



## Youth Alpha

a practical introduction to the Christian faith aimed at young people aged 11 to 14.

### WHEN:

Mondays at 5.30 - 7pm, starting September 29th 2014

### WHERE:

The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling. ME13 0AS

### CONTACT:

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### EMAIL:

eastlingchurch@gmail.com

### A TYPICAL SESSION

includes four main elements: Food, Fun, Talk and Discussion...

### FOOD:

Pasta and Pizza and a chance to chat and get to know one another.

### FUN:

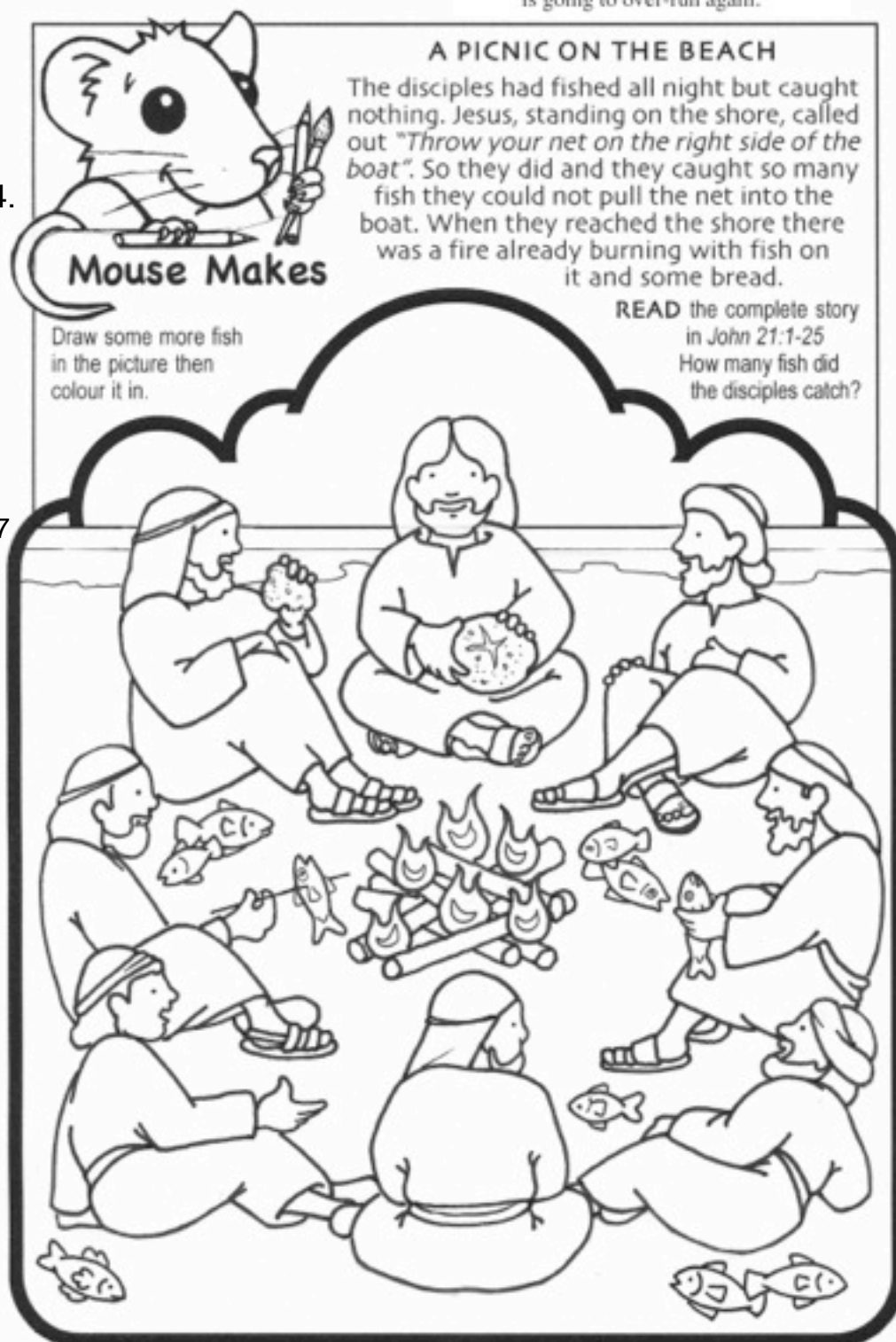
Have fun at the same time as learning about the Christian faith.

### TALK:

Games, activities, animations and video clips.

### DISCUSSION:

Everyone is free to say whatever they like in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.



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## Good News

Parish Magazine

August 2014

## WWI Commemoration CREAM TEA PARTY

Eastling Village Hall

Sunday 24th August

2 - 6pm

Live entertainment through the afternoon  
with singalong

Free entry, All welcome

Cakes, teas and coffees will be available,  
plus the facilities of a bar.

Please feel free to wear any bonnets,  
cloth caps or moustaches,  
and enter into the spirit of the day.



## HOG ROAST

SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

EASTLING PIG SOCIETY

AND

THE CARPENTERS ARMS  
WILL BE PROVIDING A FREE HOG  
ROAST FOR EASTLING RESIDENTS  
FOOD SERVED FROM 3PM  
ONWARDS



Stalisfield Wild Life

Fête on the Green

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

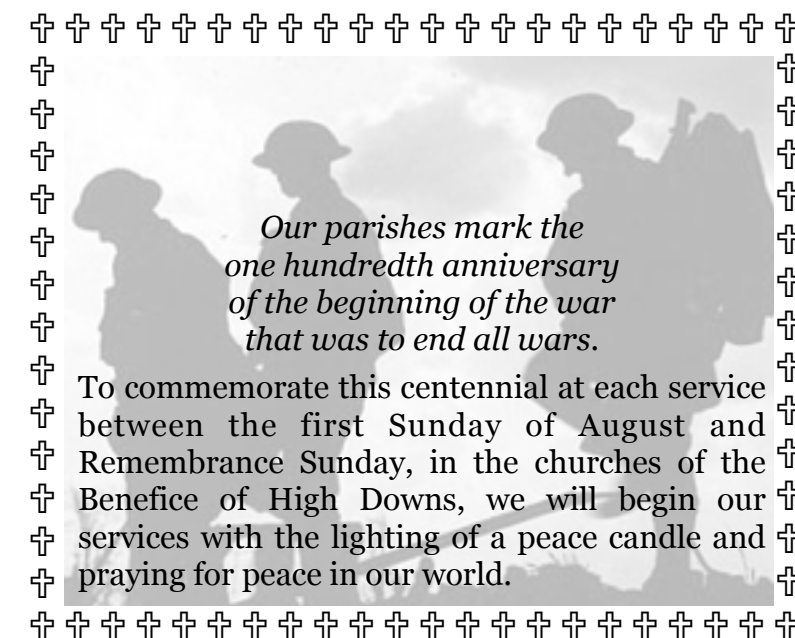
2pm

Undaunted by the temporary absence of a hall and convinced that the weather will be kind, Stalisfield's Annual Fête promises to be better than ever. At 2 o'clock the Green will come to life with an array of delights guaranteed to entertain the whole family.

Games, competitions and other activities will delight the children together with the ever popular greasy pole and crockery smashing. Adults will take pleasure or profit from the many chances to win a prize or bag a bargain. Alongside the traditional bottle tombola, barrow- of- booze and chocolotto, the Special Luxury Draw will feature valuable prizes including a week in a holiday apartment in Swanage, a restaurant meal for two and a designer holdall in Harris tweed.

Stalls on the Green offering garden produce and home-made goodies, bric-a-brac and face painting will intermingle with opportunities for refreshment in the Pimm's tent, in the WI afternoon tea tent and at the barbeque.

Join us for the Annual Stalisfield Fête. There will be lots for everyone.



Our parishes mark the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the war that was to end all wars.

To commemorate this centennial at each service between the first Sunday of August and Remembrance Sunday, in the churches of the Benefice of High Downs, we will begin our services with the lighting of a peace candle and praying for peace in our world.

The news magazine for the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley

[www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews)



The Canon’s Column

The discussion in the lunchroom had moved through several topics and then someone brought up the item in the news about an initiative to change the abortion laws to permit late term abortions in certain cases. The conversation threatened to become too polarized and serious for our remaining lunch time when one woman, whose two youngest children, a boy and a girl, were both into the raging hormonal adolescent stage said in a tired voice, “I would support late term abortion if it was extended to age sixteen.” It was the voice of frustration and exhaustion in dealing with the chronic chaos that two teenagers can bring to a home and a parent’s life. Did she really mean what she said? Of course not. She was quietly floundering in the volatile atmosphere of her family life, and giving vent to her pressure and stress.

We all laughed at her statement, took it for what it was and moved back to our afternoons at our desks.

Lord Carrey, in his recent statement of support for assisted death, has indicated he has made this change in his position out of the frustration of standing by while someone goes through the pain and despair of the last months of a terminal condition. He is correct in pointing out that many people today survive far longer with certain conditions than they did a generation ago because of the advancement of modern medicine. The advancements have given many people six months to five years or even longer of productive fulfilling life. In some cases this has been an opportunity to renew, restore or rebuild relationships with families and friends that have been life giving. But a downside to the advances in medical treatment is that many people



Prayer Pointers August 2014

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| Sundays    | For peace throughout this turbulent world.              |
| Mondays    | For the decisions of the General Synod                  |
| Tuesdays   | Pray for all who minister in our parishes.              |
| Wednesdays | For all who are suffering for their faith.              |
| Thursdays  | For the safekeeping of all who are going on holiday.    |
| Fridays    | For rest and refreshment for all involved in education. |
| Saturdays  | For those who work to provide our food.                 |

have been kept alive long past the time when they would have died naturally previously; this extension of life has not been life giving but rather life sapping for family, friends and the individual as pain and incapacity rob them of dignity, control and hope. This is where the frustration builds and the questions are asked about assisted death.

The unfortunate part of this is that changes to laws and rules always have ramifications that were never intended at the time of writing, debating and passing. The permission and acceptance of assisted death and its practice could be the simple slim end of the wedge to things we barely can conceive at the present.

While now, most cases of assisted death we hear or read about show the deep agony and hopelessness of a parent or an adult child dealing with either chronic or the acute health problems of a beloved family member. The decision to act to end someone’s life has been made, most often when people are forced to cope alone without the proper care and support of an engaged and committed community.

In the midst of our frustrations, despair and depression, are there other options? One of the important and beneficial resources is the hospice and palliative care movement that seeks to provide a full range of appropriate care and support for individuals approaching death as well as for their families and friends. This support includes at-home, or in a hospice centre, nursing care with proper specialized pain management, often with a specialist physician on call, plus a range of social, psychological and spiritual support from trained practitioners. Many individuals and families have found that this type of palliative care has provided a dignified and peaceful death experience for the individual and his or her family.

This is not a yes or no question but rather a what else question. Are there other ways of dealing with a situation which do not bring us to contemplate proactively causing someone to die?

Donald Lawton



Eastling Church August 2014 Flower Rota

- 3rd - Nerys Condrup
- 10th - Joan Thomas and
- & 17th Julia Bailey
- 24th - Gaby Turner and
- & 31st Pippa West
- Sept 7th - Nerys Condrup

Worth Thinking About

The first in a series of Dinner and a Speaker evenings

at the Plough Inn, Stalisfield, sponsored by High Downs Benefice.

On Tuesday, 2nd September, 2014, at 7:00 pm the speaker will be the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, former Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia. Her Honour’s speech will be *Faith and Christian Belief in a Public Forum*.

Tickets, £20 per person, will be available from the Benefice office, email eastlingchurch@gmail.com, or 01795 890 487. The next dinner and speaker will be either in November or January.

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How does our faith and our world connect? We often wonder about the connection between what we do at work and what we believe.

Worth Thinking About

is an attempt to answer this question. From time to time, three or four times per year, we will arrange for a speaker to have dinner with us and share the integration of his/her work and faith. Our first speaker will be the Honourable Mayann E Francis, the former Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada. Her Honour grew up in industrial Cape Breton, her father was a priest in a working class neighbourhood. She has had a distinguished career in public service in New York State and in the Provinces of Ontario and Nova Scotia and was Ombudsman and CEO of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission before becoming Lieutenant-Governor.

The second speaker in our series will be Robert White, a retired official from the Foreign Office, who will speak on his work with refugees and the UN Convention on Refugees. This dinner will be in November or January.

We will endeavour to find other speakers of a similar calibre, who can speak from the experience of integrating their values and their faith and their work life.

The Plough Inn, with its growing reputation as a place to dine, will be able to accommodate a maximum of forty at these dinners. We hope that these will dinners will meet that old adage about a good meal, pleasant company, and a stimulating speaker.

We were standing on the edge of the Sahara Desert. It was night, and silence

reigned. In a cloudless sky, a myriad of stars were shining. It was like standing inside a vast dome, with pinpricks of light everywhere from the highest point above, down to the horizon all around. I found myself repeating these words from Psalm 8, written maybe 3,000 years ago:

*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?*

The vastness of that night sky. And we, little dots of humanity. Why does God bother with us? That question and answer are reminders of the extraordinary contribution which Judaism has made to mankind’s understanding of what the world is about. There are two distinct assertions: There is one God, who is the source of all things in heaven and on earth. This God has a special interest in

The Ven John Barton, former archdeacon of Aston, considers the greatness of God...

Why does God bother with us?

humans and given us a privileged position.

Nowadays, we Christians may take those two aspects of belief for granted, but that was not always the case. It is clear that in OT times people struggled to understand. One God or lots of gods? Did not every tribe, every community have its own god? And were not these gods irascible, needing to be pleased or placated? Monotheism, or belief in One God, was a gradual development from polytheism. Alongside grew the conviction that this one God had marked out humanity for his favour, with special attention given to a downtrodden, nomadic collection of Hebrew tribes.

We know now that the Psalmist was mistaken to imagine that all he could see was the sum total of all that there is. Our planet, far from being pivotal, was like one of those specks of Sahara sand on which I was standing. And yet – such a Creator God knows and cares about each one of us.

With all this in mind, how then, does

Jesus fit in the cosmos? What would the writer of the Psalm make of him? The Psalmist was already overawed at the majesty of the night sky, and bowled over to think that the same Creator had any regard for mankind, never mind a particular interest in the Hebrew people. How much more astonished would he have been to discover that the One God whom we believe to be the Source of everything, would at a given point in time and space, enter the womb of a teenage Hebrew girl: Mary, the Mother of Jesus?

Jesus is the ‘Word’, the idea which brought something out of nothing, and then lived alongside us. He taught us to address the Creator as Father. His and ours. He invited us to take his hand as our friend. The way is hazardous. We cannot go it alone. The One who calls us will help us to recognise all that is genuine and to spot where our true future lies. All this is the work of the Holy Spirit at work within us. He has made us ‘a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honour.’

My Christ-thoughts



*I light my Christ-light daily And I lift my Christ-thoughts high While in the flame I see my Lord draw near.*

*He takes my prayer For you and yours and puts them at the heart Of God’s concern for all in need.*

*As He works through those who care He takes their skill, their patience To encourage, comfort, bless; To strengthen faith, and hope, and love.*

*And uses life to profess The wonder of creation and The wonder of His grace. As through the care of many We behold the Lord’s own face.*

*He is the Light in every darkness And the Hope in all despair - For He’s the one in everyone Who says, ‘My love, I’m here!’*

By Sam Doubtfire



Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Contact numbers

Village Warden: 07794 010394  
Crimestoppers 0800 555111  
Swale Police 101  
Emergency 999



As in my July report I advised every person to check their sheds and other buildings as there had been quite a few break ins in the Newnham area the nasties decided that it was Eastling’s turn namely my sheds and one other person’s. Three of my sheds were broken into and a petrol lawnmower and strimmer taken plus a couple of no value tools, fortunately my dogs woke me up at 5am and was able to stop any more tools being taken, my wheelbarrow being abandoned in the field. They ( there were two of them) also managed to take my neighbours lawnmower plus the meat etc from his freezer.

Unfortunately I am unable to go into any further details at the moment because of ongoing police enquiries but the good news is that I was able to obtain the two lawnmowers back by lunchtime that day as those involved in the stealing of the goods were known. The strimmer was of no consequence as it did not work and was due down the dump the next day so they saved me a trip.

I do not have to go to bed every night thinking are the police going to raid at 5 am the next morning. Hopefully we will not have an ongoing crime situation in the area again and I will issue update next month.

School holidays are on again and I would request that everybody takes that extra bit of care when driving as obviously there will be more children about. Harvesting is taking place at present so there will be some extra large tractors around the lane so beware.

Have a good month and take care  
Alan Willson

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting was held on 21st May when Cllr Jimmy West was nominated and accepted post of Chairman, and Cllr Peter Cheeseman nominated as Treasurer for the year. The Council was pleased that the cranes had been moved in to take down the tall trees at the back of Meeson"s Close and Glebe Cottages. There was concern that the footpaths in the parish have not been maintained and that the crop planting goes right to the edge. There is to be a new system regarding planning applications which will be sent by email in future.

At the meeting held on 9th July, a resident raised concerns about the state of the footpaths and other areas in the parish. The Council was in receipt of the Public Rights of Way Definitive Maps, the clerk would write raising the footpaths in question. There was a planning application which was discussed and approved by the Council. The Treasurer advised that the annual audit had been forwarded to the Audit Commission.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd September at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Jill Seaman, Clerk  
jseaman444@btinternet.com



Services in our Churches

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| <b>3rd August Trinity 7</b>                                         |       |                      |
| Genesis 32. 22 - 31, Romans 9. 1 - 5, Matthew 14.13 - 21            |       |                      |
| Eastling                                                            | 8 am  | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Eastling                                                            | 10 am | Holy Communion (CW)  |
| Otterden                                                            | 3 pm  | Evening Prayer (BCP) |
| <b>10th August Trinity 8</b>                                        |       |                      |
| Genesis 37.1-4, 12 - 28, Romans 10. 5 - 15, Matthew 14. 22 - 33     |       |                      |
| Eastling                                                            | 8 am  | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Stalisfield                                                         | 10 am | Holy Communion (CW)  |
| Throwley                                                            | 10 am | Holy Communion (CW)  |
| <b>17th August Trinity 9</b>                                        |       |                      |
| Genesis 45. 1-15, Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15. (10-20) 21-28 |       |                      |
| Eastling                                                            | 8 am  | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Eastling                                                            | 10 am | Morning Prayer (BCP) |
| Stalisfield                                                         | 10 am | Holy Communion (CW)  |
| <b>24th August Trinity 10</b>                                       |       |                      |
| Exodus 1.8 - 2.10, Romans 12.1 - 8, Matthew 16.13 - 20              |       |                      |
| Eastling                                                            | 8 am  | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Throwley                                                            | 10 am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Stalisfield                                                         | 10 am | Morning Prayer (BCP) |
| <b>31st August Trinity 11</b>                                       |       |                      |
| Exodus 3. 1 - 15, Romans 12. 9 - 21, Matthew 16. 21 - 28            |       |                      |
| Eastling                                                            | 8 am  | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Stalisfield                                                         | 10 am | Benefice Service     |
| <b>7th September Trinity 12</b>                                     |       |                      |
| Exodus 12. 1 - 14, Romans 13. 8 - 14, Matthew 18.15 - 20            |       |                      |
| Eastling                                                            | 8 am  | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Eastling                                                            | 10 am | Holy Communion (CW)  |
| Otterden                                                            | 3 pm  | Evening Prayer (BCP) |
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| (BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.           |       |                      |
| (CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.                  |       |                      |



**Sunday 31st August**  
**10am Benefice Service**  
**in St. Mary's Stalisfield**  
*Celebrating Mary,*  
*Patron Saint for both*  
*Eastling and Stalisfield*  
*churches*  
**All ages welcome.**

Ministry in our Parishes

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Priest of the Parishes                                | Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)<br>The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS |
| Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate | Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)<br>New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN             |
| Reader                                                | Norman Fowler (01795 890412)<br>4 Meesons Close, Eastling                                 |
| Reader                                                | Hugh Perks (01795 890603)<br>Weald Cottage, Eastling                                      |
| <b>Churchwardens</b>                                  |                                                                                           |
| <b>Eastling</b>                                       | Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)                                                              |
| Assistant Warden                                      | Steve Youle (01795 890368)                                                                |
| <b>Parish Administrator</b>                           | Janet Payne (01795 890487)<br>E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com                            |
| <b>Stalisfield with Otterden</b>                      | Jean West (01233 712270)<br>Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)                                |
| <b>Parish Administrator</b>                           | Sheila Moger (01233 713212)<br>E mail samhawksnest@aol.com                                |
| <b>Throwley</b>                                       | Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)<br>Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)                            |

From the Registers

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| <b>Funeral</b> | Mitchell (Mitch) Lee Spooner<br>25th July 2014 Cremation at Charing                                    |
|                | Kenneth Stevens<br>28th July 2014 Cremation at Charing<br>followed by Thanksgiving Service at Eastling |

Midweek Groups

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| <b>Tuesdays:</b>  | Monthly study group, 10am on 12th August<br>at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368 |
| <b>Tuesdays:</b>  | Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm,<br>Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338    |
| <b>Thursdays:</b> | Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm,<br>Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338  |
| <b>Fridays:</b>   | Weekly study group, 11am 6 Kettle Hill Cots,<br>Eastling. 07780 661275                |

*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*

Flower Festival - *Lest we forget*  
Centenary of the First WorldWar  
St Cosmas & St. Damian, Challock  
Saturday 23rd - Monday 25th August  
10.30am - 4.30pm

Centennial of the Outbreak of the First World War

This month marks the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the war that was to end all wars.

Bishop Trevor has asked us to commemorated this centenary with some sort of focus on the first Sunday or Monday of the month, the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, 1914, was the actual of the declaration of war against Germany, after its invasion of Belgium.

In the churches of the Benefice of High Downs, we are going to commemorate this centennial in two ways:

At each service between the first Sunday of August and Remembrance Sunday, we will begin our service with the lighting of a peace candle and praying for peace in our world.

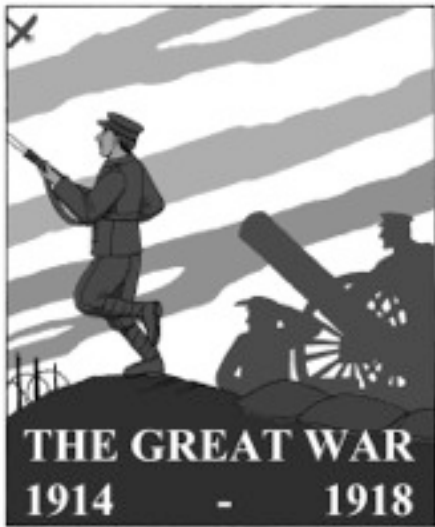
The second part of our commemoration will be the publishing and distribution of a booklet of prayers for peace in our world. This booklet will be available in each church for people to take home, from the first Sunday of August. Through these to endeavours we want to encourage our communities to develop a focus on the need for peace in our world. Perhaps something will come out of these prayers and a new peace initiative will come about.

Copies of the booklet will be available in St. Mary's Church, Eastling, St Mary's Church, Stalisfield, St Lawrence Church, Otterden, and the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Throwley, following their first services during August. Prayer makes a difference!

**100 years ago:**

Throughout August 1914, following the outbreak of WW1 on 28<sup>th</sup> July, the following events took place:

1<sup>st</sup> Germany declared war on the Soviet Union.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Germany occupied Luxembourg.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Germany declared war on France.  
4<sup>th</sup> Germany invaded Belgium; Britain declared war on Germany.  
6<sup>th</sup> Austria-Hungary declared war on Russia; Serbia declared war on Germany.  
7<sup>th</sup> Germany invaded France.  
10<sup>th</sup> France declared war on Austria-Hungary; Austria-Hungary invaded Russia.  
12<sup>th</sup> Britain declared war on Austria-Hungary.  
18<sup>th</sup> The USA declared itself neutral.  
20<sup>th</sup> Germany captured Brussels.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Japan declared war on Germany.  
23<sup>rd</sup> British troops in Mons, Belgium, delayed Germany's advance into France.



*When I initially asked for contributions for the WW1 Commemoration project, Audrey Keen sent me several of her poems. This one caught me and I thought it was so appropriate because it captures the feelings so many people must have had when they received the dreaded black bordered telegram that went out during the First and Second World Wars. Those feelings are also part of the experience of those families in recent years who have opened the door to a military officer and a Chaplain who have come to share with them the news that a son or daughter, wife or husband, has been killed while on duty serving in the Queen's forces.*  
Revd Canon Donald Lawton

**Great War Memorial at Otterden**

On the north wall of the Chapel of St. Lawrence is a White Alabaster plaque to commemorate four soldiers from Otterden who lost their lives in the 1914 - 18 war.

In December 1922 a dedication service was held, conducted by Revd. Francis May and the Rural Dean. It was attended by Lieutenant General Clarke, an officer in Earl Haig's staff in France.

Local parishioners raised the funds to have the memorial plaque erected, organised by Mr Thomas Harrison of Riggs Hill.

Dorothy Murray

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| Here we remember those from our own villages,<br>who gave their lives in the 1914 - 19 war. |                      |                    |
| <b>Throwley</b>                                                                             | <b>Stalisfield</b>   | <b>Eastling</b>    |
| Charles W. Arnold                                                                           | Thomas James Collins | P. Burbridge       |
| Percy W. Cobb                                                                               | Edwin J. Haywood     | F.C. Ditcher       |
| John A. Cottingham                                                                          | Henry Jenkins        | L.P. Kent          |
| W. Davis                                                                                    | Herbert E. Ransom    | E.T. Kent          |
| George French                                                                               | Frederick Spillett   | J. Reynolds        |
| Stanley V. Goodban                                                                          | John R. Stewart      | J. Rutledge        |
| Sydney J. Hare                                                                              | James Wood           | A.E. Slingsby      |
| Frederick W. Hare                                                                           | John Wyeth           | A.C.N. Smith       |
| Francis W. Hawking                                                                          |                      | <i>Died later:</i> |
| Ernest T. Lawrence                                                                          |                      | A. Clackett        |
| Thomas Manuel                                                                               | <b>Otterden</b>      | S. Court           |
| Joseph O'Reilly                                                                             | George Harry Bailey  | John Pettet        |
| William G. Shilling                                                                         | Herbert Harrison     |                    |
| H. Maurice Trotman                                                                          | Luscombe Turner      |                    |
| Hywell P. B. Walters                                                                        | Sidney C Woolley     |                    |



## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS



### CHILDREN'S CRAFT WORKSHOPS

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
11.00am - 12.30pm**

Come along and enjoy a variety of summer themed crafts at Belmont House. £5.00 per child, all craft materials are supplied. A cupcake and drink will be provided for the children too. Suitable for children aged 4-10 years. Booking is essential. For more information please contact Laura from Hand Crafted Events on 07986 160250 or visit [handcraftedevents.org](http://handcraftedevents.org).

### OPEN AIR THEATRE PERFORMANCE OF THE JUNGLE BOOK

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014,  
performance starts at 2.00pm**

Join us at Belmont House and Gardens this Summer to see the Chapterhouse Theatre Company perform The Jungle Book.

In the magical Indian jungle, a new arrival changes the animal kingdom forever. Enjoy a picnic in our beautiful gardens with your friends and family.

For more information, or to book tickets, please visit: [www.seetickets.com/tour/chapterhouse-theatre-company](http://www.seetickets.com/tour/chapterhouse-theatre-company). Adults £14.00, Children (under 16) & Students £10.00 and Families (2 Adults & 2 Children) £42.00.

### BLOOMS AT BELMONT

This workshop will take place on  
**Wednesday 3rd September**  
and runs from 1.00pm - 3.30pm

at Belmont House and Gardens, near Faversham.

The session will begin with Julie Davies doing a flower arrangement demonstration using the flowers which have been freshly picked from the Belmont Gardens.

You can then enjoy a tour with our head gardener Graeme, when you will have the opportunity to cut your own flowers. All materials will be provided, with plenty of time for one to one assistance, to create something wonderful. After all your hard work at the end of the day, you can enjoy tea and homemade cake. The Tea Room is open from 12.00pm so why not arrive early and have some lunch beforehand? *Please note that lunch is not included in the workshop fee.* The cost of this workshop is £45.00 per person. For more information, or to make a booking, please call 01795 890202 or email [events@belmont-house.org](mailto:events@belmont-house.org).

**Belmont House & Gardens,  
Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH**

**[www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org)**

## An open letter from the horses of Eastling...



We, the horses of Eastling, don't mind sharing our bridleways with other users but

please, if you do meet us, give us plenty of room. Walkers: we struggle to understand why anyone would want to walk when God created perfectly good horses for you to ride? And why do walkers have to wear such gaudy clothes? We love children and dogs but please keep them on a lead – especially the dogs – and try to make them stop barking or screaming (dogs and children respectively). And take your litter home: plastic bags are scary things ('The Return of the Plastic Bag' has to be the scariest movie ever!).

Because we don't have many bridleways of our own we have to go on the road. We are lucky that we have a 30 mph speed limit through our village. But even 30 mph is much too fast when you're passing us.

### Do you believe the motoring myths?



Many of us drivers waste money and risk damaging our cars because of the 'motor myths' going

around. For example, do you think that premium fuel is good for cars every now and then? False. High-grade fuel is suitable only for high-performance cars.

What about the idea that it's best to fit new tyres to the front axle? False. Having more grip on the REAR axle improves stability on slippery roads.

Should your car be warmed up before driving off? No. The engine will warm up more quickly, use less fuel and pump out fewer carbon emissions if you drive at once.

Finally, what about running the fuel tank near to empty in order to help clean it? False. Fuel tanks do not 'self clean', and driving with little or no fuel can be almost as damaging to your vehicle as putting in the wrong fuel.

(Tips from car supplier Lex Autolease)

Given the choice between a crisp packet on one side and a ton of motor vehicle on the other we're likely to fancy our chances with the vehicle and leap out in front of you. So please pass us wide and slow. If you're towing a trailer or have a particularly large vehicle you are probably better off stopping altogether: recently there was nearly a nasty incident with a horse and a fast-moving vehicle towing a trailer on the local roads and the police have been informed.

And cyclists: please let us know you're there! You tend to creep up on us and make us jump. Please smile and say 'hello' – I know it must be difficult when you're squeezed into lycra, but at least try.

And finally, sometimes we don't get home before we have to make a deposit. Sorry for that – it's embarrassing for us too. But in fairness, we all try to keep it in until we're opposite Manor Lees because we know the nice man there likes it for his roses. ☺

### LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS



#### Eastling Village Hall

##### WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm ZUMBA®

##### THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES

##### OTHER VENUES DAY & EVENING CLASSES

##### FAVERSHAM TEYNHAM

The summer break for all ZUMBA classes begins on Monday 11th August  
ZUMBA classes resume Monday 1st Sept.

Last Fitness Pilates class is on Thursday 31st July  
Fitness Pilates classes resume Thursday 4th Sept.

For details contact  
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[leigh.fitness@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.fitness@btinternet.com)  
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## PIMM'S RIDE

The annual Pimm's Ride takes place this year on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August.**

As in previous years this will be a social ride where all the horses leave together and, hopefully, come back together. We aim to leave at 11am and return about 1pm having ridden through the glorious countryside of the North Downs. Thank you to all the landowners, especially Belmont Estate, for making this possible. Cost is £10 per rider and there'll be refreshments – including a glass of Pimm's – waiting at the end. If you haven't got a horse we'd still be pleased to see you – come along and see us home. All funds raised for Ashford Valley Tickham Hunt.

To enter please contact Barrie on 01795 890242

## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

What lovely weather for the Summer Fete on 13th July. A total profit of £2758 was raised. Many thanks to all the helpers on the day and to the people who purchased raffle tickets and spent money at the stalls. FOES will be able to fund some equipment for the benefit of the school children.

The last day of term finished with the Party on the Field on 22nd July. There was live music, a bar and sweets to buy and everyone enjoyed their own picnic. The event was free to attend.

There will be events to plan for the Autumn Term which starts on Wednesday 3rd September.

Have a good Summer!

Jill Seaman, FOES

### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey  
on 01795 890401



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.

The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.

## Stalisfield Wild Life Fête on the Green

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2pm

### A Plea

We rely on donations of baked goods, preserves, garden produce, bottles of all kinds, white elephants, chipped or unwanted crockery- almost anything saleable- for the success of the afternoon. If you are able to contribute please bring perishables **direct to the local produce stall** on the day. We will sell at fair prices.

Non-perishables can be left at The Old Post Office in front of the garage from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August or brought to the appropriate stall on the day.

We will be grateful for any support you can offer.

### Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

July's meeting was cancelled due to the BBQ host being unwell, so instead we just had a social drink in The Plough.

Our August meeting is a tour around Otterden Place, with very kind permission from the Merrifield family.

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 5th Mobile Library                    | 10.50 - 11.05am   | Glebe Cottages, Eastling |
| 7th Mobile Library                    | 11.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green   |
| 9th Farmers Market                    | 10am - 1pm        | The Plough, Stalisfield  |
| 13th Children's Craft Workshop        | 11am              | Belmont                  |
| 15th Deadline for September Good News |                   | See below                |
| 17th The Jungle Book                  | 2pm               | Belmont                  |
| 19th Mobile Library                   | 10.50 - 11.05am   | Glebe Cottages, Eastling |
| 21st Mobile Library                   | 11.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green   |
| 23rd Summer Fête                      | 2pm               | Stalisfield Green        |
| 24th Pimm's Ride                      | 11am              | North Downs              |
| 24th WW1 Commemoration                | 2pm               | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 26th Magazine Folding                 | 2pm               | Pinks Farm               |
| 27th Children's Craft Workshop        | 11am              | Belmont                  |
| 30th Hog Roast                        | 3pm               | Carpenters Arms          |
| SEPTEMBER                             |                   |                          |
| 2nd Dinner & Speaker evening          | 7pm               | The Plough               |

### FROM THE EDITOR

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