

# **Good News Parish Magazine**

*High Downs Parish*

*Serving the villages of  
Eastling, Otterden,  
Stalisfield and Throwley*

**December**  
2019

*Our Saviour is Born*

*Happy  
Christmas*



## **Christmas Services**

4th or 5th (please check with Pub) 6pm  
Christmas Lights Switch On  
The Plough, Stalisfield

6th & 7th Jack and the Beanstalk 7.30pm  
Stalisfield Village Hall

8th Christmas CaféStyle 10.30am  
Eastling Village Hall

8th Children's Christmas Party  
Stalisfield Village Hall

11th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. 7.30pm  
Stalisfield Village Hall

14th Seniors' Christmas Tea 4pm  
Stalisfield Village Hall

15th Carol Service 5pm  
Stalisfield Church

15th Copy deadline for January Good News  
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17th Painters Forstal with Selling W.I. 2pm  
Eastling Village Hall

19th Carol Singing meet at 6pm  
outside Stalisfield Village Hall

19th Carols on the Green 6.30pm  
Throwley Forstal Green

22nd Carol Service 5pm  
Throwley Church

24th Carol Service 4.30pm  
Eastling Church

31st New Year's Eve Disco Party 8 'til late  
Eastling Village Hall

**Sunday 15th December**

Service of Carols and Readings at 5pm  
in Stalisfield Church

**Sunday 22nd December**

Candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols at 5pm  
in Throwley Church

**Christmas Eve**

Nine Lessons & Carols at 4.30pm in Eastling Church

Midnight Mass 11.30pm in Stalisfield Church

**Christmas Day**

Family Communion at 10am in Eastling Church



*Please note  
new time*

**Traditional Carols around  
the Christmas tree.**

**Throwley Forstal Green**

Thursday 19th December, 6.30 - 7.30pm  
Get together with mulled wine and  
mince pies

Bring you family and join your friends  
and neighbours in Christmas cheer!  
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**Stalisfield Carol Singing  
Thursday 19th December.**

Meet at on the Green outside the  
Village Hall 6pm.

We will be visiting a number of  
locations where we will be  
welcomed warmly.

This year's collection will be for Abbie's  
Army, a charity dear to our hearts.  
Please come, join in the fun and make a  
difference.

# Trusting God in all things

For many, Christmas is a time of happiness and holiday. An opportunity for parties, concerts, pantomimes and watching children perform nativity plays. We exchange colourful cards, and presents, and prepare special meals for family and friends. We sing carols. We adorn our homes and churches with all kinds of decorations.

All our celebrations are a far cry from that first Christmas. In our festivities it is easy to forget that when Jesus came life was hard. The Romans were an occupying force in Israel. There was poverty. The Jews were a captive and oppressed people. They had numerous worries and fears and awaited their Messiah to give them freedom.

Mary was looking forward to marrying Joseph and living with him in Nazareth. Suddenly she meets an angel; told she will be pregnant with God's Son and then her fiancé wants to divorce her! Her world is changed. Joseph too is distressed. In the turmoil, God speaks to Joseph in a dream and while this explains the miraculous pregnancy, he can't stop the hurtful gossip or the doubters.

Even if he wanted to face his critics, Joseph can't stay in Nazareth. He is compelled to take Mary with him to Bethlehem to complete a census. The long journey, possibly all on foot, must have been horrendous. Then in Bethlehem there is unsuitable accommodation for a birth.

It was likely that when the shepherds came and shared their experience of an angel messenger and the singing heavenly host, that their difficult circumstances began to make sense. Then, perhaps, sometime later when the Eastern men came with gifts that they were reassured and encouraged that God was with them in their difficulties. Also, when God told Joseph in a dream to go with Mary and the infant to Egypt to escape Herod's cruelty, they knew that in a foreign land they could trust God with their lives.

Our Christmas comes amidst life's traumas and troubles. We may have on-going difficulties. In our struggles we need to

By Lester Amann.

know that God can be working out His purposes. Mary and Joseph came to know that in their hardships they were in God's will. Like them, we too must trust God in life-changing events.

*"I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

## Christmas (John 1:1-14)

Fumbling around in a frenzy,  
From September stress levels rise,  
Dates collide,  
Imagination falters  
As presents and experiences fail to satisfy  
The expectations of a world that walks  
In the darkness of denial and Dawkins.

Yet all the time  
The light shines in that darkness,  
All the time  
The greatest gift shines on,  
All the time  
There is hope and life has purpose.  
  
And with each turning to the light  
Love switches on.  
Christ comes.

by Daphne Kitching

## Prayer Pointers December 2019

### We pray....

- Sundays** - For strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.
- Mondays** - That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy.
- Tuesdays** - That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness.
- Wednesdays** - That we may seek Christ in the scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of that bread.
- Thursdays** - That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen.
- Fridays** - That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death.
- Saturdays** - That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world.



## Eastling Church Flower Rota



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|---|---------------|
| 1st Dec - Trish   | Advent Candle |
| 8th & 15th - Mel  | Small vases   |
| 22nd - Communal decorating on Friday 20th at 10am All hands please. |               |
| 29th - Christmas Flowers  |               |
| 5th Jan - Remove arrangements & dismantle Tree.                     |               |

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota please call Bay on 01795 892036.

## Services in High Downs

### 1st December Advent Sunday

Romans 13. 11 - end, Matthew 24. 36 - 44

Eastling 10.30 am Holy Communion by extension (CW)

### 8th December Advent 2

Romans 15. 4 - 13, Matthew 3. 1 - 12

Eastling 10.30 am CaféStyle in Village Hall

Throwley 10.30 am Morning Prayer

### 15th December Advent 3

James 5. 7 - 10, Matthew 11. 2 - 11

Stalisfield 5 pm Carol Service

### 22nd December Advent 4

Romans 1. 1 - 7, Matthew 1. 18 - end

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 5 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

### Christmas Eve

Eastling 4.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Stalisfield 11.30pm Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

Hebrews 1. 1 - 12, John 1. 1 - 14

Eastling 10 am Family Communion

### 29th December 1st Sunday of Christmas

Hebrews 2. 10 - end, Matthew 2. 13 - end

No Service in High Downs

### 5th January 2020 Epiphany

1 John 3.22 - 4.6, Matthew 4. 12-17, 23-end

Eastling 10.30 am Holy Communion by extension (CW)

(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.

(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

## High Downs Parish

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## From the Registers

### Interment of Ashes

Olive and Sidney Simmonds

25th October 2019 at Eastling

## Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Study group: 10th December, 9.30am.

at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**Wednesdays:** Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, 18 Beech  
Close, Faversham. 01795 890338

**Thursdays:** Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm  
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Fridays:** Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm,  
Eastling. 01795 890629

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



## A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Loving Father, help us remember the birth of  
Jesus, that we may share in the song of the  
angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of  
the wise men.*

*Close the door of hate and open the door of love all  
over the world. Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us  
from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and  
teach us to be merry with clear hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy  
children and the Christmas evening bring us to our  
beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake. Amen*



*Help feed local people in crisis*

### Faversham Foodbank December 2019

Thank you for your contributions. it must be especially hard  
for those who are dependent on Foodbank to be surrounded  
by all the Christmas advertising for luxury food and presents  
that they cannot afford. Your generosity is much appreciated.

#### Items required for December

Long life fruit juice; shampoo; deodorant for both men and  
women; tinned fish: rice pudding; sponge puddings;  
custard; biscuits.





## Eastling School News

There is always so much to share from Eastling Primary School. We may be a small school but we are definitely a very active school, going from strength to strength always putting the education and experiences of our children first. The Kent Test Results (11+) were once again extremely positive for Eastling Primary School. This year six of our children were successful, which is double the national average.

On 15<sup>th</sup> October Silver Birch class visited the Gunpowder Mill, Standard Quay and Faversham Recreational Ground to look at features of the local area for geography. They then visited 'The Horsebridge Arts Centre' on 7<sup>th</sup> November as part of the 'Into Film Festival', where they watched a screening of Two by Two, an animated version of Noah's Ark. On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, a group of Year 2 children visited Herne Bay High to participate in Basketball training. Representatives from the NSPCC visited the school on 17<sup>th</sup> October to deliver some assemblies to all the children followed by a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October Acorn class led their first whole school assembly on the theme of themselves and people that help us. The children in Acorn class are still only 4 years old yet each of them spoke clearly and confidently in front of the whole school and their parents.

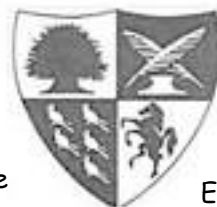
Term 1 ended with the traditional school Halloween Disco where the children's costumes were both wonderful and scary. The event was kindly organised by the FOES (Friends of Eastling School).

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Acorn class visited the pumpkin farm at Sevington where the children all picked their own pumpkins to bring back to school. The following day the parents joined their children to help carve and decorate the pumpkins in the classroom. The results were amazing with each design being unique.

Willow class had their first class assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November on the theme of famous scientists. It was a very informative and fun filled assembly to celebrate World Science Day.

National Anti-Bullying Week was 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November and Shooting Star Entertainments delivered a production of the Ugly Duckling to the younger children and Captain Wonderweb to KS2 as part of the school's work on Anti-Bullying.

The Friends of Eastling School's annual Pumpkin decorating competition took place on 31<sup>st</sup> October with Tish Neaves, chair of governors, having the difficult job of judging the entries. There were pumpkins decorated as snowmen, unicorns, Donald Trump, hedgehogs, spiders and Dracula to name a few. We are delighted that this year FOES have agreed to donate



a substantial amount towards the cost of a new school minibus.

Eastling Primary School's annual Christingle Service will be held at St Mary's on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to a wonderful afternoon.

We do have a few spaces available across the school for an immediate start. Any prospective parents looking for a Reception place for September 2020 are welcome to call the office on 01795 890252 to arrange a visit. For further information please visit our school website where photographs and newsletters are displayed and updated regularly



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### DIARY DATES

**4th or 5th December (please check with pub)- Christmas Tree Lights Switch On! 6 - 7pm**

Join the village for carols and mulled wine around the tree. Mince pies and Christmas activities for children in the pub.

### New Year's Eve Spectacular

Book your tables now to join us for a New Year's Eve music/meal spectacular  
5pm - 11.30pm

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

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Stalisfield Highlife

### Our annual Seniors' Christmas Tea

will be held in Stalisfield Village Hall on Saturday 14th December from 4pm. If you are over 60, live locally and would like to attend, please contact Tracey no later than 7th December to reserve your seat and arrange transportation, if needed. Tracey's phone number is 01795 890517 or email her at Traceysmith210@btinternet.com

Even if you are a regular attendee please ensure you reserve your place. We had a big turn out and great time last year, so we look forward to seeing you for another festive celebration.



Come and celebrate  
**Christmas**  
with Stalisfield and  
Otterden

Sunday 15th December at  
5pm - a service of carols  
and readings in Stalisfield  
Church

Join us for mulled wine and  
mince pies afterwards.

### Eastling Gardeners' Club

New Year's Party  
on 9th January 2020  
in Eastling Village Hall  
at 7.30pm

Andrew Higgs will be  
giving a wine tasting,  
followed by yet more wine  
and home-made nibbles

Free to members, non-  
members, who are very  
welcome, pay £4

For further information  
contact Clive on 890160

## CHRISTMAS TREES 2019

Thank you for your great support last year by raising £10,465 for 200 trees. As last year, as previously listed, donations are being given to some 44 local parishes and nearly 20 charities.

As before, the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; over half will be returned to your parish church with the balance going to the 20 charities. This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your parish church and some deserving charities at the same time. As all the trees are growing they will remain in the ground until collected.

Please phone or email us to fix a date, preferably at weekends, to visit to select prior to collection nearer Christmas.

Trees are available for selection. **PLEASE CONTACT US TO TELL US WHEN YOU'D LIKE TO COME!**

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**December 31<sup>st</sup> - 8.00 'til late**

**at Eastling Village Hall**

Dress to Impress or come casual if you prefer. Bring your own party food to share and your favourite tippie. Tables of 10 or share a table and make new friends on the night...everyone welcome. The hall will be dressed in cabaret style with tablecloths and soft lighting.

Limited number of tickets available, £5 per person, payable in advance. Call Trudy on 07881 630219 or email trudy23@btinternet.com

All proceeds go to the Village Hall and Seniors' Christmas Lunch



## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Several of our Group went on an afternoon outing to the Copper Rivet Distillery on 23rd October. Built in the premises of a Victorian Pump House at Chatham Dockyard, the renovated building itself was quite interesting. We joined other parties to be given an official tour of the Distillery, which was a spotless work of art built of stainless steel and copper. During the tour there was a tasting of their Vodka and Gin. Whisky is now also being produced, but will not be available to drink until next year. The company is the only spirit maker in Kent and only one of a few in the UK that undertakes the complete process of brewing and distilling from grain to glass. Upon completion of the tour, there was a glass of ice cold gin and tonic waiting for us all to consume - very refreshing. We were very taken with the taste of the produce, so all of us purchased their products (some might even make it to Christmas as presents!). Afterwards, we went next door to finish off with Tea and Cake, of course.

Continuing in the theme of alcohol, November's Meeting was the popular bi-annual Wine Tasting, which attracted about 35 ladies and their guests. Andrew Higgs had selected 6 wines for us to taste, informing us of their origins and tastes that we should expect from each one. Andrew is extremely knowledgeable

on this topic as it is his 'day job', as well as travelling to many countries to explore the source of the wines. The evening finished with a raffle with prizes donated by the Group.

The last Meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 11th December, a week later than usual due to the Christmas Pantomime.



By popular demand we will be making Christmas Wreaths, providing our own foliage and decorations. The wreath oasis are available to purchase. A glass of bubbly

and seasonal nibbles will also be provided to give the evening the Christmas atmosphere.

Although we don't have an official Meeting in January, arrangements are being made for an evening out at the Carpenters Arms, Eastling. This is to brighten up a quiet, dark month instead of a Christmas meal, as December normally has many events that our ladies attend. More details to follow at a later date.

That just leaves us to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas from Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. If you would like to come along and try our Meetings next year, please contact our President Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or our Secretary Helen Brooks on 07477 580727.

## Short Mat Bowls



Our competition teams have started the 2019/20 season in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division, but not on a good note, our first game was away to Hover Speed at their venue at Broadstairs. This was a

disaster for us losing on both mats - Nil points. On 22<sup>nd</sup> October we played away to Aylesham where Des Briggs, Bryan Sealey and Roy Piles had a good win, but our other team lost and we came back home with just 2 points. Our next game was Hover Speed coming to Eastling for the return match and it was nice for team John Hobbs, Eileen Piles and John Graham to have a win, result was that we won on both mats and gained 6 points.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November Aylesham came to Eastling, we won on one mat and lost on the other but we had more overall shots, so finished with 4 points. 12<sup>th</sup> November away to Minster (Thanet) Des, Bryan and Roy won 21 shots to 9 shots and, although we all felt for our other team who lost on the last end, we were all pleased at coming home up the Thanet way with 4 points.

New members are always welcome, join us on Fridays at 7.30pm in Eastling village hall. Call Roy on 01795 537162 for more information.

## Eastling

### Volunteers.

Our volunteering activities have been effected by illnesses and other changes that mean we need some new recruits. We work in three areas - the tidy up team which service various roads and footpaths clearing rubbish; heavenly cleaners who clean the church for major festivals 3 or 4 times a year and the driver group who assist with medical appointments and shopping.

Please contact Julia Bailey if you feel able to join any of our groups.

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01795 890401



## Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

We are definitely in suspension! We had a lovely talk from Sandy Moriarty at our AGM, all about Denmans which as you may know is in Oxfordshire and owned by the W.I. They put on different courses and all the tutors are first class.

On Tuesday 17th December we will have a demonstration on how to make chocolate liqueurs ( yummy ) - a fitting way to end our time as W.I. members, although some will be going on to other branches I hope. It has been a pleasure to be your President and I thank you all for your support over the past 5 years.  
Barbara Elliott

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I wanted a little something on nature to complete this issue and came upon an interesting website by Jenny Steel: <http://www.wildlife-gardening.co.uk> Jenny has kindly granted permission to use the following - if you are interested do look up the site it contains all sorts of interesting facts and pictures - Ed

## Wildlife Garden Maintenance in December

The winter solstice on the 21st of this month has a significant effect on our winter garden wildlife. As soon as the length of daylight increases, many subtle changes can be observed especially in the behaviour of some bird species. Song thrushes will soon start to sing from treetops or roofs to define their territory, in preparation for the breeding season ahead. Great tits may investigate nest boxes, especially on sunny days. For many people December is a time to enjoy the garden from the comfort of the house, but there are still important jobs you can do to ensure your local wildlife survives the winter.

In a small garden, native shrubs such as goat willow, dogwood or hazel need to be kept in check to prevent them from taking over completely. These valuable species attract a large variety of moth caterpillars and other insects and are well worth growing. They can be 'coppiced' this month, which means cutting them to within 10 cms of the ground, encouraging them to produce new strong shoots from the base next spring. If dogwood still has shiny black berries, delay coppicing this species until the fruits have all been eaten by wood mice or birds.

This is still only the beginning of the winter and if the weather is mild, an ideal time to plant a tree or a hedge. Choose a native tree if you have the space - silver birch or rowan would be good choices for gardens as they support many insect species and insectivorous birds. Rowan berries are also a favourite with blackbirds and thrushes. Native mixed hedging

is a wildlife magnet, providing nesting and hibernation places, food and shelter. Hedges are also important corridors in urban areas, linking gardens, allotments and green spaces to allow wildlife to move about in safety. Include hawthorn, blackthorn and wild roses for their protective prickles as well as the wild Viburnum, spindle, holly, wild privet and buckthorn. Mulch your hedge or tree well after planting and water if the weather is dry, until established.

Even in the tiniest garden it is possible to provide food, water and shelter from bad weather for common garden birds. On a balcony or small patio make sure hanging feeders are topped up. Birds will venture closer to the house as food supplies run out. In colder weather an 'umbrella' cut from a conifer and laid on the ground can keep an area free of frost, allowing birds like robins and wrens to find insects, but make sure local cats can't use this as a hiding place. Special seed and peanut feeders with plastic suckers can be attached to windows, and small drinking saucers of fresh water will be used when lodged in a window box.



When the weather is too miserable to venture out, keep up to date with what's in your garden by starting a wildlife journal. A catalogue of the birds feeding, mammals passing through or unusual sighting of insects out of hibernation can be valuable information now or at any time throughout the year.

by Jenny Steel



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Nuisance phone calls have been received purporting to be from the Inland Revenue telling that the valuation of your property has been miscalculated and you could be due a rebate on rates for a much as £4000. Treat this and any other nuisance call with contempt and cut the call off.

Usual Christmas message from the police - do not drive under the influence of drink/drugs. For the small cost of a taxi you could not only save a life or serious injury but all the heartache and sadness which is always left behind.

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Have a great Christmas and take care

Alan Willson

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## ***The Incarnation: fearfully and wonderfully made***

by Dr Ruth M. Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

*My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret  
place, when I was woven together in  
the depths of the earth.*

*Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were  
written in your book before one of  
them came to be. Psalm 139:15-16*

You began life as a single cell. For a few hours you were a miniscule but highly complex blob of jelly, until it began to divide: two cells, four, eight, sixteen, a ball, a hollow ball, and then something more recognisably like a living organism. You were still tiny, but developing a nervous system, a head, a body, arms and legs.

Until recently I hadn't thought much about Jesus being an embryo. Somehow, I find that thought even more shocking than His birth. How could God, who made the universe, have become something so completely and utterly vulnerable? Maybe in the past, when the development of a child happened in 'secret', it was possible just to let that part of the Christmas story go untold.

Today, when we see images of a developing child, or even embryos outside the womb, it is harder to ignore the process of Jesus

developing into a baby. The incarnation meant that God's Son went through all the stages in the diagram in my developmental biology textbook: 'zygote', 'morula', 'blastocyst', implantation, and so on.

Jesus was there in the beginning, and all life owes its existence to Him. But instead of remaining aloof, He chose to become one of us. The Son of God shared the same kind of DNA as every other organism on the planet. He knows what it feels like to have a body, to feel hungry and thirsty, pain and pleasure, dark and light.

In Psalm 139, the writer is meditating on God's intimate knowledge of Him, which began when He was an embryo. There is nothing God doesn't know about Him, and even darkness cannot obscure Him from God's sight. The incarnation means that God's intimacy with us now extends even further. He became one of us, lived alongside us, and shared our very fragile material nature.

The transcendent God is also immanent, longing for us to relate to Him as Father. He became as fragile as we are so He could rescue us from the messes we so often find ourselves in. With His help, we can remember what it means to be fearfully and wonderfully made.



Human egg soon after fertilisation viewed using Nomarski optics. The two parental pronuclei are clearly visible and have not yet fused.

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If interested/have any enquiries  
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Always happy to help.  
References available on request.



CHRISTMAS

**CAFE STYLE**



**SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER**  
10.30am  
**EASTLING VILLAGE HALL**

**CAROLS - COFFEE - CAKE -  
CRAFT - CHAT  
WORSHIP  
IN A  
RELAXED  
CAFE SETTING**

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME**

The Stalisfield Pantomime

## Jack and the Beanstalk

Friday December 6th  
and Saturday  
December 7th at  
7.30pm in Stalisfield  
Village Hall

When Jack buys some  
"magic beans" from Fairy  
Dust it leads to some  
very unpredictable  
results! This traditional  
pantomime is given its  
customary Stalisfield spin.

An evening of fun and surprises for all  
the family.

Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for  
children and are available from Sharon  
on 01795 890415 or from  
[bookings@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk).

**Wise?** When I told my children the story of how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus, my six-year-old daughter was not impressed. "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."



## Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

The children of Stalisfield, Otterden and surrounding area are invited to our lovely Village Hall for the Annual Christmas Party.

Suitable for ALL ages 0-18, every child is welcome!

There will be food, drink, games galore, a 'Secret Room' and if we're all really good; a special visitor!

Registration **ESSENTIAL** you'll receive a confirmation e-mail in return.

Book your place now with Su at [suandyjoe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suandyjoe@yahoo.co.uk) or on 01795 890334.



The more the merrier....



Where was Mary's baby born?  
Why were Joseph and Mary there?  
Read Luke 2:1-6

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?  
Read Luke 2:7

Why were the shepherds afraid?  
Read Luke 2:8

What good news did the angel tell?  
Read Luke 2:10-11

Who appeared praising God and what did they say?  
Read Luke 2:13-14

What did Mary dress her baby in?  
Read Luke 2:6

What did the angel tell Joseph to name Mary's baby and why?  
Read Matthew 2:21

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?  
Read Luke 2:16

Colour a star each day until Christmas

**Mouse Makes**

**Good news!**

**Glory to God**

**A Saviour is born**

