

Eastling School News

December is one of the most exciting months for a Primary school like Eastling with the prospect of Christmas celebrations always on the horizon. We perform our Nativity show between Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th and would like to extend an invitation for village residents to enjoy our dress rehearsal on the Tuesday at 2pm, along with a freshly brewed cup of tea (and possibly cake!). On Friday 16th December we have the beauty of our Christingle service in St Mary's church from 9.10am, again with an open welcome to villagers (although please leave the central pews empty for the school children to use!)

Christmas is also traditionally the time of theatre shows and for our school community there is no exception, with a visit to see "Hansel and Gretel" at the Gulbenkian on the 8th. "Jack and the beanstalk" performed in school for all on the 19th and even our community visit to the Marlowe pantomime on the 7th.

Our celebrations lead up to the end of term 2 on the 21st December with class parties, Christmas lunches and even a special Christmas jumper day in aid of the FOES group. For any villagers thinking of buying Christmas presents online, please consider specifying us as your "Supported cause" at EasyFundraising who donate a percentage of your purchases to us from many high street stores- we have a direct link on our web site! Retailers include Currys, Amazon and Ebay to name 3 of thousands.

Finally, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new yearmay it be a peaceful one for you all. Dave Walsh, Head teacher.



in his flashy red suit, pushes to the front of the queue to the stable shouting 'Ho! Ho! Ho!' ... who DOES he think he is?!"





Eastern star, white and bright, 23 In the darkness a shining light, Points to Jesus, God's precious Son, Our Lord and King, our Saviour has come! Come to Jesus the Saviour of all.

Shepherds hear the Angels sing; "Glory to the heavenly King, Peace on earth, good will to all.",

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Stalisfield Village

Carol Singing

Wednesday 21st December Please meet on the green at 6pm All welcome.

> Carols on the Green

Throwley Forstal Friday 16th December at 6 - 8pm

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POLE

PEACE

Carols and **Christmas Services**

Friday 16th December

9.10am School Carol Service in Eastling Church

Sunday 18th December

5pm Nine Lessons and Carols in Throwley Church

> 5pm Carol Service in Stalisfield Church

Christmas Eve

4pm Nine Lessons and Carols in Eastling Church

11.30pm Midnight Mass in Stalisfield Church

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Communion in Eastling Church

10am Christmas Communion in Throwley Church



CHRISTMAS

A dramatised reading of

Charles Dickens' Great Christmas Classic,

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

with Choir singing and Prima String Quartet. Sunday 4th December, 7pm in Eastling Church (Doors open at 6.30pm) Tickets £6 from 01795 890487, 890401, 892194

or on the door.

Good News Parish Magazine December 2016

The news magazine for the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

Canon's Column

What did Christmas mean to Mary and Joseph?

I'd like to share my thoughts with you regarding two news items; the first is a BBC report on the cost of temporary accommodation for homeless people in the UK. According to the news item 3.5 billion pounds has been spent on providing temporary accommodation for homeless individuals and families in the last five years. A significant amount of this was spent in the London area where property values have increased considerably. The sheer cost is clearly indicative of the housing crisis.

The second is a notice I was sent recently about some Palestinian olive wood crafts being available for sale at the Canterbury White Friars Christmas Market. It seems that the travel restrictions and the wall around Bethlehem have curtailed the tourist trade to Bethlehem and the Palestinian Christians are finding it hard to sell their products. (See advert elsewhere) One wonders if Christian tourists will be forced to by-pass Bethlehem on their Christmas tour of the Holy Land this year.

The Middle East has been in all our thoughts this autumn with the refugees or migrants fleeing Aleppo in Syria and Mosul in Iraq and from so many other locations in the

region. I have been wondering about what Christmas means to these people, people who are homeless and often afraid for their

What must it have been like for Mary and Joseph that first Christmas? Considerably different from our lead up to Christmas with its decorations, shopping, advertising and socializing I suspect. Mary and Joseph were on the move, obliged to travel to Bethlehem because it was their tribal home where they were required to register with the Roman authorities. Was the travel hard and long? Were they welcomed with accommodation along the way? Did they have to "sleep rough" part of the time on their travels?

Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem and certainly after Jesus' birth as they fled away from Herod's violent temper and cruelty had far more in common with the displaced people of today who are fleeing from the trouble spots of the Middle East than they have with our celebration of Christmas.

What we, as Christians, celebrate at Christmas is a completed story. The birth of the 'Christ Child' only has meaning because this same 'Christ' died on Good Friday and

rose on Easter Sunday. The birth is only significant because of the death thirty three years later. To disconnect the Christmas nativity from the crucifixion and resurrection is to tell the story of a birth of a baby in a bus station in the time before buses or, perhaps more poignantly, on a migrant boat!

The full meaning of the Christian story, Christmas, has power to change lives, attitudes and hearts. In the Christian story, we have God disclosing to us His love and grace, challenging us to be more than we are, to make this world a reflection of His kingdom where there is peace, not violence, acceptance, not prejudice, love, not fear.

As we draw closer to Christmas the great challenge is what would you/I do with the young man and his pregnant wife who might stand at our door?

Canon Lawton



Talk to us

Most people face difficult times in their lives. Times when they feel low or when their troubles seem overwhelming, times of despair. Talking helps.

Samaritans are here round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You don't have to be suicidal to call us.

Of course we aim for everyone to get through to someone straight away, but we can't always quarantee that as it depends on the number of volunteers we have on the phones at that time. But most calls are answered first time.

Phone us on 116 123 (this number is free to call), email at jo@samaritans.org If you would like to talk face to face with a volunteer, visit us at 32 Northgate, Canterbury CT1 1BL. To make sure there will be a volunteer available, before you visit please ring 01227 457 777.

Prayer Pointers December 2016



Sundays For the understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

Mondays Pray for Peace and Goodwill to all people.

For generous hearts and **Tuesdays** wills at this time.

Wednesdays For our Archbishop and all our Christian leaders.

Thursdays For all who promote the

Christian faith.

Fridays For all who provide our daily needs.

For our families and our Saturdays

loved ones.

Eastling Church Flower Rota

December 2016

4th & 11th Mel Jordan

18th see below 25th Christmas flowers 1st January Christmas flowers.

Decorating for Christmas

Sunday 18th December from 11am Please could you give up an hour or two to help to make Eastling Church magnificent for Christmas? Come along at 11.00 am on 18th December to help to decorate the church with traditional greenery, flowers and decorations. All children and adults will be warmly welcomed and your help will be much appreciated. All donations of greenery will be gratefully received.

Christmas:

Thank Dickens for Christmas as you know it!

Christmas traditions come from? home decorated with holly and A surprising amount of our candles the characters enjoy a modern Christmas celebrations roast turkey, followed by can be traced back to the well- Christmas pudding. They give loved story of 'A Christmas their loved ones presents. Carol', by Charles Dickens.

When you read 'A Christmas Carol', you discover almost a And all the while outside, there template of the 'ideal Christmas' is snow and frost, while church which we still hold dear today. bells ring, and carol singers Dickens seems to have selected sing, and hope for mulled wine. the best of the Christmas In 'A Christmas Carol' there is celebrations of his day (he ignored even a Father Christmas – in the some of the odd excesses) and packaged them in such a way as to Only the Christmas tree itself give us traditions that we could came later, when Prince Albert accommodate and treasure - more imported 'a pretty German toy' than a century later.

Carol, Christmas is a family day, Victorian society.

Ever wonder where many of our with a family-centred feast. In a Scrooge even gives donations to charity (!).

shape of Christmas Present. that won the heart of the English So, for instance, in A Christmas court, and hence the rest of

Eastling Parish Council.

The Council is seeking to appoint a clerk to work approximately 12 hours per month paid according to the NJC hourly pay scale (this scale commences at £8.71 per hour rising to £12.44 per hour according to experience).

We are looking for a friendly individual, who is well organised with good computer skills, and familiarity with Excel for parish accounts. The clerk will work from home apart from attendance at meetings which are generally held bi-monthly.

A clerk who holds, or is working towards the Certificate in Local Council Administration, would be most desirable. The clerk will be expected to act as the Responsible Financial Officer.

Please forward a CV and covering letter by the closing date December 12th 2016 by email to the Chairman jimmy@jimmywest.net and acting clerk julia.bailey98@outlook.com The Council hopes to hold interviews on the evening of December 15th 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Reverse Advent Calendar

I saw this idea on a friend's Facebook page and wondered if others might be interested in joining in. The idea is that, instead of an Advent calendar where you take out a little chocolate every day, you find a box and put a Foodbank item in daily. The boxes can be left at the back of the church at Christmas and will be taken to the Foodbank on 28th December.



There is a list of current items required on the Foodbank poster below.

The Foodbank organisers have asked me to pass on their thanks, and the thanks of their clients, for our continued support.



Help feed local people in crisis

Happy Christmas! Thank you for your generosity!

As we begin to prepare for Christmas and load our shopping bags with extra food and presents, please remember those who are facing a bleak Christmas without enough food for themselves and their families. If you would like to add a few Christmas treats can you please deliver them to the church in the first week of December so they can be distributed in time. If you know someone in need of help please check the Foodbank site at www.faversham.foodbank.org.uk for details of how to access help. The Foodbank is open as usual over the Christmas period on 23rd, 28th & 30th December: 1.30 - 4.30pm.

Food list for December

Urgent items: long life milk; long life fruit juice; cereal; coffee: cooking sauces Also needed: washing powder/liquid; shower gel; tinned carrots; tinned potatoes; all purpose cleaner; pet food; biscuits.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Village Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848

Emergency 999 Police 101

There was a break in/burglary at the Village Hall on the night of the Saturday 19th November around midnight. The goods stolen as to date were an antiquated CD player together with amplifier, microphone and speakers. A large tea urn was also stolen. Although the haul was not too large the damage to the property was quite bad. An attempt had been made to enter at all the doors, without success, and finally access was made in forcing one of the Windows open. It is known that persons in a white transit van were responsible for this crime. Should anybody have any further information please either contact the police or give me a call. It is believed that this is a gang targeting the local villages. The police have been informed and enquiries are continuing.

It is vital, especially at this time of the year, to report any strange vehicles or persons within the local area, as I would say, who are obviously checking out their targets beforehand.

As the Christmas season has arrived remember to keep lights on in your property of a night time should you go out and to make sure all windows and doors are locked.

Have a merry Christmas Take care

Alan

Services in our Churches The High Downs Benefice

4th December Advent 2

Isaiah, 11. 1-10, Romans 15. 4-13, Matthew 3. 1-12 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion with focus to honour Hugh Perks as Reader Emeritus

11th December Advent 3

Isaiah 35. 1-10, James 5. 7 - 10. Matthew 11. 2 - 11

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling

10 am CaféStyle Eastling

10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Throwley

18th December Advent 4

Isaiah 7. 10 - 16, Romans 1. 1 - 7, Matthew 1. 18 - 25

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling

10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Eastling 5 pm Nine Lessons and Carols Throwley

Stalisfield 5 pm Carol Service

24th December Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62. 6 - 12, Psalm 97, Titus 3. 4 - 7, Luke 2. 1 - 20

4 pm Nine Lessons and Carols Eastling Stalisfield 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

25th December Christmas Day

Isaiah 62, 6 - 12, Psalm 97, Titus 3, 4 - 7, Luke 2, 1 - 20

10 am Family Christmas Communion Eastling Throwley 10 am Family Christmas Communion

1st January 2017 Christmas 2

Isaiah 63. 7 - 9, Hebrews 2. 10 - end, Matthew 2. 13 - end

Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487) Rector The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)

4 Meesons Close, Eastling (01795 890603)

Hugh Perks Weald Cottage, Eastling

Reader Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088) 4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling

Churchwardens

Eastling Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)

Parish Administrator

Janet Payne (01795 890487)

E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden Jean West

(01233712270)

Parish Administrator

Sheila Moger (01233713212)

E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

Throwley Vacant

From the Registers

Funerals

Reader

Richard (Dick) John Wynn 1st November 2016 Cremation at Charing

Sheila Anne Atkins 7th November 2016 Funeral at Eastling

Memorial Service

Alistair Malcolm 12.30pm, 9th December 2016 at Throwley Church

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 13th December 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.

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Christmas Prayer

Father.

Thank you for creating us and for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to become one of us and to be our way to you. This Christmas may we know the love, peace, comfort and joy that only you can give, no matter what our circumstances.

And may we reflect your light and love in this dark world to bring glory to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Memories of Eastling - Ruby Droscher (new Eyles) Christmas Party When "Old" Lord Harris was alive he gave a party out the manum for all the children in Eastling. There was a big Christman Tree, the biggest one I'd ever seen It went from floor to ceiling with a present for every child - mine was a chim-faced doll. We had to walk there, about 2 miles - and then bear again! Fox Hunking "Old" Lord Harris was succeeded by his Son "Young" Lord Harris. He stopped the fox hunting. The heat resed to meet at the Carperter Arms I don't know why he stopped this -wheneve he didn't agree with cruel sports. We didn't think to question there things when we were young.

and earth....

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers the Child that joined heaven

Mary's Christmas

As the baby's mother, Mary plays a crucial part in the Christmas story. It all begins with the visit of Gabriel to Mary: 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. '(Luke 1:30,31).

This conversation between Gabriel and Mary takes us straight to the heart of what Christmas is all about. God was doing something unique, that had never been done before! 'God was beginning, at this divine and human point, the New Creation of all things. The whole soiled and weary universe quivered at this direct injection of essential life.' (CS Lewis).

This Child joins heaven and earth in a new way: the eternal enters time and space

and pure spirit takes on flesh and blood. God becomes a human being in the baby Jesus. It reminds one of the sci-fi film in which a team of surgeons are shrunk to the size of blood cells and injected into the veins of a patient to perform lifesaving surgery. The Christmas message affirms that God has entered the bloodstream of humanity to put things right with Him.

God chose an unknown, frightened teenage girl to bring about this new beginning for all of us. Her response is the pattern

> for us, as we welcome God's special gift into our lives this Christmas: "I am the Lord's servant, 'Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled." (Luke 1:38).

> Mary gave an unqualified Yes to all that God wanted to do in her life. It was a costly decision, which risked both shame and scandal. Yet she was ready to obey God and trust His

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Bethlehem Olivewood Carvings from Palestinian Christians available in **Canterbury at Whitefriars Christmas Market**

When I was in Palestine earlier this year I was approached by the chairman of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce who told me that a number of Christian Palestinian families are struggling to make ends meet because of diminishing number of tourists and pilgrims coming to Bethlehem, particularly since the building of the separation wall around the city. A significant number of Christian families rely on the sales of religious olive wood carvings for their livelihood. Could I possibly find an outlet in the UK over the Christmas period?

The outcome is that, with very significant help and imagination from staff at the Cathedral, Whitefriars have offered us a charitable stall just off the Christmas Market in Canterbury. Shadi and Freeman are flying over, and staying with families in Canterbury



for the whole period, and sending on ahead of them boxes of these carvings made in Bethlehem Christmas cribs, crosses, statues, Christmas decorations and so on.

If you are planning to come and shop in Canterbury in the next few weeks, please do visit the Bethlehem stall and give a

welcome to Shadi and Freeman, and perhaps buy something from them. We are just off Whitefriars, as we are not one of the main rented stalls.

Thank you! Richard Llewellin



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Canterbury 26th November - 24th

December

10am - 6pm (11 - 5pm on Sundays)

Late nights till 7pm on Thursdays 15th and 22nd December.

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Veterinary Surgeon, Peter Van Dongen gave us an interesting and enjoyable talk at our November meeting telling us about his Polar Bear adventure and fundraising holiday.

We will be starting our Christmas preparations at our next meeting on 14th December, in Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30pm, when Jackie Brooks will be demonstrating the making of a moss based wreath. Guests are welcome to come along and join us in making their own wreath. A charge will be made for the materials and you will need to bring your own foliage.

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



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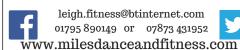


Eastling Village Hall THURSDAYS 9.15am FITNESS PILATES



DAY & EVENING ZUMBA classes in

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Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

Our next meeting will be in Eastling village hall on Tuesday 13th December at

Judy Anderson will be coming to talk to us about Great Ormond Street Hospital. New members will be very welcome, contact Barbara on 01795 890202.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

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Saturday 14th January 2017 'Wine Tasting' with Andy Higgs in Eastling Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Followed by drinks and food. Free to members, £3 for nonmembers.

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Sunday 4th December **Special Service** 10am, Eastling Church

The service of Holy Communions will be focussed to honour Hugh Perks as Reader emeritus and give thanks for his long service as Licensed Reader in our parishes.

Stalisfield Young Life

Children's Party

Sunday Afternoon, 11th December

Organizer Su invites children of all ages to join in the fun at the party on Sunday afternoon. Parents are invited to register interest as soon as possible by email on suandyjoe@yahoo.com or by telephone on 01795 890334. Details will be advised directly to participants. Please note that registration is essential, unannounced attendance is not acceptable.

Stalisfield Highlife Over 60s' Lunch

Personal invitations for the more mature citizens of greater Stalisfield have been issued for the lunch on Saturday 17th December at 4 o'clock in the village hall. Please advise Ian if yours hasn't arrived in good time, by telephone on 01795 890475. Transport can be arranged if needed. Join us for a lively afternoon among friends and neighbours.

> Thank to Roy Okell who, for you many years, has shared the good news of Stalisfield with us but is now retiring from the

correspondent's post. Well done Roy, you're a star...

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Thanks you, Chief and Monty.

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Stalisfield Limelight

Pantomime 9th and 10th December, 7.30pm



Be careful what you wish for and take particular care when cleaning your brassware. That is the

message conveyed by the experiences of Aladdin soon to be revealed in the Village Hall in Stalisfield.

Virtue, evil, cunning, magic, true love and lust intermingle in the quest for possession of the magic lamp which holds the key to untold wealth and happiness or, if evil triumphs, to imposed loveless marriage.

Book your tickets to watch the story unfold in this Stalisfield version of the classic tale specially written by playwright and author Maud Dromgoole. Box office manager Sharon stands ready to take your booking on website tickets@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk or by email to sharoncarter01@gmail.com or by telephone on 01795 890415. Tickets are offered at £6 for adults, £4 for children

EASTLING SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A reminder that we need to know by 1st December if you are coming to our lunch on 8th December in order to

finalise the catering. Your response if you are not coming would also be much appreciated.

If you are not well enough to attend please let us know if you would like your lunch delivered and if you need a lift to the village hall we will arrange that for you. Please ring any of the numbers on your invitation. We look forward to seeing you.

Advent Windows.

Unfortunately 24 houses did not sign up for the window project so we will hold it over for another vear. If you were kindly one of the 12 that did volunteer I am sure we will love to see your

decoration in no particular order. Best wishes. Julia Bailey.

Carols in the Market Place. Faversham Friday 23rd December. 7am





THROWLEY WALKERS

Find us on Facebook Ann: 01795 892037 07948 038993

annhutt52@gmail.com

Wednesday Walks

Wednesday walks start at 10:30, are about 2 miles long and take about an hour. Please email me if you would like to book a place.

Dates are 7th and 14th December

Friday Walks

Friday walks are usually faster paced and 3-5 miles in length. Please email if you would like to book a place. Dates are 2nd and 16th December



Table Tennis

in the Stalisfield Village Hall every Tuesday between 7pm and 9pm.

We have been running for over a year now and it would be nice to see some more people from outside of Stalisfield.

Contact Tracey on 07790 245501.



WEEKLY EVENTS:

7-9pm Stalisfield Village Hall Tuesdays Table Tennis Wednesdays Throwley Walkers 10.30am see separate ad. Alternate Wednesdays Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 892194 Thursdays Fitness Pilates 9.15am Eastling Village Hall Fridays Throwley Walkers 10.30am Call 07948 038993 Short Mat Bowls 2.30pm & 7.30pm Eastling Hall Fridays

DECEMBER

4th A Christmas Carol **Eastling Church** Eastling Village Hall 8th Eastling Seniors' Lunch 12.30pm The Plough, Stalisfield 8th Christmas tree lights and carols 9&10th Pantomine Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm 11th Christmas CaféStyle Eastling Village Hall Stalisfield Village Hall 11th Children's Party Eastling Village Hall 13th Painters Forstal W.I. 14th Otterden & Stalisfield WI 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall 15th Deadline for January 2017 Good News See below 16th Carols on the Green Throwley Forstal 17th Stalisfield Over 60s' Lunch Stalisfield Village Hall 18th Church decorating 11am Eastling Church 18th Carol Service Stalisfield Church 18th Nine Lessons and Carols Throwley Church 21st Village Carol Singing Stalisfield Green Eastling Church 24th Nine Lessons and Carols 4pm 24th Midnight Mass 11.30pm Stalisfield Church 28th Magazine Folding Pinks Farm 2pm

FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the January 2017 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th December 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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