebell Walk**

is on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May from Eastling Village Hall.

You can choose from three different length walks through our delightful north downs bluebell woods, suitable for young families to serious walkers, also guided walks.

Start anytime between 10am & 2pm, cost is £3 adult, £1 child or £7 family ticket.

The Bluebell Bistro will be open 10am - 4pm, serving pre-walk snacks, hot? and cold lunches, puddings and teas.

### A bug hunt

New in the churchyard from 2pm.

Proceeds from the day will go to Eastling church appeal.

### **Eastling Senior Citizens**

Many thanks to Mitch, Donna, customers and staff of the Carpenters Arms for the generous donation of £500 from their successful Harvest Auction, this enabled the Christmas Lunch to go ahead without any financial problems.

Mrs M Neaves and Mrs O Simmonds, ioint Treasurers.



### The Crucifixion

by John Stainer A performance given in Boughton Parish Church on Good Friday, 7.30pm.

Admission free, retiring collection.

**LEIGH MILES** 

### Alzheimer's Society

Jill and Hilary would like to thank everyone who supported the Book Sale in March - £50 was sent to the Alzheimer's Society as a result.

Tuesday 17th April at 2.15pm 75th Birthday Party

Mrs H. Kendall-Tobias will talk about Pearls and Princesses.

### **Painters Forstal with** Ospringe W.I.

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### The Mobile Library visits Eastling, every fortnight, at the entrance to Glebe Cottages.

It is open to everyone, free of charge. April dates are Tuesdays 3rd & 17th. 10.50 - 11.05am.

### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL To book ring Julia Bailey

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### APRIL



2012

1st Church Annual Meeting 11am Eastling Church 1st & every Sunday Youth Club 6.30pm Eastling Village Hall 3rd Mobile Library 10.50am Glebe Cottages 4th Otterden W.I. 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall 7th Church decorating 10.30am Eastling Church

11am Belmont House 8th Easter Egg Hunt 12th Mammoth Onion Plants ready for collection: 01795 890697 12th Charing History Society 7.45pm Charing Parish Hall

13th Spring Quiz 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall 15th Deadline for May Good News Pinks Farm, Eastling 15th S Club 10am Eastling Village Hall

17th Study group 10am Garden Cottage 17th Mobile Library 10.50am Glebe Cottages 17th Painters Forstal W. I. 2.15pm Whitehill Chapel 22nd Youngstyle 10am Eastling Church

22nd Plant Fair 2pm Belmont House 24th Magazine Folding 2pm Pinks Farm, Eastling

25th Coffee Club 11am Champion Hall 26th Village Hall Annual Meeting 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall 26th Annual Parish Meeting 8pm Eastling Village Hall

28th Table Top Sale 10am Stalisfield Village Hall MAY 7th Bluebell Walk 10am Eastling Village Hall JUNE 2nd - 5th Flower Festival Stalisfield Church

9th Day with Russ Parker 10am Eastling Village Hall JULY 1st School Fête Eastling School

AUGUST 11th Wilderness Down Open Day at Stalisfield

### Deadline for May 2012 Good News

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th April, to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm. Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA, Tel: 01795 890338, Where possible. please submit your entry by email: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

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# HARDY PLANTS

### SOCIETY PLANT FAIR

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012, 2.00pm till 5.00pm

The HPS plant fair is the perfect place to find unusual and garden worthy perennial plants for your garden. The enthusiastic Hardy Plant Society members will help you find a plant to suit your garden – be it wet or dry, clay or sandy soil.

Admission £5.00, HPS Members £4.50

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH Tel: 01795 890202

### Charing & District **Local History Society**

Thursday 12th April in Charing Parish Hall: Dr Ann Kneif will talk on THE ITALIAN INFLUENCE ON GARDEN IN KENT:

a study of the fashions and tastes which formed so of the most beautiful gardens in Kent. Doors open 7.45pm for 8pm start. Visitors welcome at £2. Enquiries: Jennie Burgess 01233 714639.



Outing to the 16th- and 17thcentury Hall Place, & the Palladian Danson House, Bexlev

Saturday 26 May 2012 Cost: £25 (members) £28 (non-members):

includes guided tours of both houses, access to the gardens & a cream tea at Hall Place. Coach leaves School Road, Charing at 9.00am & will return approx. 5.45pm.

Please contact: Kate McIver (01233 713357) or Sheila Neil (01233 713971) for more information and to book places.