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What's a vampire's sweetheart called? His ghoul-friend * Why did the banana go out with the prune? Because it couldn't

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A Bible bookmark to make for LENT

Mouse Makes

Before Jesus began to preach and heal and tell people about God, he spent 40 days alone in the desert praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.

Remembering those days Jesus spent in the desert, the Christian Church has set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to think and pray and learn more about God.

This time is called **LENT**

Use your bookmark each day during LENT to help you as you pray.

Dear LORD,

THANK YOU for

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven
may your holy name be honoured,
may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need.
Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs others have done to us.

SORRY for

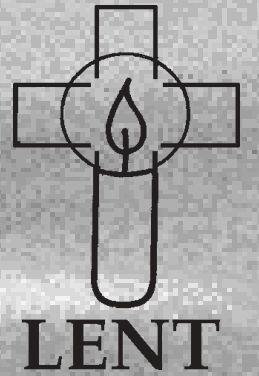
AMEN
Matthew 6:9-13

I PRAY for

To make your bookmark:
Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.

Good News

Parish Magazine
February 2008



LENT

Ash Wednesday

6th February

Holy Communion

7.30pm Stalisfield Church

Candlemas

Celebrate

Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd February
10am Eastling Church



Mothering Sunday

2nd March

Special Services

10am Stalisfield Church

10.40am Whitehill Chapel

Olave Snelling, former producer and presenter on Premier Radio in London, is currently Chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Council. In this article she encourages people to look again at their own spiritual commitment.

Where your treasure is ...

Psychoanalysts talk about cathexis. Cathexis means (approximately) emotional investment. To cathect something heavily means that your emotional life is pretty tangled up with whatever you cathect. As Lent begins, the question that faces every Christian is this: Given that we are less concerned about heaven the more we are wrapped up with earth; and given that the more wrapped up in heaven we are the less anxious we will be about our earthly home - how much cathexis do we invest in mansions in the sky?

It can be wearisome when people bang on about others who are "so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good." It can happen that people are too earthly minded to be any heavenly good. Jesus was talking about exactly that when he urged us to lay up treasure in heaven. His words blast our self-deception away:

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Jesus knew the battle that goes on in our hearts between heavenly and earthly homes. He knew our struggle between

love of money and heavenly treasure. And I guess we do too, in a somewhat befuddled sort of way. How do we lay up treasure in heaven anyway? You certainly can't buy heavenly treasures with money.

So here we are launching into a New Year with all its possibilities, a blank page of time to be written upon. What do we do with it? One thing we can do is to look at ourselves in the mirror and ask "Where is my treasure? Where is my heart? Where do my real ambitions lie?"

"Our souls are held by what they hold; Slaves still are slaves in chains of gold; To whatsoever we may cling, We make it a soul-chaining thing; Whether it be a life, or land, And dear as our right eye or hand."

New Year's resolutions are a waste of time - how many have you already given up on - and it is only February! New Year beginnings could start with Lent - and a re-evaluation, reorientation, and regrasping of the true essentials of Christ's call on our lives, in whatever sphere of endeavour we are in.

For Valentine's Day...

Love

He held her close
in his arms' embrace,
Their eyes and their lips did meet,
He looked down
into her lovely face,
And her heart did faster beat...

They went to the kirk
an it came the day,
And the book the priest did take;
He in his kilt
was so bright and gay
As his promise he did make.

She stood at his side
so white and fair,
Her white fingers fair to give,
The priest handfasted them
then and there,
And he blessed them long to live.

O God give the joy
and God the love
To those who are lovers true,
Shed down benediction
from above
As in one are joined the two.

*From
Prayers of the Western Highlanders*

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting on 9th January 2008.

The Chairman had attended a KAPC Meeting when the County Highways representative was present. He indicated that road conditions were unlikely to improve for the foreseeable future and the 30 mph speed limit was likely to be put on hold as there was no finance available. The Treasurer reported that there was £4,500.00 in the various bank accounts of which £2,600.00 was for the Village Sign and could be returnable.

The Acting Clerk advised the Meeting that the Clerk proposed resigning and said that this could impinge upon the Council's Budgetary considerations.

The source of the primary concerns throughout the Village had to be the cutting of costs and the Chairman asked Cllr Bickerdike to investigate the costs which pertained to the Internet Connection which appeared to be largely under-used and was costing the Council about £650.00 per year.

The resignation of the Clerk would result in the Council having to pay a replacement's salary and expenses, which could be a burden to the Council. The Treasurer proposed that the Precept be provisionally set at 20p in an attempt to alleviate the problem.

Cllr Bailey indicated the Police Questionnaire had been completed and returned. Timber for the Village Sign has been passed to a saw-mill for processing but, at this stage, the Council Chairman was not able to supply any further details.

The Council was advised that there were two planning applications for the Council to consider. One related to the property known as "Flintstones" and the other to 8, Meeson's Close. The applicable documents had been circulated to Councillors for their consideration and Swale Borough Council have been informed that on this occasion the Councillors had no objections to make. K.C.C. had been advised of the missing chevrons and was currently vacillating accordingly. The Council wished to express their thanks to Mr Ben Binder for his diligence in maintaining the hedgerows along The Street.

Cllr. Bailey reported on the Rural Leaders' Course which had operated in the Village during the summer of 2007. Thirty two people from the Village and surrounding area completed a five week course lasting twelve hours a week. They studied aspects of rural life, animals, job opportunities, planting, harvesting and cooking healthy meals. The Course continued to Christmas and will start again in the Spring of 2008. Cllr Bailey had hoped to announce a three year funding agreement but this had not been signed. It is hoped to gain accreditation for the Course from Hadlow College so that the young people involved would gain a certificate of Achievement, thus helping them into the employment market of the future.

Further Cllr Bailey thanked the Clerk who forwarded an application for free tree planting. The Rural Leaders' Course obtained 25 trees which the young people planted in a Nursery Area, from where they will be re-planted when established. Their eventual location will be around the fenced walkway surrounding the Vegetable Plot, open to the public via the support of the Government's Countryside Stewardship Scheme.

A letter had been received from Swale Borough Council relating to penalties which in future, may be incurred by the owners of dogs who persistently foul public open spaces.

The Meeting closed at 7.40 pm. The Council thanked Cllr Bowles for his interest and attendance.

The date of the next meeting was provisionally set for Wednesday 12th March 2008 at 6 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Parish/Village Warden 07794 010394
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)
Emergencies or crime in progress use 999

There has been a spate of lead and other metals being stolen from churches and other buildings within the Kent area. Should you see anything suspicious within our area, please give the police or me a telephone call.

As we are coming into the lambing season may Please will dog owners, should they see sheep in a field, put their dog on a lead. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this, as Farmers have the right to shoot dogs if they are worrying their sheep, common sense should prevail.

Whilst on the matter of dogs, there is an article in the Good News from the Parish Council about dogs fouling footpaths within the Swale area which is quite important. The fine for not complying with the dog fouling laws is £100 and the owner will be named.

I was recently working with two young lads planting daffodils for the benefit of the village, along the church path. Before we could start I had to clear the path of dog excrement, not very pleasant. I shall be along the footpaths with a camera from now on. It does not take much to take a plastic bag when walking your dog and put the proceeds in your green wheelie bin. I am working to try and obtain doggy do bins for the footpaths, but until then please help to keep our village clean. There was a report of a car hitting a metal gate at the south end of Eastling and driving off causing a considerable amount of damage. The car, possibly a blue people carrier, was assumed damaged also. If any person has any information on this, please pass it on.

We will soon be into the main gardening seasons so it is time to make sure your ride

on and hand lawn mowers are safely locked away.

Keep the calls coming,
have a safe month.

Alan



EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

A WARNING TO ALL DOG OWNERS'

New Regulations have come onto force making it a criminal offence to leave dog excrement in the open air in any place to which the public have access in Swale Borough. This includes all footpaths in EASTLING VILLAGE, and any stewardship land open to the public, the school, church and village hall grounds and the open ground at the Glebe. To avoid a hefty fine please accompany your dog on all its walks and pick up any excrement it leaves.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas

Prayer

Pointers

February 2008



Sundays Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Mondays Jesus, Hope of the nations, guide our world leaders.
Tuesdays Jesus, Friend to the friendless, guide us in the dark times.
Wednesdays Jesus, Healer of the blind, open our eyes to your glory.
Thursdays Jesus, Friend of sinners, keep us from evil.
Fridays Jesus, Lord of lords, King of kings, rule in our hearts today.
Saturdays Jesus, at the right hand of God, grant us salvation.

Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to "present him to the Lord". At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the

So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

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Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

3rd February Candlemas

Hebrews 2. 14 - end, Luke 2. 22 - 40

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

6th February Ash Wednesday

Stalisfield	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
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10th February Lent 1

Romans 5. 12 - 19, Matthew 4. 1 - 11

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle

17th February Lent 2

Romans 4. 1 - 5, 13 - 17, John 3. 1 - 17

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club in Village Hall
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

24th February Lent 3

Romans 5. 1 - 11, John 4. 5 - 42

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

2nd March Mothering Sunday

2 Corinthians 1. 3 - 7, Luke 2. 33 - 35

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service

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

Priest in Charge  
Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)  
The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling  
Faversham ME13 0AS  
<caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

Curate  
Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)  
New House Farm, Eastling. ME13 0BN

Reader  
Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
4 Meesons Close, Eastling.

Reader  
Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling.

#### Churchwardens

**Eastling**  
Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)  
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)

**Stalisfield with Otterden**  
Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)  
Mr M. Beckenham (01795 892079)

#### Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Weddings or Baptisms please phone 01795 890487. If you would like the parish staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

#### From the Registers

#### Baptism

DANNY JOE Oliver  
23rd December 2007 at Eastling

#### Services at Whitehill Chapel

|               |            |                        |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| 3rd February  | 10 a.m.    | Brunch                 |
|               | 10.40 a.m. | Family People's Choice |
| 5th February  | 2.15pm     | Holy Communion         |
| 24th February | 11 a.m.    | People's Choice        |

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals at Whitehill, please contact Revd. D. Hodgson on 01795 532461

The second installment of Audrey Keen's working life with Granville Wheler:

#### My Stable Diary

Mr Wheler had a wonderful memory. Effortlessly he could quote passages from the Bible and you could see him savour every word. I am sure he would have been a very good clergyman, well listened to and respected. Several of his ancestors were in the church and his religious interests went deep. His belief in the after life went further than anything that could be read in books. His explanations were convincing and real, and he certainly helped me when my mother died in 1994. At a time when I was trying to come to terms with the pain of losing her, his words and other world knowledge helped me, leaving me able to help others in my family who also grieved.

His main interests at this time were his railway; his engine shed, then complete with crane and bell. But his first thoughts were for his two horses Count and Numa. Their life-style left little doubt that they were indeed 'to the manor born'.

I look upon the future with optimistic view, I know that there is nothing I want changed. There are one or two ambitions, that I'd like to see go through, But, on the whole, I like the way my life has been arranged.

A.I.Keen

The Colyer-Fergusson Concert.  
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**Sunday 1st March,  
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*Schumann - Symphony No. 3  
'Rhenish'*

*Brahms - German Requiem*  
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University Music Office 01227 827335  
See [www.kent.ac.uk/music/diary.htm](http://www.kent.ac.uk/music/diary.htm)  
for further details.

*"Blazing guitar  
and dancing harp"*

**Chris Newman &  
Máire Ní Chathasaigh**  
in concert at Newnham Church  
**Saturday 9th February**  
performance starts at 7.45pm  
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## RUSSIANS ARE COMING TO STALISFIELD CHURCH

There will be a concert from a **Russian Choir "Lyra"**, a vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, in the church on Saturday 26th April at 8pm, to coincide with our celebration of Rogationtide over the weekend of 26th/27th April 2008.

Concert tickets will be available from mid February at a cost of £11 adults (to include a glass of wine) from either Revd Caroline, or Jane Baker on 01622 858332

For more information on the choir go to [www.lyra-online.org](http://www.lyra-online.org)



## Organ Recital

There will be an informal Organ Recital by Matthew Jorysz, winner of the Kent County Organists' Assoc Organ Festival 2007, in Canterbury Cathedral on Friday 8th February, after Evensong at 6.15pm - all welcome, free entry.

## NEWS FROM WHITEHILL CHAPEL

The Chapel was beautifully decorated once again by Bobbie, for our annual "Carols by Candle Light" service. Although not so well attended this year, we managed to raise £87.77 for the National Children Homes and Action for Children.

Gladly, our new Methodist Minister Debbie Hodgson was able



to introduce herself to villagers and visitors, by leading our service. We wish her a very warm welcome to our parish.

#### THANK YOU

May I just say a very big THANK YOU to all who came to my "Advent Lunch" in aid of the Mexico Flood Appeal. With your kind generosity I managed to raise the wonderful sum of £130.40.

There was a lovely sense of friendship and fellowship as we ate our homemade soup and rolls (kindly made by Jill's husband). A fitting end to the afternoon was a very moving Holy Communion led by Rev. Philip Barker.

Thanks to all who supported me!  
God Bless, Alison Tracey.

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## Mid Week Fellowship

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Tuesday Study Group 8pm The Barn, Pinks Farm  
Thursday Prayer Group 10.15am Pinks Farm.  
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### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

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## Eastling Short Mat Bowls

In November the club ran their Triples and Pairs Competition. The Triples were won by Brian Wilkins, Bryan Searly and Roy Piles, the pairs going to Norman Neaves and Nellie Potter. This was followed in December with the Singles in which, after a very close final, Nellie Potter beat Chris Smith. All of these matches were well supported with 26 members taking part.

In the Swale League First Division, we started with games against Hornhill (Milstead) and Teynham, both at home, resulting in wins for Eastling of 12 points to 2 in both games.

On December 8th we held the club dinner in the village hall and 31 members sat down to a very good meal, with the presentation of awards during the evening.

On 6th January 2008 two Eastling teams took part in the Boughton under Blean competition at Boughton village hall. Even though both teams played well, they did not figure in the results.

Next came the Kent County Pairs competition at Strood on Sunday 13th January. Three teams from Eastling took part, with Mick Heath and Roy Piles going through into the next round, by being the winners on their mat. Our next League game is at home on 24th January.

To see how local clubs are performing in the Swale League go to <www.swalecvcs.co.uk/bowls>

The Eastling club meets in the village hall on Wednesday and Friday afternoons 2.30 - 4.30pm, and Friday evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm. The sessions are open to all players, new members are welcome, no previous experience necessary, just come along and try your hand. For further details please contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162.

## FITNESS CLASSES

@ Eastling Village Hall

to suit all ages & abilities

### WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS helps to tone & shape these specific areas.

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### NEW

Starts 7th February

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## SNOOKER CLUB, EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

A reminder that the Snooker Club operates in the Village Hall between 6.30 and 8.30 pm every Monday evening, at £2.00 per hour for adults and £1 per hour for under 18's. Contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162 for further details. The snooker table is also available for games at times when the Hall is not being used for other purposes. Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Bookings MUST be made through Julia Bailey on 01795 890746. The Trustees would ask snooker players to take special care with all the snooker equipment, particularly the snooker table, and to ensure it is properly covered after games.

## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Events for this term start with Pancake Day on 5th February (Shrove Tuesday). **Pancake races** from 2pm and then plenty of opportunity to buy a pancake with a variety of toppings for 50p. Do come along to join in the fun!

**Cakes** will be on sale at the end of school on Friday 8th February to raise funds for the After School Club - 20p each.

There will be a **Valentine's Disco** on the last day of term, Friday 15th February for all Eastling School children, 6pm - 8pm. Tickets on sale soon - £2.50 each including refreshments.

Future dates for your diary:

**Jumble Sale** - Saturday 8th March - Easting Village Hall

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Thursday 20th March

**Summer Fete** - Sunday 13th July.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity

Jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk, 01795 890252



## Coffee Pop-In

Open Wednesdays 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall.

Homemade Cakes for sale on 6th; special Valentine's Pop-In on 13th February, including a chance to sample the Chocolate Fountain and win boxes of chocolates in the Valentine's Raffle.

Pop-In will open as usual on 20th Feb (school holiday). Contact number 01795 890338

## Oasis 2008

11am Ospringe Church

GOD'S MESSAGES

3rd February

PATRIARCHS

with guest speaker

Michael Collings

2nd March MATRIARCHS

Mothers' Day Service

## PUDDLEDUCKS Parent & Toddler Group

at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal

Why don't you bring your toddler/pre-school children on Tuesday's and Friday's from 9.30am to 11.25am. Plenty of play equipment, plus some craft activities. Only £1.50 a session which includes a snack and drink as well as free tea or coffee for parents!

Jill Seaman 01795 890519



## Eastling Gardeners' Club

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 27th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Janet Bryant will give a talk 'A Fresh Look at Herbaceous Plants'.

## Sunday Freestyle

10th February

10.30am

Eastling Church

Music, drama, prayer for all ages

Keeping Sunday Special? What does it mean?

Breakfast from 10am All welcome

## Poppy Appeal 2007

Many thanks to all who contributed to last November's British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Eastling house to house collections raised £150.51.



## Afternoon Club

February activities:

7th Lunch at The Alma

14th Board Games

28th Bingo

Unless specified, meetings are held in the Champion Hall and start at 2pm.

New members welcome.

## Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

Tuesday 19th February

2.15pm in the Champion Hall  
New members welcome to hear

Mrs Georgia Reed talk on

*The Magic of Eastern Flowers.*  
Competition - a floral handkerchief plus flower of the month.

## Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 14th February at 8pm, Helen Allinson will give a talk on LIFE IN THE WORKHOUSE.

What life was like for the Victorian poor. The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing.

Everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members of the Society pay £2.

## CAROL SINGING

A big "Thank you" to all who braved the dark and cold on December 21st around the village of Eastling to sing carols in aid of the Maitreey Mission's proposed dormitory-cum-vocational centre for young girls living in Delhi leper colonies. Thank you too all who were so generous in your contributions and support. We are pleased to say that we raised £104, which together with the contribution of £181 from Stalisfield carol singers, will go towards helping rebuild the lives and security of these vulnerable children in India. Dr Raghu Gaiind has generously offered to match our sum so this should be a substantial boost to this very worth-while project. Angela Cheeseman



## Valentine's Chocolate Raffle.

Last year's Chocolate Raffle was so successful, I thought I would do it all again! So, here is your chance to help boost the Youth Worker fund.

Over 30 prizes of boxes of chocolates and biscuits as well as sample the

## CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN

at Pop-In on 13th February.

Tickets are 20p each (£1 per strip), on sale at Pop-In, Freestyle, or from Lorraine on 01795 890719. The draw take place at 10.30am in Eastling village hall on Wednesday 13th February.



## February



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| 1st Craft Club                    | 6.15pm       | Champion Hall           |
| 5th Pancake Races                 | 2pm          | Eastling Village School |
| 6th Cakes at Pop-In               | 9 - 11am     | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 7th Afternoon Club Lunch          |              | The Alma                |
| 7th Freedance Classes begin       | 4.15pm       | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 8th Cake Sale                     | After school | Eastling School         |
| 8th Organ Recital                 | 6.15pm       | Canterbury Cathedral    |
| 9th Puppet Show                   | 6pm          | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 9th Concert                       | 7.45pm       | Newnham Church          |
| 13th Chocolate Fountain at Pop-In | 9 - 11am     | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 14th Afternoon Club (Board games) | 2pm          | Champion Hall           |
| 14th Local History Society        | 8pm          | Charing Parish Hall     |
| 15th Deadline for March Good News |              | Pinks Farm              |
| 15th Valentine's Disco            | 6 - 8pm      | Eastling School         |
| 17th S Club                       | 10am         | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 19th Painter's Forstal W.I.       | 2.15pm       | Champion Hall           |
| 26th Magazine Folding             | 2pm          | Pinks Farm              |
| 28th Afternoon Club (Bingo)       | 2pm          | Champion Hall           |
| 29th Craft Club                   | 6.15pm       | Champion Hall           |
| MARCH 1st Concert                 | 7.30pm       | Canterbury Cathedral    |
| 8th Jumble Sale                   |              | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 12th Parish Council               | 6pm          | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 20th Easter Egg HUNT              |              | Eastling School         |
| 27th Gardeners' Club              | 7.30pm       | Eastling Village Hall   |
| APRIL 26th Russian Choir Concert  | 8pm          | Stalisfield Church      |
| 27th Plant Fair                   |              | Belmont Gardens         |
| MAY 5th Bluebell Walk             | from         | Eastling Village Hall   |
| JULY 13th Summer Fete             |              | Eastling School         |

## Deadline for March Good News

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