

October 2025



- 1st Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 4th & 5th Harvest Flower Festival
Eastling Church
- 5th Harvest Thanksgiving
Eastling Church 10.30am
- 8th Egerton Arts Society
Egerton Millennium Hall 2.30pm
- 8th Youth Group
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm
- 9th Stalisfield Crib league begins
The Plough 7.30pm
- 9th History Society meeting
Charing Parish Hall 7.30 for 8pm
- 12th Harvest Thanksgiving
Stalisfield Church 10.30am
- 13th & 27th Faversham Foodbank
Eastling Village Hall 1.30 - 3.30pm
- 15th Mid-week Holy Communion
Wychling Church 11am
- 16th Harvest Auction
Carpenters Arms 7 for 7.30pm
- 18th Craft Fair
Stalisfield Village Hall 1.30 - 4pm
- 20th Copy deadline for November 2025
Good News: goodnewsmagazine@me.com
- 23rd Stalisfield Parish Council
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- NOVEMBER** 2nd All Souls Service
Stalisfield Church 4pm

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Flower Festival For Harvest

St. Mary, Eastling

Saturday 4th October 11am - 5pm

Sunday 5th October 11.30am - 5pm

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Eastling Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 5th October

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HARVEST AUCTION

at the CARPENTERS ARMS

Thursday 16th October, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

See centre pages for more information.

St. Mary's Church Stalisfield Service for All Souls

Sunday 2nd November, 4pm

Join with others in quiet remembrance
of loved ones we see no longer



THROWLEY VILLAGE PAST & PRESENT

A new book about this fascinating village.

See centre pages for more information.

Dear friends

I've been noticing lately the number of times I use the word 'hope'. My messages and emails are full of it!

'Hope you're well?' 'I hope you have a good holiday' 'I hope the weather holds' 'Hope to see you soon' and so on. I use that word 'hope' so often; the same word for small things and also for enormous things *'I hope Russia stops bombing Ukraine', 'I hope we can reduce greenhouse gases'* What do we actually mean when we say *'I hope?'* Is hope just wishful thinking which can feel rather pathetic, or is it a persistent cheery optimism which can be really irritating!? In the Bible, the writer Paul says: *'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace by your faith in him, until by the power of the Holy Spirit, you overflow with hope'* (Romans 15:13)

And the spirituality writer Christopher Chapman says hope is 'the creative, purposeful presence of God within 'what is' It is inspired vision and imagination. It is a verb as much as a feeling – *'I hope'* as an action'

When we think of hope as action it can become something real and tangible. It is often borne out of great adversity and against the backdrop of a darkening world. Examples through history abound but here are a few: the beautiful playground and library built at the Southport Primary School whose two small girls were killed last year demonstrates hope in action. Another example is the orphaned children in World War 2 refugee camps who were traumatised by fear of starvation and were given a piece of bread to sleep with at night to remind them that they had eaten that day and would be able to eat again tomorrow – hope in action. Our own group of churches runs GrowBaby, a baby bank for children from 0-5 which is open monthly at Lynsted Church. The team of volunteers are able to gift, completely free of charge, clothing and nappies etc which have all been donated. Last month GrowBaby supported 30 families amongst whom there were some people in

truly desperate need.

Again, this is hope in action, looking at the needs of the most vulnerable people in our communities and bringing them good news.

Hope in action is often found on the margins of life, quietly bubbling away until it overflows into an unstoppable force for good.

Hope in action formed the earthly ministry of Jesus and it remains Christ's call to every age. If we don't name ourselves as Christian or even as someone who is particularly hopeful, let's not forget that God has a history of using unlikely people and unlikely places to bring in the good news! The invitation and challenge to us in this darkening world is to nurture through faith, the flickering flame of hope in our hearts and to look for where we could share that light of hope as individuals and as communities of faith.

With love & light and the blessings of Christ

Lissie Bayford
Authorised Lay Minister & Spiritual Director

Gracious God, we live in Hope and pray for ...

Sundays - Young Christians standing firm in their faith.

Mondays - A peaceful end to the wars raging across our world.

Tuesdays - Greater respect for the resources you give us on our planet.

Wednesdays - All who are hungry, homeless or persecuted.

Thursdays - Those who give their time and money to help others.

Fridays - All who are in need of your healing touch.

Saturdays - Your Holy Spirit to light a flame in our hearts and unveil your Word to all we love.

Eastling Church Flower Rota



October

4th/ 5th Harvest Flower Festival

19th & 19th - Marion & Julia B

26th - Suzie

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



Our doughty band of volunteers kicked things off early setting up gazebos and stalls, and raising bunting on the green. Unlike last year, the rain stayed off for the whole day and we even had intermittent sunshine.

There had been a tremendous response to our calls for donations, so the stalls were laden with goodies. We didn't let the hosepipe ban spoil our fun ... some new attractions

This year's Stalisfield Fête was an enormous success.

were added to our old favourites, ranging from badge making to a fire engine tour and a tank tour.

Whilst proud pooches paraded at the dog show, ice-creams, chocolate, burgers, sausages and tea and cake were all consumed by their human staff.

The fête closed with lots of children's races and a couple of tank rides.

We had a lot of fun and raised a fantastic sum for the Village Hall - The WI even sold out of cakes for the first time ever! ... What more could we have asked for!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

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Participating solicitors are inviting people to contact them to book appointments for November, when they will prepare basic Wills without charging their normal fee. All that they will ask in return is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid.

Time to make your Will?

The suggested donation is just £120 for a single Will, or £200 for a pair of mirror Wills.

The money raised is shared by nine UK charities: namely ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Crisis, NSPCC, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

As many as half of all UK adults in the UK don't have a Will. They have not made any legally valid provision for what they would like

to happen after their death. This can lead to a great deal of stress and uncertainty, as well as financial hardship, for those left behind.

Even if you have a Will, it is important to keep it up to date. Experts recommend routinely reviewing a Will every three to five years, and making a new Will as soon as significant family changes occur.

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Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.

Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. welcomed Andy Thomas who came along to talk to us on the subject of 'Lewes Bonfire Night Capital of the World'. He is an excellent, professional Speaker outlining interesting facts on the town of Lewes, surrounded by hills built into the slopes either side of the Ouse Valley. An ancient, beautiful area, it

such a spectacular event, started in 1863 and televised every year. Andy illustrated the evening with his wonderful slides that he had taken over a number of years. It certainly motivated some of us to visit the area.

The outing for September was to Lenham, with a short walking tour by historian Henry Shotter, who visited us at the end of 2024. Henry supplied facts of Lenham, buildings that we just walk past when shopping. It was fascinating to hear that there were 3 Saxon Warriors, 2 men and a woman with sword and shield, buried under the Warrior Pharmacy, hence its name. The mounting steps outside the church are a listed building and the remnant of the Workhouse Mortuary can still be located just off The Square on Faversham Road, amongst many other interesting facts.

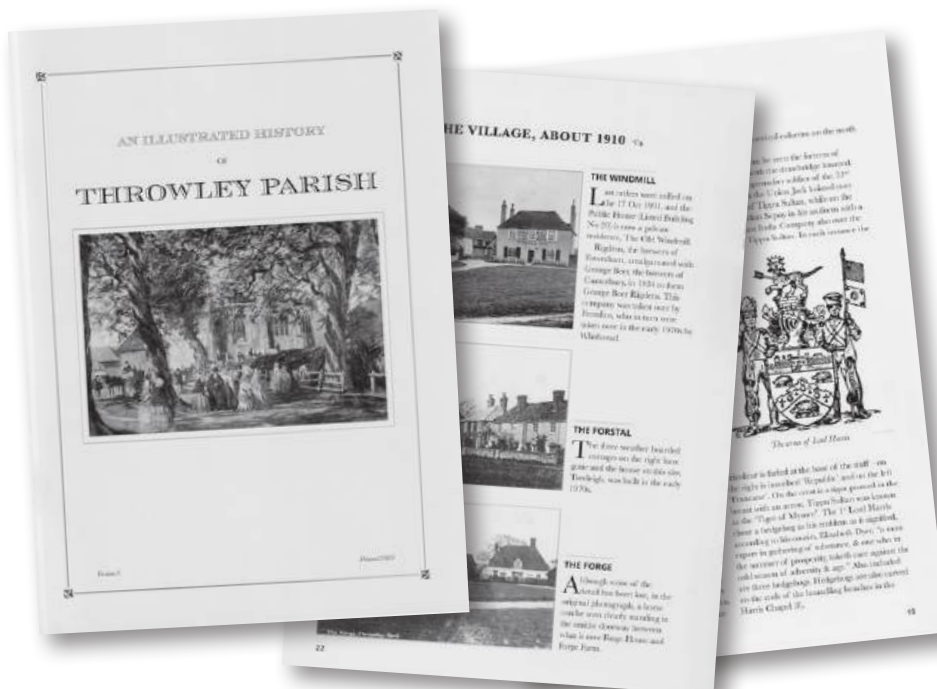
On the 18th October we are holding our Craft Fair at Stalisfield Village Hall from 13.30 to 16.00. It is free admission with a hall full of crafts and produce to purchase, particularly with Christmas approaching. Of course there will be refreshments provided by our W.I. Group as well.

Going into October, the Meeting on Wednesday 1st, we will be hosting Jan Napper from Simply Chocolate, Whitstable, who will be giving us a demonstration with tasters! Please join us at Stalisfield Village Hall, ME13 0HY at 7.30 p.m. Guests are always welcome at a cost of £5 including homemade refreshments. Contact our President Helen Brooks on 07477 580727 or Secretary Ellie Cameron on 07775 649337.



includes Anne of Cleves House, the Castle and Barbican House Museum to name but a couple of places worth visiting. The main part of the talk covered the annual Bonfire on 5th November. There are 7 Societies involved, attracting large crowds each year as it is

DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF THROWLEY VILLAGE PAST & PRESENT



Whether you're a life long resident, new to the parish, or your ancestors came from Throwley, this book is a treasure trove of the people, places and events that shaped the village for over 500 years.

Only £10 on collection or £11.80 including P&P. All proceeds will go to the Friends of Throwley Church to help them create a village community space in the village church. Email: friendsofthrowley@gmail.com to order your copy.



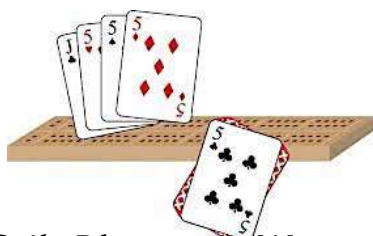
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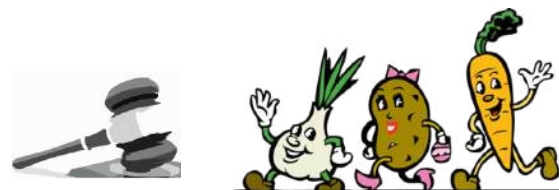
Stalisfield Crib League starts again on

THURSDAY 9th October.

We would welcome new players.

We meet at the Plough on alternate Thursdays at 7.30 pm throughout the winter with a break over Christmas.

Contact Jayne for further details: 07951 411337



Harvest Auction at the Carpenters Arms

Thursday 16th October: 7pm for 7.30pm start

Please drop off any non-perishable auction items at the pub in the week before the event, during opening hours. Perishable items can be dropped off on the day.

Please bring some cash, particularly pound coins as the auctioneer might need to fine you 😊

All proceeds to go to charities/good causes with a local connection (to be decided)

Don't miss this fun evening! 😊



Eastling Christmas Choir

Come and join our choir for the Christmas Eve Carol service.

We will start practices in Eastling church, on Sunday evenings, 5 - 6pm from 16th November.

Just come along or, for more information, call Andrew on 07749 403727

THE ARTS SOCIETY EGERTON

Wednesday 8th October at 2.30pm in Egerton Millennium Hall, Elm Close TN27 9DS

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Image provided by lecturer

William Harrison of Harrietsham - Clipper Ship Captain

The story of William Harrison born in a village in Kent in 1833 who went to sea aged 17 and became a master mariner aged 27. The talk covers the research done to uncover William's incredible but tragic story including his early life, his family and his career and voyages at sea. In doing so the talk highlights the many different ways in which anyone interested can unearth similar stories using archives and records including those available online.

Speaker: Stuart Bligh



Thursday 9th October 2025 in the Parish Hall, Charing
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Pumpkin & Sage Soup
Prawn Cocktail

Main Course

Roast Turkey & All The Trimmings
Beef Bourguignon & Mustard Mash
Salmon En Croute & Dill Caper Sauce
Potato Pithivier & Mushroom Truffle Sauce
(All mains are served with seasonal vegetables)

To Finish

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Christmas Events:

Sustainable Festive Wreath making at The Plough with Suzannasflowers. Contact Suzanna, suzannasflowers25@gmail.com for more details. Join a session 10th/11th December or even create your own. Option then to make a Christmas party of it with lunch or dinner at the Pub.



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~ Plant something tall to create shade in your garden next year – the soil will remain wetter.

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Services in our Benefice

5th October Trinity 16

2 Timothy 1. 1 - 14, Luke 17. 5 - 10

Eastling 10.30am Harvest Communion

Teynham 10.30am Morning Worship

12th October Trinity 17

2 Timothy 2. 8 - 15, Luke 17. 11 - 19

Stalisfield 10.30am Harvest Festival

Throwley 10.30am Morning Prayer

Oare 10.30am Holy Communion

15th October Wednesday

Wychling 11am Holy Communion

19th October Trinity 18

2 Timothy 3. 14 - 4. 5, Luke 18. 1 - 8

Eastling 10.30am Morning Worship

Norton 10.30am Holy Communion

28th October Trinity 19

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18, Luke 18. 9 - 14

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion

Newnham 10.30am Morning Worship

2nd November All Saints

Ephesians 1. 1 - 23, Luke 6. 20 - 31

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion

Stalisfield 4pm All Souls Service

Online Daily Worship Continues

9am Morning Prayer every day on the Benefice Facebook Page via <https://kc-hd.org.uk> .

More information is updated weekly on St Mary's Eastling 'A Church Near You':

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From The Registers

Baptism

Henry James Murray

7th September 2025 at Otterden

Wedding

Allison Franks and Ross Peters

30th August 2025 at Throwley

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If you would like to submit articles, or to advertise in the November 2025 magazine, send your submission by 20th October to: goodnewsmagazine@me.com.

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News from Citizens Advice Swale

Ticket refunds for cancelled events

You may have seen stories in the news about people being left out of pocket if pre-booked events are cancelled at the last minute. How can you get a refund if this happens to you?

You won't be entitled to a refund if you change your mind about going or realise you can't go anymore - but if an event is cancelled, your refund rights will depend on how you bought the ticket.

If you bought your ticket from an official seller and the organiser cancels or reschedules the event, you should get a refund.

If you're having no luck getting a refund, check to see if the seller is a member of the Society of Ticket Agents and Retailers (STAR). If they are, you can use STAR's complaints procedure. STAR members should receive a refund at face value if the event is cancelled and the organiser has agreed to refunds.

You'll probably only get the face value of the ticket back - the amount printed on it. Some sellers might refund postage if the event is cancelled before the tickets are sent. If you had to pay any booking or card fees, you might not get those back.

If the official seller isn't a member of STAR, you may be able to get your money back another way, such as through your credit card company.

If you bought your ticket from a ticket-reselling website, refunds will depend on the site's terms and conditions.

If you bought from a private seller and the event is cancelled or rescheduled then it is unlikely you will be able to recover your money, but we still recommend you contact the seller.

Be aware of scams. If your event is cancelled and people or companies get in touch to offer their services to try to recover money on your behalf, be alert and make sure that you're looking out for the signs of a potential scam.

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Tuesday: 11.30am-1.30pm: Murston Family Hub, Tonge Road

Wednesday: 10am-12pm, 43 Stone Street, Faversham

Thursday: 10am-12pm, West Faversham Community Centre

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From a Friendly Place

by Audrey Keen

Carefully the clouds move

Picking their way,

Softened by the blue

And the golden sun that shines today.

Strong is the chant of the pheasant

Who presently walks alone,

He glides into the autumn trees

His reasons are unknown.

Pretty the beech leaves

Of yellow and brown,

Good is the earth they salute,

Though when these stand

Stark and unkept

My passion will still be acute.

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On all I see just here,

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Being a pastor in the Ukraine

Pastors in the Ukraine are continuing to minister to their beleaguered congregations, bringing comfort and hope into the most frightening and desperate war-torn situations.

So says Transform Europe Network, a Christian ministry which serves alongside indigenous Christians in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. In a recent report, it gives an update from one of its partners on the ground:

“Pastor Evgeniy serves in the war-torn Kherson region of southeastern Ukraine. Since 2022, he and a small group of volunteers have brought food, comfort, and hope to people living amid the destruction.

“Evgeniy and his team recently came to a village that had been shelled. One family’s home was reduced to rubble, and their vital documents were buried. The team arrived in bright, civilian clothing, deliberately chosen to identify them as volunteers, not military. As they began to pull back the rubble, they remained calm, focussing on their priority to help the family escape.

“40 minutes later, the volunteers heard and saw a reconnaissance drone circling above them. They couldn’t tell who it belonged to, but its presence was ominous. Then came a different sound — sharper, lower, and closer. A small military

drone was heading straight for them. In a moment that could only be described as divine intervention, the drone clipped a tree branch and crashed to the ground next to the team’s car.

“The team cautiously approached the drone, still twitching and sparking. Minutes later, a second drone appeared. It aimed for the fallen drone, possibly to trigger an explosion by striking the first. But it too missed its target—crashing about six meters from the car, hitting a nearby concrete wall rather than the group. No one was injured.

“But the volunteers knew then that they were under attack. They gathered their tools, helped the family into the vehicle, and drove away. Just seconds after they left, a third drone struck — right where their car had been parked moments before. The resulting explosion could have easily taken their lives. But once again, by what they all believe was God’s hand, they were spared.

“Reflecting on the events, Pastor Evgeniy was asked if he ever felt hatred or the desire for revenge. His answer was quiet, but unshakable

‘No. I just understand. I understand the pain. I understand the fear. But if we don’t bring light into this darkness, who will?’

“For Evgeniy, war is not a reason to harden the heart—it’s a call to deeper compassion. Even as drones

fly overhead and homes crumble, he continues his ministry, bringing food, prayer, and humanity into places others flee from.

“This is what faith looks like in the ruins. It looks like a small group in bright vests, carrying hope into danger. It looks like a pastor who chooses grace over vengeance. And it looks like a God who protects, even when the bombs fall close.”

Since the talks involving the US and a possible ceasefire, the local leaders testify that instead of de-escalation, they’ve experienced a significant rise in attacks and shelling.

Transform Europe Network (TEN) asks Christians in the UK:

Please pray for pastors and church teams, exhausted by serving many people on the frontline.

Pray for those who are confused, discouraged and angry, even with each other. Pray for healing and comfort from the Holy Spirit. Churches in Ukraine do all they can to reconcile local people, but it is getting harder and harder.

Mothers are afraid that their teenage sons will be taken away for conscription, which has become increasingly aggressive. This also causes men to run away from home and so many families are fractured and deeply stressed as the war grinds on.

More details at: <https://ten-uk.org>

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Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

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There have been a couple of serious anti-social
behaviour problems within the local area recently
which has meant a show of police to have the
problems rectified. Hopefully this is the end of
these problems but, should they be reoccurring, do
not hesitate to contact the police.

The charity tractor run through the villages was
great to see. I sincerely hope that a great deal was
raised and congratulate the organisers and the
drivers for putting on an excellent show.

Remember to alter your
clocks etc on October 26th as
the dark nights will be
approaching. Please make
sure all the lights on your
vehicles are working, no one-
eyed monsters please.



The hare coursers are still
around so if seen please report where they were
seen to The police .

Have a good month
Take care, Alan

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"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When I visit my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."



Resources for holding a Christian - Halloween 'Light Party'

Do you have children wanting a Halloween party this autumn? Why not offer instead a Light Party on the same night? They can still dress up in costumes, but the emphasis of the party will be far more positive.

For resources, visit the Eden website at: <https://www.eden.co.uk/halloween-light-party-resources>. It offers light party resources, Christian gifts, tracts and crafts for every light party, outreach events and to share with trick-or-treaters.



Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service

Saturday 4th October,
11am, Canterbury Cathedral

A service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was yesterday or 80 years ago.

This event is also for those grieving that they have never been able to have a child.

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Youth Group in Stalisfield

for 11-17yr olds.

We meet on Wednesdays, usually twice a month, 7 - 8.30pm in the village hall AND it is free to come.

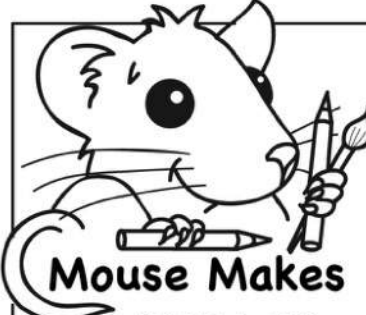
We have music, gaming, craft, table tennis, table football, outside games, craft table, tuck shop (everything 10 - 50p), free cake and drink.

New Members Welcome

Wednesday 8th October

Contact Catherine 07929 928 046 or clnorwood@doctors.org.uk or see our Facebook page for more details.





Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**, a song of praise to God, it tells us why and how to worship God.
How do you praise and worship God?

**Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.**

Praise Him with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!

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