

Eastling Puppet Club

Last term culminated in a very lively 'Nativity Play with a Twist', which was played with great gusto and featured a villainous Herod, a talking donkey and humorous camels, a superbly flying angel and three very modern kings, as well as gentle shepherds and landlady, and a dignified Mary and Joseph. Many thanks to Leigh and Liz for inviting us to perform at

the S Club Party. This term we shall give a performance in Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal, on 1st of May.

We meet fortnightly on Saturday or Sunday afternoons in Eastling Village Hall. New members, between the ages of 9 and 16, welcome. (No previous experience needed)

Please contact Angela Cheeseman 01795 890 629 for details.

Eastling Young People's Band

A group of young people who play an instrument started to meet to play together last term. So far they have been playing recorders, but hope to branch out to play other instruments as well this term (including clarinet and saxophone).

Are you interested? Please contact Steve Youle or Angela Cheeseman 890629



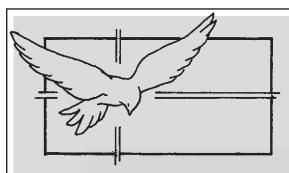
Young People's Craft Club

4th & 25th February 6.15 to 7.15pm in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. 50p per session all young people invited.

Horses

On Saturday 26th of February in the Champion Hall, Painters Forstal at 7.30p.m. Faversham & District Riding Club will be showing a video of all 14 teams who took part in the British Riding Clubs Quadrille Selection Trials and of the Final at Olympia. The F.D.R.C. qualified for the final for the 5th year running with their routine in honour of 40yrs of flying by the Red Arrows Aerobatic Team. Everyone welcome $\pounds 2.50$ per person.





IN CHRISTALONE my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

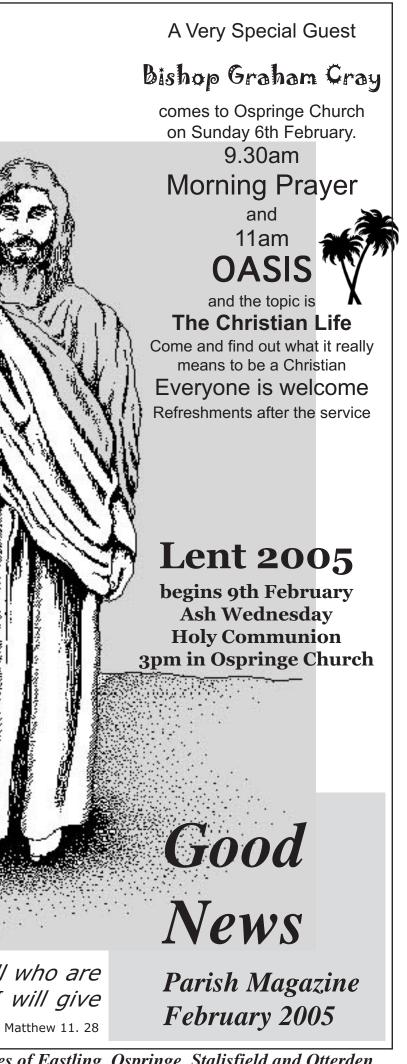
In Christ alone! Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on the cross, as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied-For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of ma Can ever pluck me from His hand. Till he returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand. Stuart Townend.

Jesus said "Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

The news magazine for the combined parishes of Eastling, Ospringe, Stalisfield and Otterden



Praying With The Prayers Of The Bible: Praying in your Discouragements Numbers 11:10-15. 'Moses said to the Lord,... "I am not able to carry all this people alone, the burden is too heavy for me..."

Moses prayed this prayer in a day of dark Moses was depressed, irritable and depression and discouragement. The opening verses of the chapter relate how divine punishment fell on the people of Israel because they complained about almost everything. Moses prayed and the punishment stopped but not the people's complaints. They wanted meat to eat.

For years they had been sustained by manna from heaven, but now they longed for the fish, cucumbers and melons they had eaten in Egypt (vv.5.6). They forget how the Lord had delivered them from Pharaoh's bondage. Now they preferred Egyptian food, and the slavery that went with it, to the goodness of the Lord and his provision for them.

Moses was beside himself with despair. Would these ungrateful people never stop complaining? Then the Lord's anger threatened the people again (v.10). Moses was caught in the middle. On one side of him the people complained, and on the other side God's wrath was about to fall. Moses couldn't go on.

His frustration broke out in petulant questions to the Lord. 'Why are you dealing so severely with me?' 'Why do you lay this burden on me?' 'Did I conceive these people?' 'Why am I a nursing mother to them?' 'Am I responsible for getting them to Egypt?' 'How can I provide meat for so many?' 'Lord, this burden is too great for me.' 'I'd rather die now than go on like this' Manchester. (see vv.11-15).

resentful. He poured it all out before the Lord. It was a prayer born of frustration and anger. He was angry with his ungrateful congregation and he was angry with God. Why did the Lord leave it all to him? After all, it was God's plan to bring the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan. Moses had only gone along with it because God commanded him. But now it was all too much. Worn out with listening to the people's whining and not sure of what God would do next, Moses had had enough. He blamed the Lord for giving him a burden he couldn't carry and he wanted to die.

But God answered Moses graciously! He understood the frustration, the petulance, the lack of faith and the rebellious spirit that blamed God for it all. He provided Moses with seventy elders who eased the burden of leadership (vv.16, 17). He sent an east wind that brought quails into the camp and provided meat for them (vv.31, 32). In grace and mercy God 'overlooked' the faults of Moses and sent him help and refreshment.

In our deepest disappointments, God understands. In our frustrations, God is merciful. When we lash out at circumstances and even at God himself, He does not answer in kind. In our deepest discouragement, his love and grace and understanding are with us still.

By the Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle, Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College,

British Humanitarian Aid Thank You

Dear Friends,

Firstly may I wish you all a very happy New Year 2005. How time does fly! Christmas and New Year celebrations now well behind us.

On behalf of Tony Budell and all at B.H.A., I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Charity during the past year, not only just now at Christmas with the shoe box appeal, but throughout the year. Aid of all kinds keeps coming in, from all kinds of people and organisations, and we are all very grateful for the caring and generosity of so many.

We are all acutely aware of the desperate need for aid in the poorest nations in the world, and no more so than now, in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake and tsunami which has wiped out so much of S.E. Asia, and left millions homeless and in great need of so many things.

The people of this country, together with so many nations of the world, have responded in our unprecedented outpouring of love and generosity.

However the needs of the orphans and the impoverished families in Chernigov continue to need our help and support, as more orphanages and families seek help. The Charity goes from strength to strength, and the amount of aid being sent to the Ukraine continues to grow, not only in quantity, but also in the variety of goods being donated. I hope that you will be able to support B.H.A. throughout the year, as and when you are able, and as always, I am happy to receive your donations at my home.

Your support over many years now has been marvellous. Please accept my heartfelt thanks, and may we continue in 2005 to keep on caring and helping to 'Make a difference'.

Mother Theresa said "We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

With love and blessings, Pam Bell.

Prayer Pointers February 2005

<u>Sundays</u>	For a deepening of our prayer life.	
<u>Mondays</u>	Anyone who may be struggling with doubts	
<u>Tuesdays</u>	Prayer and study groups in the benefice.	
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Churches preparing Lent courses.	
<u>Thursdays</u>	The Fire Service.	
<u>Fridays</u>	Those suffering after the Tsunami.	
<u>Saturdays</u>	The Church in the United States	

BBC Radio Kent Lent Series 2005 'A Sense of Grace'

Fr Wilfrid McGreal and Prof Robin Gill reflect on the meaning of grace in all its many aspects. The series is based on the book of the same name, already available in bookshops and publishes by SPCK, and will run for six sundays from 13th February in the Sunday programme, 6am -8am. 96.7,104.2, & 97.6FM - 774 & 1602AM -DAB Digital Radio

Further details in February Outlook newspaper.

A DAY OF REFRESHMENT with Marilyn Baker Ministries hosted by Churches Together in Faversham at The Abbey School, Faversham on Saturday 12th March 2005 9.30am to 10.00pm

By holding the day at the splendid new facilities of the Abbey School, we hope to create a truly welcoming atmosphere for those who would like to know more about the Christian faith, but may find a church service too daunting.

Marilyn Baker, Tracey Williamson, and their team have vast international experience of facilitating such days of ministry. Despite what most of us would consider to be prohibitive disabilities, they are marvellous witnesses to what God is able to achieve when we make available to Him, in obedience, those giftings He first made available to us.

The programme for the day includes a morning workshop - Power in Prayer, an afternoon workshop - Discovering Our Ministries, and an Evening Concert with Marilyn Baker, Nick Ash and River. For a booking form or more details about this Day of Refreshment in Faversham, please contact: Ian Willsher, for Ospringe, or Roz Graham (01795-538079) Andrew Holden (01795-533304 after 6pm) Email:ctf@favershamcommunitychurch.co.uk You can learn more about Marilyn Baker at:

Marilyn Baker Ministries,

PO Box 639, Taunton, Somerset TA3 5WG Tel: 08707 501720 Fax: 08707 501721 Email: ruth@marilynbakerministries.org www.marilynbakerministries.org

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VICKY'S REFLECTIONS

Have you seen the snowdrops on the bank in South Road and the beautiful display opposite Tesco by the back of Age Concern? The snowdrops were later than last year but the daffodils in places are very forward this year.

I am going to be busy handing over the role of Organiser of the Town Heritage Walks for the Faversham Society after nine years and organising my Study Room! I have made a good start! but there is a long, long way to go! God bless, Vicky.

Prayer from M.U. Prayer Diary for Epiphany, 6th January, 2005.

" Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." John Wesley.

Help us in this resolve. I remember this was written on the wall of Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.

The M.U. International 'Year of the Family' Prayer to end 2004.

Wherever we are we live in God's family, when our families are broken by circumstances and pain He reaches out to hold us in His arms, piece by piece He makes us whole again, and in His love-filled hands we are transformed.

A woman telephoned her Bank and spoke to So Lord, help us in the year ahead to build the Accountant who looked at her holdings, "I relationships on all corners of our hearts want to make some changes, " she said. The to be like you, to love like you, to heal bro-Accountant asked for more details. "Are you kenness and restore wholeness in families interested in Conversion or Redemption?" he world wide. Amen. asked. "Good heavens, came the reply. "I must have got the wrong number. I wanted the Bank of England, not the Church of England .. "

On Wednesday, 5th January, we gathered view of the havoc they have and are together at Pat Pollard's home (thank you, experiencing) and, of course, our own Pat, for your hospitality) for our Wave of Diocese of Canterbury. Hymns were sung Prayer. From 1st to 5th January every year and readings read. We extended our time from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., every half hour of prayer to pray for those affected by the Prayers are said for M.U. members earthquake, Tsunami and life torn about throughout the world. Every M.U. branch by the world's worst natural disaster. in the Canterbury Diocese takes a half-After a cuppa and a chat we went home hour slot and Ospringe's time was 1 p.m. in sober mood knowing we had homes to 1.30 p.m. on 5th January. and loved ones to return to. I was enthralled by the events that took We are looking forward to our Post Christplace.

A large map of the world was laid out. As prayers were said the flags of the appropriate country were placed on the map. Also a candle was lit for us to focus on our 7 Link Dioceses of Kebbi in Nigeria, Cyangugu in Rwanda, Lesotho in South Africa, Bermuda, Lainya in Sudan and the Philippines (this was most appropriate in

CHOIR NOTES

On Tuesday, 4th January, just before the children went back to school, we did a concert for the folk and friends at The Almshouses Chapel. We called it, "Before Twelfth Night" and we were able to enjoy many carols. Vicky sang the echo for "Do you hear what I hear?" and Don did his special from Harold Darke's, "In the Bleak Midwinter". I played some of my favourite Christmas organ pieces and we all sang the traditional "In the Bleak Midwinter" for Blanche Rogers. There were about 40 there. Don and Freda presented the Warden and me with a lovely hyacinth in a vase. Thank you. Then we had their tea and special cakes and gave £60 to the Tsunami Disaster Fund. We are always well received ther. Thank you all.

Freda and Don helped me do a "Sing-a-long" at Age Concern, just before Christmas Day. Thank you Freda and Don. The Age Concern room rang with their hearty singing.

We have restarted choir practices and have been invited to join with other choirs at St. Mary's for the Churches Together Service. We look forward to Bishop Graham joining us on 6th February (the anniversary of our Queen's Accession 54 years ago) and hope to sing Karl Jenkins' Benedictus as sung by Hayley Westenra.

Vicky Shepherd

Say that again?

Mothers' Union Notes

mas Lunch on Wednesday, 19th January, at The Alma and to our February meeting on last the Wednesday of the month, 23rd, when we hope a few members will tell us something about themselves. Caroline Holt gave us a wonderful talk about her life and that has stimulated us to talk about the influences in our lives that make us "tick".

God bless, Brenda Cardwell.

Services in our Benefice

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30th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany					
Whitehill Chapel 10.30 a.m. Joint Service for					
·		Otterden and Painter's Forstal			
Tue	sday 1st I	February			
Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion			
6th February Sunday next before Lent					
•		atthew 17. 1 - 9			
		Holy Communion (BCP)			
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)			
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)			
Stalisfield join		2			
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Breakfast followed by			
•	10.45 a.m.	Family People's Choice			
Ospringe					
9th Febru	uarv A	sh Wednesday			
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13th	February	Lent 1			
Romans	5.12 - 19, M	atthew 4. 1 - 11			
Eastling		Holy Communion (BCP)			
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Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)			
20th	February	Lent 2			
Romans	4. 1 - 5, 13 - 1'	7, John 3. 1 - 17			
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)			
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club in Village Hall			
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)			
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)			
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service			
27th	February	Lent 3			
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Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle			
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice			
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion			
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School			

6th March Mothering Sunday

Ospringe	8 a.m.	I
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	e e
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	5
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	
	10.45 a.m.	
Ospringe	11 a.m.	

Holy Communion (BCP) **Special Service Special Service** Breakfast followed by Family People's Choice **Special Service**

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

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366) 9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX				
Reader	Mr. Hugh Perks Weald Cottage, Kettle H	```			
Reader	Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412) 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.				
Methodist Minister	Reverend Chris Esgate Chris@Esgate.plus.con	· · · · ·			
Churchwardens					
Ospringe	Miss C. Brightman	(01795 531960)			
	Mr. P. Larter	(01795 531044)			
Eastling	Mr S. Youle Mrs. A. Smith	(01795 890368) (01795 890469)			
Stalisfield with Otterden					
Joint Warden	Mrs. J. Baker	(01622 858332)			
bollit Warden	Mrs S. Gaind	(01622 858551)			
Whitehill		(
Steward	Miss. B. Richards	(01795 532756)			

Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 536366. If you would like the parish clergy to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

EARLY Deadline for March Good News

Please send your magazine contribution by the 13th February to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME130BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com

From the Registers

Baptism

CONNOR LEWIS Link 16th January 2005 at Ospringe

MIA SARA Fulker 23rd January 2005 at Ospringe

Funerals

Joan Margaret ELLIS 21st December 2004 Funeral at Ospringe with Cremation at Barham

Annie Mary ('Nan') RICHARDS 23rd December 2004 Cremation at Charing

Ellen Minnie JONES 29th December 2004 Cremation at Charing

Margaret BUSHELL 4th January 2005 Cremation at Charing

Winifred May ('Win') DAVIES 17th January 2005 Cremation at Barham

Eastling Parish Council

At its January meeting the Council set the Budget for the 05/06 year starting in April. The precept will remain at the same level as last year. The other main item was the proposed use of subsidiarity funding for the 04/05 year. This is money received from the Borough Council, which is to be used at the Parish Council's discretion on projects for the benefit of the Village. Councillors decided to put money into the completion of the Design Statement; into researching and hopefully implementing a 30 mph speed limit through the Village; and grants to the Church and Village Hall to help towards re-surfacing the driveway and buying needed equipment respectively.

Councillors also received a preliminary report on the public feed back on the Design Statement questionnaire. This will be considered by the Design Statement committee next month prior to releasing a draft for consultation. There was an excellent response with replies from 56% of all households in the Parish.

The Council is also looking for someone with the necessary skills to maintain and develop the Village website. This would be a paid position. Anyone interested should contact the Chairman, John Payne, on 890386 to discuss what is required.



Homeopathy for You Lesley Murray Registered Homeopath **Faversham Clinics** at Ospringe Place and 9 Gatefield Lane (01795) 537159 and **591337** Natural healing for the whole person

Contact numbers: Swale NHW office 0808 100 3308 (free) Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous) NHW liaison officer 01795 584143 Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055 Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999 Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

Bogus callers. There are a number of unscrupulous people using various methods to gain access to elderly & vulnerable peoples homes. Please warn your neighbours of these individuals. Do not let unexpected callers into your home. Make sure that when you are at one door, entry cannot be gained by another. Do not leave handbags & wallets on display near doors & windows.

Deliveries when you are not at home. This month a brand new bathroom suite was taken from the garden of a property in Boughton Under Blean. The items (bath, lavatory and cistern) had been delivered at 3pm by a DIY store. Try to ensure that deliveries can be secured or hidden if you are not there.

Opportunist burglaries. In one in three successful burglaries the thief gets in through an unlocked door or window. Households with some security measures in place such as deadlocks on doors and window locks are far less likely to be burgled. Statistics show that households that have these basic security measures, and use them, are nine times less likely to be burgled.

Ospringe Parish Council

Highlights of the January meeting included:

Travelling Post Office at Painter's Forstal. The Council continue to take forward a proposal that a travelling Post Office attends Painter's Forstal once a week. To help judge the level of interest, the Parish Council will be distributing questionnaires.

Parish Design Statement

The Parish Council received a progress update. The completed document is out for local consultation. It can be viewed at a number of locations in the parish, as described in the recent leaflet. Comments are very very welcome. The Design Statement can also be viewed at www.faversham.org.uk in the Ospringe section. The Parish Council thanked the Design Group for the high quality of the document.

Seasonal thanks to the Amenities Committee.

The Committee was thanked for the Christmas Tree erected on the Champion Hall. An excellent initiative that added to our Christmas celebrations.

Next meeting 9th March, 8pm in Whitehill Chapel.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Scams.

Letters are currently in circulation informing customers that there has been an error made on their bank account and £92,000 has been added to their account by mistake. The letter apologises for this error and offers compensation of £4,500 for their mistake. All the consumer has to do is send two cheques for £10 and they will secure the money.

Trading Standards warns consumers not to reply to these letters as the chances are that firstly you will not see your money again and secondly that they will pass your details on so that you will start receiving more of this kind of scam mail.

Scam e-mails are being sent out saying that the recipient has won a lottery prize as part of a "promotion" in various countries, based on e-mail addresses. The e-mail asks for your details so they can send you the money - you can guess the rest.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch messages are also posted on the village notice boards (at the Village Hall and the Parish notice board in The Street). Anyone in Eastling wishing to receive alert information by e-mail please send a message to eastlingnhw@tesco.net



At the beginning of this term, the Landlady of The Carpenters Arms, Mrs Sandra Dickers, was able to present a cheque of £245 towards the local village school. This had been raised on an evening of fireworks held at the pub last November and represented the very real support that resented the very real support that the village locals have for the community's school.

Mr Walsh, the Headteacher of Eastling Primary was delighted to accept the cheque on behalf of the

pupils, parents and staff at the school which has a roll of 90. The money is destined to purchase a new colour laser printer that will not only be used by the children of the school but the local community during the adult education classes held at the site. Photo shows Mr Walsh accepting the cheque form Mrs Dickers at The on Saturday 26th February - 7pm for 7.30pm Carpenters Arms

Carol Singing

Carol singing around Painter's Forstal by the Amenities Committee and their friends, raised just over £100 for Demelza House. Thank you to all who contributed.

Carols by Candlelight

Thank you to all the young readers, you were excellent. £66.97 will be sent to the National Children's Home.

Eastling Carol Singing

Many thanks to the band of singers who braved the cold to sing carols around Eastling just before Christmas.

Thank you too for the refreshments, cheer and contributions by the kind people of Eastling we raised an amazing £80 for the Pilgrims Hospice.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Eastling Gardeners' Club next meets on 23rd March 2005 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall for a talk by Jean Talboys on 'Managing Without Weeds'

 $\pounds 2.50$ but free to members

FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The committee are organising a full and varied programme of events to interest all ages this term.

The Cinema Club started on Friday 21st January and showings will continue from 11th February.

We are holding a

FAMILY FILM NIGHT

on Friday 4th February at 7pm for 7.30pm start. 'Going Overboard' (15) will be shown in the school hall, while the children will see 'Let's Ruin Dad's Day' Win Class 3. You will be able to book your tickets (costing £1 each) from 31st January. Tea & coffee, squash, crisps and sweets will be on sale.

PANCAKE DAY

will be celebrated on Shrove ist, Tuesday, 8th February from 2.30pm with the customary pan- \mathbf{O} cake racing and hot pancakes on sale with a variety of toppings. Do join us for an afternoon of fun!!

The school VALENTINE'S DISCO will be held on Friday 11th February from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the school hall. All Eastling School children, parents and families will be welcome. Tickets will be on sale from 3rd Feb and will cost £2.00 each including light refreshments. For adults only, we are hosting a

MURDER/MYSTERY EVENING

start. Tickets will cost £5 each including food and there will be a licensed bar. There will be a raffle drawn during the event. This exciting evening is one not to miss as you try to identify the murderer while enjoying drinks and hot food. More details to follow. Please make a note of other future events: Children's Fashion Show - 6.30pm - School

Hall - Tuesday 8th March Jumble Sale - 1,30pm - School Hall -Saturday 19th March

Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle - School field and hall - Wednesday 23rd March Swimming Pool Party - Friday 24th June Summer Fete - Sunday 3rd July If you wish to be informed of details of all events, please email the school at

Head@eastling.kent.sch.uk Jill Seaman,

FOES Publicity, Tel 01795 890519 or 890252.

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

We're continuing to look at animals and birds this month, and making pictures using different materials and painting methods. The children will be making Valentine cards and later in the month will start making cards and aifts for Mother's Day. The Half Term break is from Monday 14th to Friday 18th February.

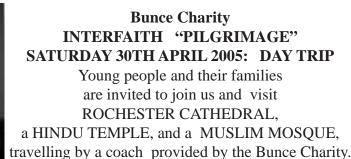
Jill Seaman, 01795 890519



Diary

3rd Afternoon Club (Bingo) 2pm Champion Hall 4th Family Film Night Eastling School Hall 7pm 8th Pancake Racing 2.30pm Eastling School 9th Ash Wednesday Communion Ospringe Church 3pm 11th Valentine's Disco 6.30pm Eastling School Hall 13th Early Deadline for March Good News Pinks Farm, Eastling 14th Gardeners' Club AGM and Slide Show 7.45pm Champion Hall 15th Women's Institute 2.15pm Champion Hall 17th Afternoon Club (Board Games) Champion Hall 2pm 7.45pm Selling Village Hall 21st Neame Cup Quiz Usual Venues 22nd Magazine Folding 2pm 22nd Painter's Forstal AGM and Quiz 7.30pm Champion Hall 26th Murder/Mystery Evening 7pm Eastling School Hall 26th Riding Club Video evening 7.30pm Champion Hall MARCH 8th Children's Fashion Show 6.30pm Eastling School Hall 12th Study Day and Concert All day Abbey School 19th Jumble Sale 1.30pm Eastling School Hall 23rd Easter Egg hunt and raffle Eastling School 7.30pm Village Hall 23rd Eastling Gardeners' Club 24th Fauré Requiem Eastling Church 25th Fauré Requiem Lynsted Church 2.30pm Painter's Forstal 27th Easter Egg Nature Trail APRIL 30th **Bunce Charity Outing** Painter's Forstal MAY 2nd Boot Fair 3pm JUNE 24th Eastling Pool Party at Faversham JULY 3rd Eastling School Fete AUGUST 21st Painter's Forstal Fete

NOVEMBER 12th Craft Fayre Painter's Forstal



We will share in simple worship and gain some understanding of what takes place there.

At the cathedral, the main focus of the day, eat your own picnic lunch. Bunce Trust will pay for the children's "medieval" pilgrimage round the cathedral. Adults are asked to pay £3.00 for their own tour if they wish. Before we leave we will attend Sung Evensong together.

Basic information about the faiths concerned and the day's programme will be provided for those booking, as well as suggestions for dress codes etc. A quiz for the children to complete on the day will involve us all.

ABOUT THE BUNCE TRUST AND HOW TO APPLY The Bunce Charity has funds for the Christian Education of children living in Otterden, Stalisfield and Throwley.

1. We ask children with their parents/carers, and young adults, from the villages named to please book before 1st March to ensure their priority.

2. Other families and young adults from the Benefice will be welcome to remaining places, so register your interest now.

3. Other adults from the Benefice not bringing children, will be welcome too and may use up any spare seats on the coach. Register your interest too, now. First come, first served: email, or phone, Jane Baker (Otterden) janebiztrainingnetwork@ btinternet.com 01622 850686, or Angela Stoddart (Throwley) angela@cforstal. surfaid.org 01795 890210

The Afternoon Club

Activities for February 2005 3rd Bingo 17th Board Games 2pm in Champion Hall

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The February meetings are on Monday 14th - AGM followed by slides. 7.45pm in the Champion Hall Monday 21st - Third round Neame Cup Quiz away at Selling. 7.45pm for 8pm at Selling Village Hall. Further details from Faversham 533608.

Fauré Requiem 24th and 25th March

If you would like to come and sing this lovely piece, join with a group practising on Wednesday evenings, 8pm at The Barn, Barbary Farmhouse, Provender Lane, Norton. All voice parts welcome, no audition. There will be two evening performances: Maundy Thursday, 24th March at Eastling Church and Good Friday, 25th March at Lynsted. Contact Andrew Baxter 01795 890598, for more details. Many thanks to all who joined the

Christmas Choir at Eastling for the Nine Lessons and Carols. Your hard work was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Freestyle

Sunday 13th February 10.30am Eastling Church

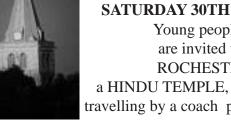
Was Jesus a 'Faith Healer'?

Breakfast from 10am All ages welcome Children's corner available

Having a Party? **Planning a Wedding?**

Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at

Eastling Village Hall. For more information please contact Mary Eagleton on 890436.





Painter's Forstal with Ospringe Women's Institute

Tuesday 15th February 2.15pm Champion Hall Mrs M. Webster - The work of U.N.I.C.E.F.Competitions: A childhood photo and Flower of the Month

Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee

Tuesday 22nd February at 7.30pm in the Champion Hall A.G.M. followed by an

Inter-family or Club Quiz for the cup. Do come and take part. Other events proposed for 2005

March 27th

Easter Egg Nature Trail Start from Champion Hall at 2.30pm, 50p entrance fee. Followed by refreshments.

May 2nd **Boot Fair**

Starting at 3pm on the Green (Tables only, on the green.) £5 a table - Ring 01795 532756 for further details. Young People's May Queen and retinue will be selected. Details to follow.

August 21st Fete

We will welcome offers of help, and hope that all who worked so hard last year will be available again this year.

November 12th **Craft Fayre**

As this was so successful last year, we are arranging another for 2005. Would the people who ran tables ring 01795 532756 if they can take a table (£5) again and, of course, anyone else interested.

For Sale

Packard Bell, Printer, Key board, and Monitor, all in good working order. Contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162 for more information.