

# Good News Parish Magazine

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Stalisfield and Throwley*

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## What's On

### WEEKLY EVENTS:

#### Tuesdays

Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall

#### Wednesdays (Alternate)

Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 890703

Cribbage 7.30pm The Plough

#### Thursdays

Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall

#### Fridays

Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall

## February



2020

5th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. 7.30pm  
Stalisfield Village Hall

9th Café Church 10.30am  
Eastling Village Hall

15th Copy deadline for March Good News  
[goodnewsmagazine@me.com](mailto:goodnewsmagazine@me.com)

22nd Quiz Night 7.30pm  
Norton Village Hall

25th Publication of March Good News

25th Pancakes at The Plough, Stalisfield

26th Ash Wednesday Service 8.00pm  
Newnham Church

### MARCH

12th Gardeners' Club 7.30pm  
Eastling Village Hall

21st Roaring Twenties Party 7.30pm  
Eastling Village Hall

## ROARING TWENTIES PARTY AND FUN CASINO

In aid of the Catching  
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**\*\* EASTLING VILLAGE HALL \*\***

**\*\* SATURDAY 21st MARCH \*\***

**\*\* 7.30-11.30pm \*\***



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# #LIVE LENT

## CARE for GOD'S CREATION

A 40-Day Challenge



Care for  
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Creation  
is at the heart  
of the Church  
of England's Lent  
campaign for 2020.

Starts on Ash Wednesday, 26th February.

A range of resources will be available,  
including:

- \* A 40 day booklet for adults
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- \* Email reflections
- \* A social media campaign with daily posts.

Go to: [www.churchofengland.org/livelent](http://www.churchofengland.org/livelent)

## Ash Wednesday:

### My memory of the Passover in Jerusalem

At the end of this month Ash Wednesday introduces the Christian preparation for Easter, which normally coincides with Passover, the major Jewish celebration of the year. It's near Easter because Jesus was crucified at Passover, having just shared this very meal with his disciples.

Passover celebrates and recalls the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. Led by Moses they crossed the Red Sea and 40 days later entered the 'Promised Land.' They shared the Passover meal at their last night in Egypt and have kept it all for nearly the past three thousand years or so that have followed.

Many years ago, when I was in Jerusalem to produce a radio

programme, I was invited to join a Jewish family for their Passover meal. It was a great occasion, very like our Christmas, a family event with deep religious significance for those who seek it.

At the meal in Jerusalem we ate modest lentils and unleavened bread – Matzos as we now call it. We also drank plenty of wine but not from the cup at the end of the table. That is 'Elijah's cup', only to be drunk from when the prophet comes to announce the arrival of the Messiah. At the last supper Jesus instructed His disciples to drink from that cup after supper, which may have shocked them at the time. The Messiah had come!

by David Winter

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*The Rev Paul Hardingham considers self-discipline during Lent.*

### Lent Fasting

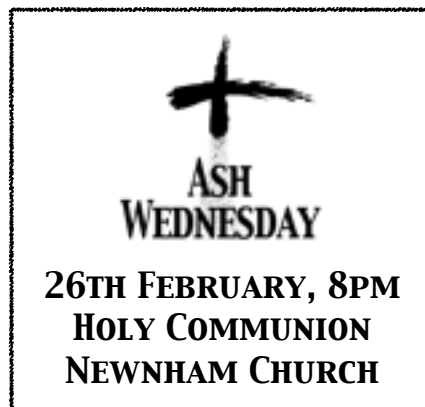
This month sees the start of Lent, the season of penitence, self-examination and fasting running up to Easter. Fasting can be a neglected discipline, but it plays an important part in the Christian life.

Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and He taught His disciples to fast

(i.e. not *if* but '*when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen.*' (Matthew 6:17,18).

### Why Fast?

Firstly, giving up something in my life underlines my desire to put God first in my life. Secondly, fasting shows me how much I depend on things other than God in my life, so I can surrender my idols to Him. Thirdly, fasting encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God in my life. Therefore, fasting gives me space to humbly focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom and results in a more intimate relationship

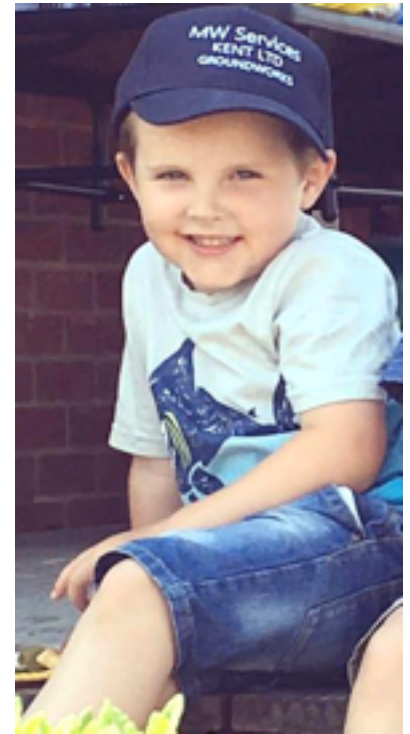


with Christ. It also enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual condition, leading to brokenness, repentance, and a transformed life, with a heart more attentive to God.

### How can I fast?

Usually fasting involves missing one or two meals during the day, although some can't abstain from food for medical reasons. It might also include abstaining or limiting the time I give to television, alcohol or social media. However, Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines e.g. joining a study group, 'random acts of kindness', or giving more time to prayer and Bible study. Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!

*'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'* (Matthew 5:6).



### Joseph James Ward-Bates

As a family Mike, Lucy and I would like to say a big Thank you to everyone for all the support, love and care that have been shown to us over the last 4 months.

Joey was diagnosed on 19th September with DIPG. Joey's illness came out of the blue, it happened in a whirlwind with no real reprieve due to the painful debilitating symptoms. We tried radiotherapy to extend his time with us but sadly it didn't work. Then devastatingly the disease got too much for him to fight anymore and he joined the stars on Saturday 14th December.

To everyone who sent cards, flowers, food parcels, wine, love, prayers and donated to the just giving page I am sorry I haven't done personal thank you's, but to each and everyone one of you, THANK YOU.

The amount of people at the funeral was a comforting blanket of support and showed me that our community really is quite special.

I love my boy and miss him every second of everyday.

My new passion will forever be campaigning and fundraising to help find a cure for this TERRIBLE disease.

Thank you again.

Lots of love

Becky



### Psalm 23 Garden coming to RHS Chelsea

The Bible Society has announced that “We’re absolutely thrilled to be working with award-winning garden designer Sarah Eberle, to bring Psalm 23 to life at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2020!”

The Psalm 23 Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2020, designed by Sarah Eberle, will offer visitors the chance “to stop, reflect, and feel refreshed”. The Bible Society said: “This powerful psalm, with its visual imagery of green pastures, still waters and the valley of the shadow of death, just cries out to be turned into a garden. We hope you’ll love it.”

After the Chelsea Flower Show, the garden will find a permanent home at the Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, where it will be a blessing to patients and families. The Bible Society says it is also hoping that people will “join us in creating community gardens across the country inspired by the Psalm 23 Garden. You can do this outside your office, in your school grounds, or in your churchyard. Let’s get gardening!”

You can follow the project on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and join us on the road to Chelsea.

[www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23)

*China is often in the News these days.*

*Unfortunately, the Church is widely persecuted there as well....*

### Church ordered to replace name sign with political slogan as Chinese authorities step up ‘sinicisation’ campaign

Chinese authorities have forced a church in Jiangxi province to paint over its name and replace it with a communist slogan, “Follow the Party, Obey the Party, and Be Grateful to the Party,” amid increasing attempts by officials to ‘sinicise’ (make Chinese) Christianity.

Late last year The True and Original Source of the Universe church in Ji’an city was also ordered to remove a painting of a biblical figure from a prominent position and replace it with a portrait of China’s President Xi Jinping, surrounded with communist party slogans.

Days later, officials locked the doors and windows and confiscated the keys to the church, which is registered under the state-sanctioned Patriotic Association, preventing the congregation from gaining access for worship. Elsewhere in Jiangxi province, elderly members of an unofficial house church, operating outside of the Patriotic Association, were told by the authorities in Poyang county that their retirement pensions would be stopped if they continued to gather for worship. Officials also removed crosses and religious banners and replaced them with portraits of President Xi and Chairman Mao Zedong.

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters.  
 He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.  
 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and staff they comfort me.  
 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
 You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### Prayer Pointers February 2020



**Sundays** - Lord, thank you for being our Shepherd, guiding and providing.

**Mondays** - Thank you for happy and peaceful times to recharge our minds and bodies.

**Tuesdays** - May we follow your right path and not the path of destruction.

**Wednesdays** - Thank you for your Holy Spirit with us, especially during difficult days.

**Thursdays** - Guard and guide us when we face temptation.

**Fridays** - Bless our lives, that we may bless those around us.

**Saturdays** - Thank you for Jesus and His promise of salvation.

### Eastling Church Flower Rota



2nd Feb - Bay

9th & 16th - Angela C & Julia M

23rd - Olive

1st March - Lent, no flowers.

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





## Eastling Short Mat Bowls

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November Minster (Thanet) came to Eastling when Des, Bryan & Roy had a very good game winning 19 shots to 11; John Hobbs, Eileen & John Graham played well but lost by one shot on the very last end. Next we played Aylesham on 29<sup>th</sup> November at Eastling, Des, Bryan & Roy had a very convincing win, on their mat, 29 shots to 7 and well done to John, John and Eileen winning by one shot 13 to 12.

Our teams do get to travel around Kent as on 2<sup>nd</sup> December we played away to Barham and in this game Des, Bryan & Roy had a very good win away from home, 19 shots to 9. Our other team had a struggle losing 23 shots to 11, so we lost overall by 2 shots adding only 2 points to our league total. On 4<sup>th</sup> December we were away to Aylesham where Des, Bryan & Roy could only manage a 14 -14 draw and John, John & Eileen lost, a disappointing game coming home with only one point. Our last game in 2019 was against Barham at home Des, Bryan & Roy won 29 shots to 4, (home advantage) but this did not work out for our other team as they lost 5 shots to 16; overall Eastling gained 4 points and Barham 2 points.

Into the new year 2020 and we had Sturry come to Eastling and Des, Bryan & Roy had their biggest win so far of 31 shots to 3; we were very pleased for John, John & Eileen as they also won 22 shots to 12 - well done, Eastling gained 6 points. Sadly a very different result when we went to them. Roy and his team lost by one shot on the last end and our other team had a disaster so Eastling came home with their tails between their legs no points.

That is my summing up for now, we have no other games until February 12<sup>th</sup> when we go away to Macknade so my next report will be in the March Good News.

Don't forget we have club night every Friday evening in the village hall 7.30 - 9.30pm, new players welcome so pop along to see if short mat bowling suits you.

Roy Piles 01795 537162

## A Very Happy New Year's Eve

Just a quick note from Trudy & I, to thank everyone who came along to support the Eastling New Year's Eve Party at the village hall.

We all had a thoroughly good time and enjoyed ourselves immensely.

We managed to a raise £155 which has been donated to Eastling Village Hall.

Trudy and I would like to thank Paul our DJ for his incredibly generous gesture of working New Year's Eve for free, to entertain us all and a big thank you to all those who helped to set up and clear up the hall before and after the event.

As the evening was such a resounding success, Paul has offered to do it all again for us this year, if we want to repeat the event.

Cathie Willis and Trudy Baker



## Gardeners' Club

Eastling Gardeners' Club next meets on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Eastling Village Hall

A talk by Jacqueline Aviolet on 'herbs - culinary, cultivation and folklore', will be followed by wine and homemade nibbles.

The meeting is free for members but, as a reminder, the annual subscription of £10 per person is due at the March meeting. Non-members pay £4.

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## Allotment in an Eastling Garden

A rectangle of earth, previously used for growing vegetables, is at the bottom of



our garden. It can be easily accessed is available now, free of charge, for someone to prepare for sowing and planting.

Anyone interested can call Janice on 07979 900425 to look at it and talk about arrangements.

**Regular listeners to 'The Archers', might appreciate this cartoon - Ed**



## Friends of St. Mary, Norton

# QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Norton Village Hall

Tables up to 8 @ £5.00 per person  
Light refreshments provided but please bring your own drink & glasses

To book please email:  
[noudsoast@googlemail.com](mailto:noudsoast@googlemail.com)

## GARDENING WITH THE RURAL FOCUS GROUP.

Climate Change has climbed higher and higher on the global agenda as our planet suffers devastating events 'weather' related events. The latest - and one of the worst thus far - the bush fires in Australia that, at the time of writing, are still not fully under control. Although not directly caused by a single Extreme Weather Event, the combination of exceptionally high temperatures and exceptionally dry weather has caused major tragedies involving people and wildlife.

Here in the UK, various parts of the country - including the south-east - suffered flooding that affected business and residential communities. Stories hit the headlines for a few days but even now many people continue to suffer the consequences. Whereas it is possible to make strategies to deal with regular weather-related occurrences it is very difficult to plan how to deal with Extreme Weather Events which, by their very nature, afford little warning.

We tend to consider Climate Change in isolation whereas in reality it cannot be separated from Food Security and Environmental Degradation. Aligned to this we have no finite knowledge of how Brexit will affect food imports (availability, quality and prices) nor are we certain that government legislation regarding environmental standards

will, at the very least, match the current structure imposed by the EU.

'The environment... 'the countryside'... is fundamental to the British psyche yet it is not always understood that it is primarily a workplace for our farmers and growers. Each and every one of us can play a part by backing them (**their standards are among the very best in the world**) by actively seeking British-grown and reared food. That way we help to preserve the nature of the landscape, aid the nation's food security, benefit the economy and help to nurture that sense of unity that will be even more important in the coming months.

**Footnote.** The Rural Focus Group includes representatives/individuals from the National Farmers' Union, Country Landowners' Association, Action for Communities in Rural Kent, The English Apple Man, Hadlow Rural Community School, Greenwich University, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Kent Farmers' Market Association, Friends of the Earth, Kent Young Farmers, Professor Ian Swingland, Produced in Kent, Men of Kent and Kentish Men, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Kent Tree and Pond Partnership, East Malling Research, et cetera. The Group, set up by Pat Crawford who is the main sponsor, is supported by Professor Chris Atkinson, David Bartholomew Photography and Kings Hill Marketing Consultancy Ltd. *Other rural-related groups are invited to apply for membership.* Please direct enquiries to: [patjournalist@waitrose.com](mailto:patjournalist@waitrose.com)



## The Pheasant and the Fox

by Audrey Keen

The pheasant I see before me  
Once walked in this the wood,  
He stood proud then and flew  
wide winged

And searched this place for food.  
But the pheasant that I see now,  
is discarded, shot and dead,  
Though he still retains his beauty  
In his feathers brown and red.  
The Lord has covered him gently  
In cool rain drops and sweet dew,  
And sends the winds to shiver the  
leaves  
In this wood that the pheasant knew.  
I stoop to thank the lonely bird  
For his life was a pleasure to me  
And in my mind I hear again  
His call so wild and free.  
But now he is sleeping quietly  
And does not fret or fear me there,  
Though I would have him know that  
yes,  
In truth I care, I care.  
And I care also for the ginger fox  
Who will take this corpse if he can,  
But would add  
that the fox did  
not take this  
life,  
For this life was  
taken by man.



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### British Yorkshire Pudding Day

**2nd February,** a great excuse to book a Sunday roast with us and get a Yorkshire pudding with every roast.

### Valentine's Day

falls on a Friday this year but there's a whole weekend to celebrate your love. Pre-booking is recommended as we will be busy, so book now to avoid disappointment.

Can't do that weekend? Then why not get a voucher to spend at leisure, a guaranteed excuse for a night out.

### Shrove Tuesday, 25th February

Richard and his team will be busy cooking delicious savoury and sweet pancakes to celebrate accordingly.

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

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St Mary's Church presents...  
**CAFESTYLE**  
**Sunday 9th February**  
**10.30 - 11.30am**  
**Eastling Village Hall**  
**A creative time of worship:**  
Church in a Café setting.  
worship discussion reflection  
prayer fellowship

Tea, coffee & yummy nibbles will be available throughout the service, which will include sung worship.  
Times of prayer, with opportunities for discussion & reflection, and space for the youngest & oldest to worship altogether.



## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Now our Calendar for 2020 has been finalised, our first Meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th February at 7.30pm, in Stalisfield village hall with Andrew Saunders who has kindly offered to come along to train us on the use of the Defibrillator. It is installed at the entrance to the Hall and although there are instructions as to its use, prior knowledge will help to save time and lives.

March we have Speaker Mary Smith talking to us on the subject of 'A Maidstone Grammar Schoolgirl's War'.

April's Speaker is back by popular demand - Melanie Gibson-Barton. She will cover the subject of 'The Life & Time of Edith Cavell'.

6th May is our AGM when the President's position, along with the Secretary and Treasurer's roles will be available for anyone who wishes to put time into this worthwhile Institution. Offers to join the Committee are very welcome too, as many hands make light work when it comes to putting on the various Meetings and outings. New ideas submitted are also welcomed.

June will see us visited by Denise & Robin Goldsmith sharing their hobby of Metal Detecting around the Otterden & Stalisfield area. They will be bringing examples of their finds, some many hundreds of year old.



July we will welcome the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner to talk about the role of this position to set policing priorities for the County. A chance to come along and air your views.

August's Meeting will be more of a social get together, inside or out depending on the weather.



September will see Melanie Gibson-Barton returning to give us a 'History of Teddies and other Bears'.

October - Martin Newcombe will inform us about 'Food for Free & Herbs that Heal'.

November - the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance will explain the valuable work involved in this independent charity, providing world-class care for the people within these three counties.

And then back to December and the annual Wreath making with festive food and drink!

There will also be several outings throughout the year too, details to be confirmed.

As you can see, it is quite a varied list of topics, so if you would like to join our friendly Group please contact Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks on 07477580727.

## Stalisfield High Life

Stalisfield started its Christmas festivities with a bang this year with a production of Jack and the Beanstalk at the beginning of December. An astonishingly talented cast of villagers of all ages took to the stage to give the traditional pantomime a local twist. It was great to see new faces amongst the performers as well as seasoned veterans and the weeks of rehearsal paid off with two fantastic performances. A huge number of people were involved backstage in writing, set design, lighting and sound, make-up, production co-ordination, box office, stage management and direction. There was also a tremendous team of prop-makers. Thanks must go to all involved in every aspect of the production. It's a huge community effort.

In the words of the village song:

*Oh Stalisfield, oh Stalisfield,  
How lovely is this village.*

If anyone would like to be involved in any aspect of next year's production do get in touch, there's something for everyone whatever their interest and experience. Contact Cat on 01785 890298 or [cat@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:cat@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk) to register an interest or sign up to our village hall newsletter at [www.stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk)



### Christmas Tea



The Stalisfield village hall committee welcomed over 40 villagers to our Senior's Christmas Tea on 14th December 2019. The hall was filled with laughter and chatter whilst enjoying the good food, drink, company and Christmas cheer. A big thank you to all who made this lovely event possible, including those donating to the raffle and table decorations along with the generous cash donation from The Otterden Trust. Many volunteers helped with table decorations, cooking, serving, clearing up, entertainment and generally being fabulous, too many to mention, but you know who you are!

## Services in High Downs and Kingsdown and Creekside

### 2nd February *Candlemas*

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

Eastling	10.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Lynsted	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Oare	9.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Doddington	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Norton	10.30am	Family Service
Teynham	10.30am	Family Service
Lynsted	6.00pm	Breakthrough

### 9th February *3rd Sunday before Lent*

1 Corinthians 2. 1 - 12 (13-end), Matthew 5. 13 - 20

Eastling	10.30 am	CaféStyle in village hall
Throwley	10.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Norton	9.00am	Holy Communion (CW trad)
Oare	9.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Lynsted	10.30am	Family Service
Newnham	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Teynham	10.30am	Family Service & Holy Comm
Teynham	3.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lynsted	6.00pm	Breakthrough

### 16th February *2nd Sunday before Lent*

Romans 8. 18 - 25, Matthew 6. 25 - end

Stalisfield	10.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Newham	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Oare	9.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Doddington	10.30am	Family Service
Norton	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW trad)
Teynham	10.30am	Family Service
Lynsted	6.00pm	Breakthrough

### 23rd February *Sunday before Lent*

2 Peter 1. 16 - end, Matthew 17. 1 - 9

Eastling	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Throwley	10.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lynsted	10.30am	Holy Communion
Lynsted	6.00pm	Breakthrough

### 26th February *Ash Wednesday*

2 Corinthians 5. 20b - 6. 10, Matthew 6.1-6,16.21

Newnham	8.00pm	Holy Communion
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### 1st March *Lent 1*

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

Eastling	10.30 am	Holy Communion by ext (CW)
Lynsted	9.00am	Holy Communion by ext (BCP)
Oare	9.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Doddington	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Norton	10.30am	Family Service
Teynham	10.30am	Family Service
Lynsted	6.00pm	Breakthrough

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

(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

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## From the Registers

### Funeral

Joseph James Ward-Bates  
6th January 2020 Cremation at Charing

## Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Study group: 11th & 25th February 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.*

### CONTACT THE *GOOD NEWS* EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the March 2020 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th February 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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## Eastling School News

Happy New Year from everyone at Eastling Primary School. The school were delighted to take delivery of the new minibus just before Christmas. The Friends of Eastling Primary School kindly donated a substantial amount towards the minibus.

The children are looking forward to having their first trip out in the minibus. The children came back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and were straight back to learning. We have an exciting term ahead with some of the junior children heading to the O2 to be part of Young Voices. The school choir have been working very hard with Mr Glazier our music leader to prepare for this wonderful event.

Don't forget the Quiz Night which is being organised by the FOES on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January it would be lovely to be joined by people from the local community.

There are 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. We look forward to a wonderful 2020 at Eastling Primary School.

Melanie Dale, Headteacher.



### The Emperor's New Clothes Arden Theatre, Faversham

A new family musical based on the classic fairy tale, offering catchy songs, fun characters and a few unexpected twists on the well-known story!

Emperor Frederick the Fashionable is always dressed beautifully. In fact, it's the law that he should have an amazing new set of clothes every day. But the unthinkable has happened - there are no new outfits! Many people think they have what it takes to be the empire's new chief designer, but two outsiders promise an outfit like you've never seen before. The court is thrown into confusion as these charismatic con artists weave their spell.

Suggested for ages 7 and upwards, this musical is suitable for the whole family. Expect lots of laughter as the people of the empire learn about individuality, appearance and truth.

**Tickets £6 - £12**

Friday 28th February @ 7.30pm;  
Saturday 29th @ 1pm and 5pm;  
Sunday 1st March @ 1pm and 5pm

**Tel: 01795 531334**

<https://ardentheatre.co.uk>



## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794

010 394 or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999



**The scams** around the last month:

Calls purporting to be from Amazon offering their Prime deal at half price - Ignore and cut off, otherwise you will be £39.99 poorer off.

Again watch for any spoof e mail's from Amazon stating that your account has been compromised and asking you to resubmit your bank details, delete immediately.

Calls from a roof insulating company assuring you that you can get a special deal and a government grant for loft insulation. I suggest you ignore this and tell them you live in a housing association property, they will soon cut off.

The pothole situation does not seem to be getting any better, so please take care when driving around as some of these puddles are much deeper than they look .

With the weather slightly improving in the next month, please check to see if your gardening equipment is stored in a secure place as I am sure there will be persons around who will gladly relieve you of it given half a chance.

Have a good month and take care, Alan

### Eastling Parish Council

The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council is on Wednesday 11th March at 6.30pm in the Committee Room of Eastling Village Hall.

All are welcome to attend and there is a time when members of the public are able to comment and raise questions.

Eastling Parish Council now has a new website <https://www.hugofox.com/community/eastling-parish-council-15993> Anyone signing up for email alerts will be kept up to date with the latest news, events and planning news.



*Help feed local people in crisis*

**LOCAL COLLECTION POINT**  
inside Eastling Church, on the back pew.

### Faversham Foodbank February 2020

It has been good to see the flow of donations continuing after the extra efforts over the Christmas period. The volunteers were able to provide clients coming to Faversham Foodbank with some seasonal extras for everyone. With half term in the middle of the month your generous contributions are especially important for children who will not be getting a hot lunch at school. Thank you for your support.

#### Items required for February

Tinned fish; sponge puddings; long life fruit juice; custard; shampoo; shower gel; washing liquid; dog food.

