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15 full-size" Muppet" people - puppets for older children (11 years plus), plus 7 smaller ones for slightly younger children (9 - 10 year olds), and a variety of animal puppets, large and small, all previously used for performances by Eastling Puppet Club, are now available on loan to local churches and Youth Clubs.

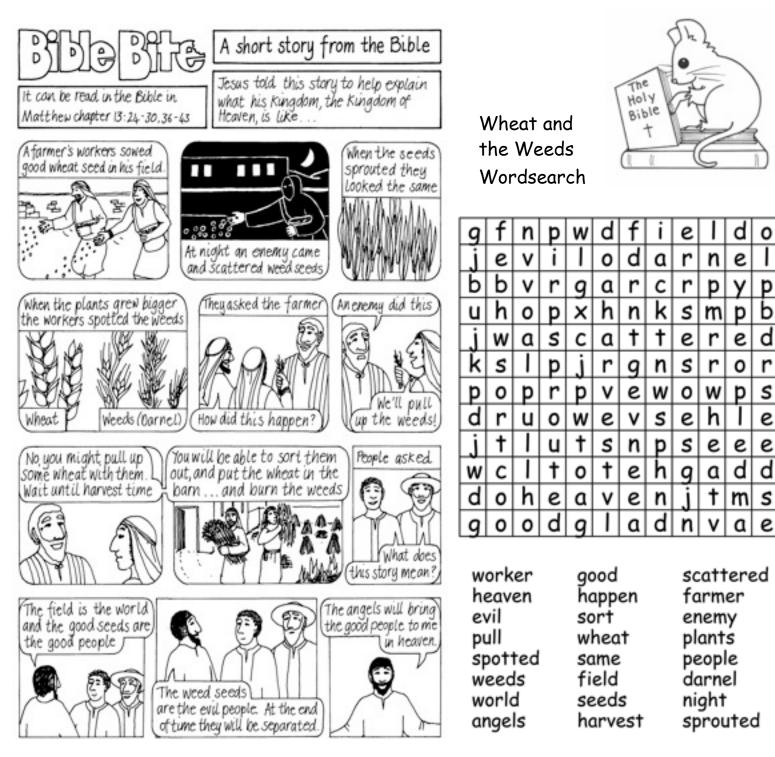
For further information please contact Nicky Lord on 01795 886473 or nickylord@btinternet.com



School holidays = no school dinners

With the school summer holidays upon us families struggling to make ends meet have an even greater problem as their children are not getting a hot meal at lunch time. It is important to remember that 80% of people who access Foodbank help are in work but just cannot make ends meet due to ever increasing rents and food costs. Thank for all your help. Please continue to give generously.

Food list for August Urgent items: coffee; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; UHT milk; custard; fruit juice; children's aged 3-5 toothbrushes. trussell



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Stalisfield Village Fête

Saturday 26th August, 2pm on Stalisfield Green

Lots of the fun at this annual event: BBQ; Children's games, races and competitions; Greasy pole; Crockery smashing; Splat the rat; Choc-o-lotto; Bottle tombola; Bric a Brac. W.I. specials - tea and cakes. Applause Rural Touring are presenting 'Rat Choc Chip' The Plough will be running their beer festival at the same time.

WW1 Throwley Airfield Centenary Commemoration

Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony to unveil the "forgotten" WW1 Throwley Airfield Centenary Commemoration Stand which will take place on Sunday 30th July at 11:30 am, exactly hundred years after the Home Defence 112 Night Fighter Squadron was officially formed at Throwley.

The permanent metal structure display with the information about the airfield is being erected next to what used to be the airfield's guard house (currently private property, Denfield), on the side of the Throwley Road, between Bells Forstal and Throwley Forstal.

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Towards the end of the First World War. Germans had developed aeroplanes that were capable of reaching London. Throwley Airfield was established to intercept the incoming raiders. Similar airfields were also created at Bekesbourne and Detling.

Throwley Airfield was decommissioned in 1919. The 112 Squadron is commonly remembered for their distinctive shark mouth markings which they used in the WW2 battles in North and East Africa and Mediterranean. Their motto was "Swift in Destruction".

The Commemoration Stand is being erected by the Throwley Parish Council with the help of WW1 grant from Swale Borough Council and it will be registered with Imperial War Museum as an official WW1 monument.



Stalisfield and Otterden Ladies' Pot Luck Lunch Friday 4th August, 1pm in Stalisfield Village Hall Enjoy great food and even better company. All ladies are welcome. Contact Tracy on 0771 736 7936 or email: tracy@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk to confirm your attendance.



© IWM (Q 57659) Sopwith F.1 Camel (Home Defence version)

Single seater fighter, twin Lewis guns on upper centre-section, in place of the normal fixed twin Vickers guns. Patrol Leader's aircraft.Captain G. S. M. Insall VC. No. 51 Squadron, Throwley.

In the wake of London's fire

"...Or those who died.... do you think they were more guilty than all the others? (Luke 13: 4)

It can be earthquakes... floods... terrorism, or - as in the case of London so tragically on June 12th - a terrible fire disaster at Grenfell tower block. The question 'Why?" is inevitably on our minds. My own mind goes back to another account of a tower disaster, recorded in the Bible. 18 people had died when Jerusalem's Tower of Siloam had fallen on them. This tragedy – following the wicked killing of other innocents under the despotic Pontius Pilate – was causing citizens in Jerusalem to come to Jesus, with the same question - 'Why?'

How do people encounter God?

Human beings from ancient days have looked to the skies in a state of wonder, and attributed the scope and beauty of what they see to a Creator. For those who believe in God, that sense of wonder has increased in recent years as science has made us increasingly aware of how very unlikely it has been that life of any kind happened.

Like many people, Christians look at nature and marvel. In it they find powerful evidence for the existence of God. It speaks of the character of God – powerful, eternal and with a special place for humans in His purposes. However, it also poses unsettling questions about God, because nature is a place in which catastrophes can overtake men and women in a way that seems meaningless and entirely unfair.

Deep down in human nature is a curiosity that leads us again and again to speculate that there may be a God. These encounters take place in circumstances in which we confront something that money cannot buy. Sometimes it is a shock that leads to these questions – the loss of a job, a friend or health. Sometimes it is joy – such as the birth of children and the longing to The Lord's answer to His questioners does not lessen our distress at calamities here in London. But - though deeply grieved - we are not so shocked that we are completely devoid of understanding.

For Scripture teaches us that adversity is firmly built into a Christian view of life on this earth:

1. We are all living in a fallen world. Our present world-order is not as originally created. Basically, we became a race of rebels, fallen

give them a future full of hope. Sometimes it is disappointment that the activities of life do not make us feel fulfilled. Occasionally people encounter God through supernatural experiences that they cannot explain.

There are many circumstances in which people find their attention grabbed by the possibility that God might be making Himself known to them. However, Christians have always recognised that the most significant way that God has made Himself known is through a specific event in history. God has lived in a human body. At the start of the first century AD, God inhabited human flesh, and walked and talked on this planet - Jesus, the founder of the Christian faith.

When a child asks, 'What is God like?' a good answer would be, 'He is like Jesus.' Christians study Jesus' life and teaching because they appear to answer some of the questions they have about God.

You can find answers to questions a b o ut Christianity at w w w.christianity.org.uk. Christianity.org.uk is the website of the Christian Enquiry Agency Ltd. This is an agency of Churches Together in England. from our custodianship over Creation – so bringing both ourselves and the Creation itself into the frustration of 'bondage to decay' (Romans 8:18-23). Even the ground was affected (Genesis 3:17,18). In our imperfection, judgements are faulty. Mistakes are made. Accidents take place, in which innocent people are both hurt and killed.

2. We are all living in a temporary home. When questioned in the face of Jerusalem's tower disaster, Jesus explained that those killed were no more 'guilty' to die, than anyone else. But His words give the warning: whenever and however it happens, it is inevitable that all of us will die one day. We should give thought to that, and prepare ourselves in all humility.

3. We are all living on borrowed time. Jesus went on to speak of a fruitless fig tree (Luke 13: 6-9). Should it be cut down? No, give it a year's reprieve. The lesson was clear. None of us can consider that this life is ours forever. We are all living, if you like, under a reprieve. We do not know when our particular time will come to an end. We need to consider how best to use the life we have now. This leads to a final truth:

4. We are all living as debtors to love. People hung on Jesus' words because they knew that He had solid answers for this world's sorrows. Indeed, He was the answer, for at the Cross we meet the love of the suffering God Himself. One prayer must be that, out of the trauma of London's present troubles, there will be both helpers and sufferers themselves who experience this, and respond. August Crossword Answers at the bottom of the page Across

 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)

9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)

10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7) 11 ' - thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)

12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)

17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5) 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)

21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)

22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5) 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)

24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the - light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

Down

 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
'The wicked man - deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
'The day thou gavest, Lord, is - ' (5)
Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)



6th & 13th - Joan Thomas and

20th - Gabrielle Turner and

27th & Sept 3rd - Bay Lees

Julia Bailev

Pippa West

Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16,

Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath.

DOWN: I, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5,

Foolish. 22, Upset. 23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.

ACROSS: 1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter. 9,

Scripture. 17, Shrub. 19, Abashed. 21,

Zebedee. 10, Accuser. 11, Endue. 12,



17:10) (9)

Gill Tysoe is the Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) Roadside Nature Reserve Project Officer and she is seeking local volunteers to assist with her work in the Stalisfield area. The commitment is flexible – visit to the site once a month during the flowering season. Report back on timing of cuts (if required) in the Autumn.

Title of the Role Roadside Nature Reserve Voluntary Warden

What's involved:

To be the eyes and ears checking on a roadside nature reserve (RNR) by: Keeping a brief log of rare / interesting species on the site. (Training to identify and record species is available at Kent Wildlife Trust.) Fixed point photographs every 2 -3 years Occasional litter pick (if safe to do so), replace missing RNR signs. Report to RNR Project Officer on damage such as fly tipping, utility work, or other potential damage. Report on timing and width of cuts, missing posts etc. The warden may wish to attend practical work tasks organised by the Project

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9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings

13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7) 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7) 15 See 12 Across 16 Rioted (anag.) (6) 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5) 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

Officer. These tasks include work such as; cutting and raking grassland, ragwort pulling, control of non-native species, and scrub clearance.

What will I be doing?

Helping to monitor and maintain the condition of a roadside nature reserve, which is part of a county wide network of sites helping to enhance wildlife on road verges.

Providing valuable feedback information to the RNR officer about the site.

How will this help?

By becoming an RNR voluntary warden, you will help to monitor a valuable road verge and alert the Project Officer of any changes.

Gill's contact details: 07500 057920 gill.tysoe@kentwildlife.org.uk

Services in our Churches

30th July	Trinity 7
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Romans 8.26-39, Matthew 13.31-33,44-52 No Service

6th August Trinity 8

Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Led by Reader - Norman Fowler

13th August Trinity 9

Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant - Revd. Penny Fenton Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Led by Reader - Norman Fowler

20th August Trinity 10

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW) Celebrant - Revd. Richard Birch

27th August Trinity 11

Romans 12. 1-8, Matthew 16.13-20

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion Celebrant - Revd Penny Fenton

3rd September Trinity 12

Romans 12.9-end, Matthew 16.21 - end Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Led by Reader - Norman Fowler

(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662. (CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

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Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, no meetings in August at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Tuesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Weekly study group, 10.45am, New House Farm, Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

During August it may a good idea to check, with the numbers above, that the group is running.





Raymond Nonnatus – 31st August redeeming slaves from a living death

Raymond Nonnatus (1204 - 40) is a good patron saint for anyone who does not take life for granted. The account of his own life begins with the story of how his mother died just before his birth, and of how Raymond was somehow extracted from her dead body just in time to save him. ('Nonnatus' means 'not born').

Raymond grew up in Portello, Catalonia and became a monk, joining the Mercedarian Order. Perhaps because of his gratitude for his own life having been spared, Raymond developed a passionate desire to see other people set free to live the lives God had given them. Whatever the reason. Raymond made the difficult and dangerous journey out to Algeria in order to redeem many slaves from what was a living death. So passionate was he to free them, that he even offered himself as a ransom for others' liberation.

While in Algeria, Raymond preached Christianity to the Muslims, and was put into prison, before eventually being sent back to Spain. The Pope sent for him, but Raymond was so weakened by his suffering in Algeria that he died on the way to Rome. But by then Raymond was content. Just as his life had been given back to him, so he had used it to give life back to others.

The good but ugly

Good looks aren't everything. Remember that when you buy apples this autumn. The frosts in April affected the size and appearance of this year's crop, and so many of the apples this autumn (they are harvested from Aug to Oct) may be 'ugly'. There may also be fewer British ones around. The warning has come from the National Farmers' Union.



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Currently recruiting for casual bar/restaurant info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk or pop in to see us with your CV

Thank you to Ruby for these 'Memories of Eastling', this is the last installment.

Memories of Eastling - Kuby Droseher (new Eyles)

My First Job When I left School at 14, 1 left on Good Friday and started won on Easter Monday. My job was a 'live in' Job at a tea-shop in Lenham. I think this was where the tea - Shop is now. It was Mun by Mrs Singuinette a French Lady. She taught me have to welcome everybody and lay a table - Lots of nch gurls come in, as they were alloved to come in there wethout a chaperone. They came in to have tea and cakes. After two weeks there my eyes started streaming and Mrs Singuinette thought I washomesick, So she sent me back home, walking all the way My nother took one look at me and Said "Bed!" _ where my brothers and Sister Soon followed - I had the measles!





So my first job only lasted a fortnight!

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Dates for your diary

Beer Festival 26th - 28th August

Live music and lots of beer from Saturday midday (also it's the Village Fête on Saturday at 2pm!) until Monday 6pm.

Band line up: - Hudson Rocks, The Bad Penny & the Chillbillies

Keep up to date by following us on Facebook, twitter or Instagram

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PLUCKLEY QUILT AND **CRAFT SHOW 2017**

Pluckley Village Hall (TN27 0QZ) Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September.

Doors open at 10.30am each day and entrance is £5 to include tea/ coffee and cake. There will be a showcase by Inger Milburn, several trade stalls and some guilts for sale. There will be an auction of unsold "for sale" guilts at 4.00pm on Sunday. For further details phone 01233 840280 or email judith.pool@pluckley.net

Helping out at Church



.and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and ...

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OPEN AIR THEATRE: THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Sunday 27th August, 2pm

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traditional costume and features a woodland parade during the interval for everyone to join in!

Adults £15. Children (under 16) £10. Families (2 Adults, 2 Children) £44. Children 3 years and under go free. Gates open at 1.00pm. To book your tickets, please visit our website www.belmont-house.org

WOODFEST & COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September, 10am – 5pm

After a successful event last year, we are very excited about the Woodfest and Country Fair this year! Some of our woodland demonstrations include pole-lathe turning, chainsaw carving, wood turning, horse logging, basket making, hurdle making, bushcraft and more.

In the arenas this year we have Xtreme Falconry, terrier racing, dog and duck display and ferret racing.

The fun dog show will be on Sunday Only.

The 'Keep it Local' marquee will be here, where you will find a selection of arts, crafts and gifts as well as a variety of locally produced food and drink stalls, so why not treat yourself to something special!

Adults £10, Concessions £8 and Children under 16 free.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 oHH

Eastling Parish Council.

The council is seeking a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator.

Please contact the Parish Clerk Wendy Licence if you are interested in this role. Wendy can be reached by email: eastlingpc@gmail.com .

Any resident requiring the services of the village warden should contact the Kent County Council warden co-ordinator: maurice.stewart@kent.gov.uk 07813 711 942.

Eastling Parish Council.



Otterden Picnic

is to be held at Otterden Cricket club on Sunday 3rd September, at 1 pm. All welcome, please bring

you own eats and drinks etc. Contact Julie Murray 01795 890700

Fireworks to celebrate Mary's and Simon's wedding on 2nd September 2017

Following approval from Belmont Estate, the footpath between Eastling Rd and Eastling Church will be closed on Saturday 2nd September from approx 5.30pm - 10.00pm to allow a firework display to be set up and cleared away. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

The area outside the Carpenter's Arms would provide an excellent viewing point of the display, which will be at approx 9.00pm and we hope that as many people will enjoy them as possible.

John and Bay Lees

Otterden with Stalisfield W.I.

July's WI Meeting was very relaxing with Fran Bennett kindly coming from Tunbridge Wells to talk and demonstrate the art of Tai Chi. Fran is a natural speaker who is passionate about her subject and encouraged 99% of us to join her in the movement involved in Tai Chi! On a warm sunny evening, with a breeze blowing through our Hall, the melodious, relaxing music brought a lovely end to the day.

The District Outing organised by Harrietsham WI was a visit to the Windmill a t Willesborough, Ashford, which a number of us attended on 12th July. We were treated to a guided tour of the Windmill, finishing with a cream tea.



The next Meeting at Stalisfield Village Hall is on Wednesday 2nd August at 7.30pm, when one of our Members and her husband, along with the Warmlake Dance Academy, will be putting on a Tea Dance for us. They will give a dance exhibition, followed by tea and cakes, we can then all 'have a go' ourselves.

For information about our very friendly group please contact: Lesley Andrews (01795 890581) or Stephanie Culver (01795 890748).

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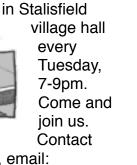


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Village Websites:

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9.30am Stalisfield Village Hall Mondays Zumba Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Village Hall Tuesdays Alternate Wednesdays Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 892194 Thursdays Fitness Pilates next session on 7th Sept Eastling Hall Thursdays Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall Short Mat Bowls 2.30pm & 7.30pm Eastling Hall Fridays

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15th 26th 26-2 27th 29th SEP

9th/ 10th 24th Harvest/Patronal Festival 10am **CONTACT THE EDITOR**

Painters Forstal with Selling WI

On a lovely hot day in June several of our members were allowed to wander at will through the beautiful garden belonging to Jonathan and Lucy Neame in Oare. We were first told how the family came to buy the house. It was also possible to visit Oare church next door, which has some fine stained glass windows, and afterwards we all indulged in a wonderful tea with sandwiches and cakes.

Later in the month we held our Fashion Show which was well attended. It was opened by the Mayor of Faversham and our own members and their families modelled the clothes. Thanks to M&Co who hosted the event. We were able to raise a good sum for the charity Physic Garden of Faversham.

We now look forward to August when we will be visiting the garden of one of our members.

Any further information please contact Barbara on 01795 890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk

AUGUST

d Ott/den & S/field W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall			
h Ladies' Lunch	1pm	Stalisfield Village Hall			
h Deadline for September	Good News	Details see below			
h Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	A Member's Garden			
h Village Fête	2pm	Stalisfield Green			
28th Beer Festival	The Plough, Stalisfield				
h The Wind in the Willows	2pm	Belmont House & Gardens			
h Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm, Eastling			
PTEMBER 3rd Otterden	Picnic 1pm	Otterden Cricket Ground			
/10th Woodfest & Country Fair 10am-5pm Belmont Park					
h Fun Dog Show		Belmont Park			

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