

## Feed the birds

Our garden birds, and those from the fields, will need extra support in these cold months. Especially in the early mornings, they need to top up their energy levels. Here's how to keep your garden birds happy this winter:

\* Provide a variety of seeds, nuts, fruit and meat - different birds like different things.

Never give salty food or lescicated coconut.

Offer stale bread and cake, but never anything mouldy.

\* Try cooked potato, nuts, raisins, biscuits, cheese, leftover cat food, dripping.

\* Supply a shallow dish of water for bathing and drinking.

\* Wash your bird table once a fortnight with hot water and washing up liquid

\* Bake a bird cake! Mix 500g self-raising flour, 250g butter, a little sugar and water to make a thick dough. Add grated cheese, apples, raisins, seeds, and so on, and then form the stiff dough into little balls. Bake them in a moderate oven for 25 to 30 minutes. The birds will love them!



## Garden Birdwatch 2009

If you love wild birds, here is your chance to join the RSPB's 30th Big Garden Birdwatch, which will be held on 24th and 25th of January. The RSPB are hoping to make it the biggest Garden Birdwatch yet.

Taking part is very simple - simply spend an hour that weekend counting the birds that you see in your garden or in a local park. Record the highest number of each species seen (not flying over) at any one time. (It's important you don't count all the birds you see because some birds will return to your garden many times in the hour. For example, seeing the same blue tit come back 10 times does not make for 10 blue tits! The RSPB provide a downloadable counting sheet, and offer an online form to help you send in your results easily. Please visit: [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/2009/index.asp](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/2009/index.asp) for details.

Why not ask your school to take part between 19th and 30th January - go to [rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch](http://rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch) for lots of resources and activities.

## Help your feathered neighbours get onto the housing ladder

Sparrows and starlings begin house-hunting this month - can you help them? Their numbers have fallen drastically in recent years. Ask an adult who is handy with a hammer and nails, to help you make a nest box. Here is what every sparrow and starling is looking for:

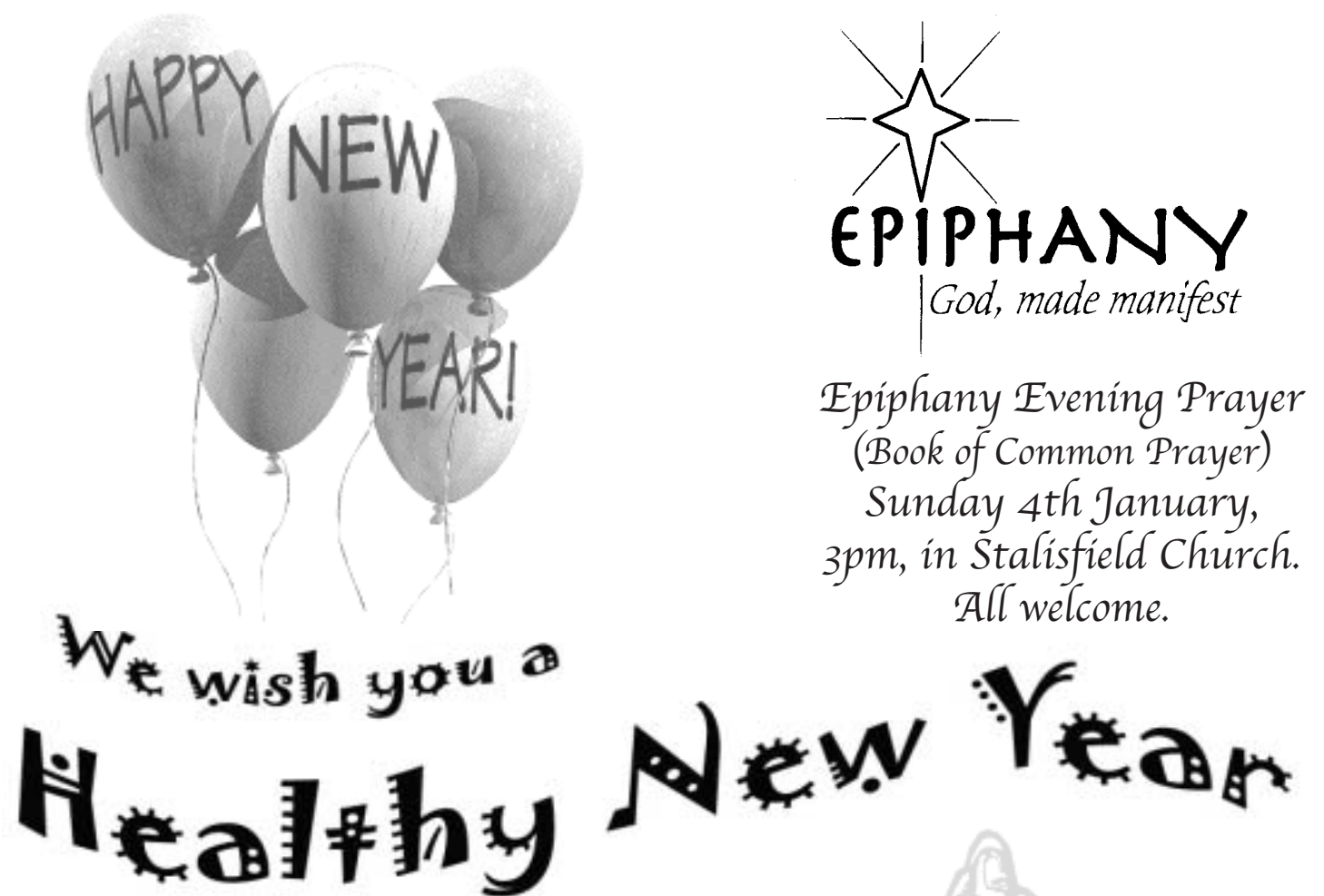
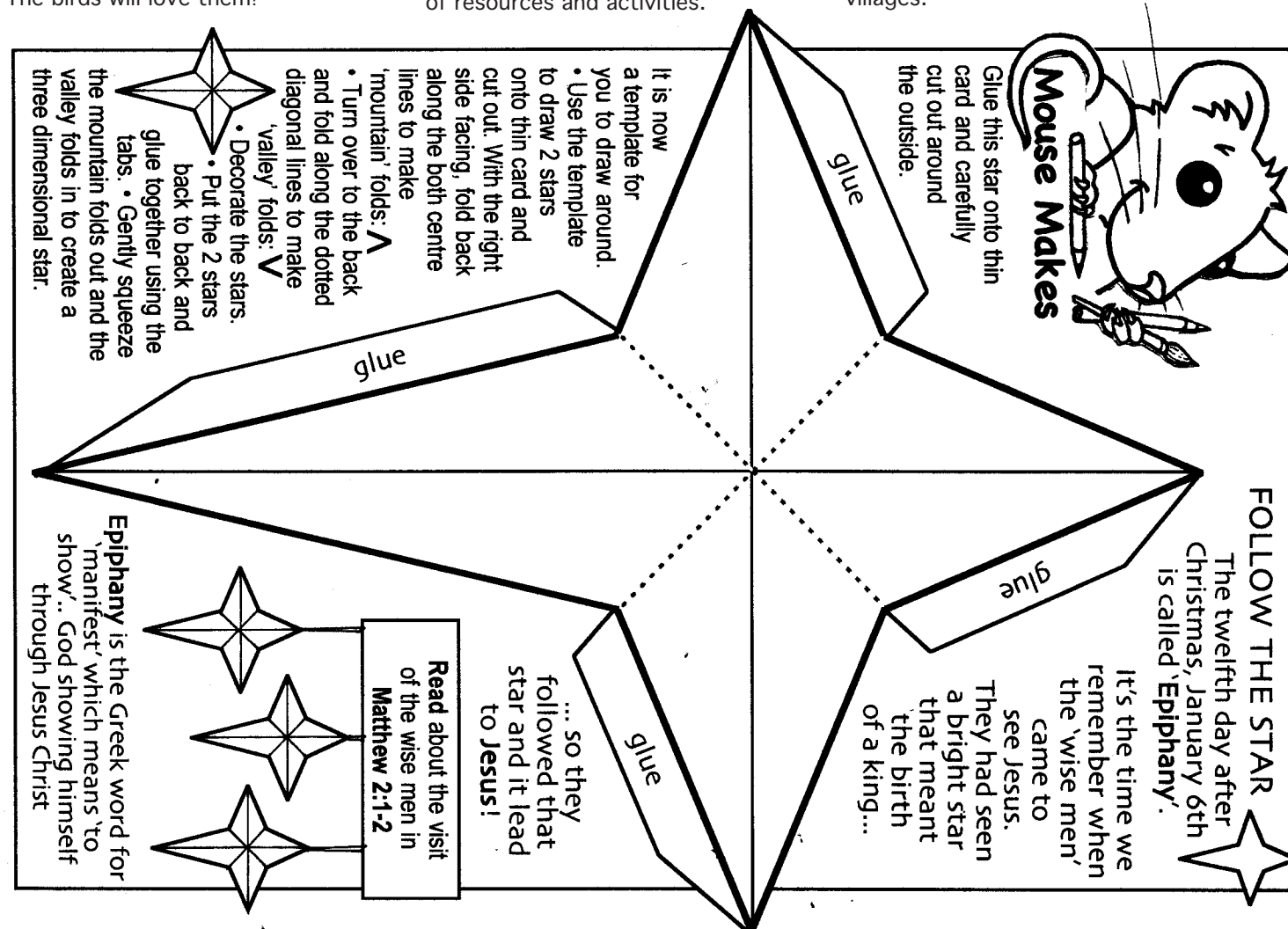


Sparrow nest box: about 200mm tall on a 130mm square base with an entrance hole about 32mm in diameter. Sparrows like to nest communally, so why not provide several, all cosily together? That way you'll get an extended family moving in...

Starling nest box: about 400mm tall on a 180mm square base, with a 45mm entrance hole.

There are more nest box specifications and ideas on the web to prepare your garden for nesting time in the spring.

Send in your sightings to the editor: [h.f.harlow@btconnect.com](mailto:h.f.harlow@btconnect.com) and we can have a regular column about the wildlife in our villages.



*Epiphany Evening Prayer  
(Book of Common Prayer)  
Sunday 4th January,  
3pm, in Stalisfield Church.  
All welcome.*

**Prayer for yourself and prayer for others.**  
Eastling Church is open daily and inside there is a book available for you to request prayers for yourself or someone else. Prayer requests can be specific or more general. For example if your child is sitting an exam; someone in your family is ill or you have a long journey to travel; perhaps you are not sure how to pray, we can pray for you.

**A Service of Healing and Wholeness**  
Sunday 1st February  
10am in Eastling Church  
The Right Reverend Graham Cray, Bishop of Maidstone, will be with us for this service, which is open to all ages and all denominations.



## Sunday Freestyle

January 11th, 10.30am, Eastling Church

**The God Who Heals**

Guest Speaker: Revd. Amanda Evans

Breakfast from 10am \* All ages welcome

**Good News Parish Magazine January 2009**

*The news magazine for the combined parishes of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden*



This is the first of a series of articles to be written for the magazine under the heading

## 'A Question of Healing'

The purpose being to help us prepare, in both understanding and action, as we begin to move forward with a Healing Ministry in our local churches.

### Health and Healing - What does this mean for the Christian?

We live in an age of health and fitness, whether it's engaging in the correct workout, or working out the correct diet or engaging activity. In recent times the Church has begun to 're-discover' its own work of Health and Healing; a ministry that was central to the work of Jesus and his disciples in their day, and, may I suggest, central to the ministry and outworking of the church today. Someone placed a sign on their church door, which read: *'The Health Centre - no appointment necessary'*, suggesting our church be a natural place to find healing.

Of course, healing is a natural part of life; built into our DNA, the very fabric of life, is the blueprint for the bodies maintenance, repair and healing. We find this pattern of self-reparation in all walks of life, whether in creation - a plant cut-back quickly grows again; within the immune system of human beings - fighting the common cold, or the actions of just being human - the message is clear, God's natural will is for you and all things to be well and healthy. However, in the western world, and in particular, our body-centred culture, we tend to evaluate health in terms of our physical well-being and finding physical cures. Emotional issues might come

a close second, and we tend to muddle through with whatever remains. This is, perhaps, how we tend to measure our 'healthiness', and whilst appreciating this, it can cause us to view our health and healing more in terms of cure, than being healed or to use a new term - made 'whole', or finding 'wholeness'.

Christian health and healing ministry offers a much broader perspective and is essentially concerned with promoting 'wholeness'; that is, healing the whole person, every part of them. St. Paul writes in 2 Thessalonians 5:23: *I pray you will be whole in body, soul and spirit.* Jesus said, *I have come that you may have life, life in all fullness.* (John10:10). It appears God has been encouraging (w)holistic healing long before us, and for him health involves a harmonious experience at every level of our being, including the spiritual. Our relationships also form a vital part of our health system: good family, social and public relationships; our own private, internal relationship, or what we might view as our self-esteem or self-worth; a good attitude and relationship with creation around us, and towards the environment in which we live is important; and most essentially, our

relationship with God; the source and sustainer of all life, throughout his creation. Let's face it, if God created us, he, the Creator and 'Great Physician', can surely heal us should we get sick, or our lives get out of balance - the message from the Bible and from Christian experience is that he does. Interestingly, Christian health and healing has a temporal as well as an eternal dimension; that is, God's desire is for us to experience this 'life in all fullness' now, as well as beyond this mortal life to a life everlasting. I believe, that to understand health from God's perspective, it's helpful to know the way he has created us and made us to function.

The Bible teaches that we have three distinct parts to our being: a body, a soul and a spirit. Three parts of an integral whole that function differently, but need each other to work well and harmoniously together, to function fully. Our **body** is made up of physical parts and organs and is a very wonderful 'machine'. Our body enables us to have '*world-awareness*', primarily through its incredible and complex mobility and senses of touch, taste, smell, hearing and sight. Our body is superbly designed to engage in a physical world. Our **soul** is what makes us utterly unique as human beings, both to others and to God. This might be viewed as our personality, or as Carl Jung described, our essential self - there is absolutely no-one else in the world (or in all creation come to that) like you - read Psalm 139 for a better understanding of just how

unique and special you are. Through our living soul, we have self-awareness, experienced through creative thought and reason, emotional expression and free will, or our freedom to make decisions. This is, perhaps, what distinguishes humans from all other creatures, accept perhaps for the next part. The third dimension, our **spirit**, enables us to have '*God-awareness*' through a daily, living relationship with our creator, through prayer, intuition and conscience. We can all recognise when we get sick in our bodies and souls, but spiritual decease, or dis-ease, such as guilt, or sin is just as devastating and debilitating for a person, if let unhealed. Generalising, we might say for a Christian, that God dwells within our spirit, self dwells within our soul, and the body is experienced within a physical world. Three parts of an integrated, inter-connected whole.

God is concerned for the health of every part of us - what the Jew might call 'Shalom'. When we consider the healing work of Jesus, he not only healed illnesses of the body, he was concerned to heal problems of an emotional and spiritual nature too; many of which appeared to underpin, or be the cause the physical condition. This seems to bear out what many doctors agree, that up to 70% of people who consult them for a physical problem, later discover an emotional, (or spiritual) cause, as if, somewhere things have got out of balance or harmony.

Jesus' healing ministry was frequently accompanied with his teaching about the life of fullness, or wholeness, centred upon a life that was in harmony with itself, others around them, and, most importantly, with God. Jesus often healed people with a physical illness; however, when the problem had a spiritual or emotional root, he would help the person to deal with this, before curing them, as in the case of the paralytic man (Luke 5:17-26). Jesus knew that this man's greatest need was to have his sins forgiven and his guilt removed; to have his relationship with God restored, before the fuller healing of his physical body could flow. At other times he simply healed a physical condition. Others, Jesus encountered, had emotional problems like Peter after he had denied Jesus before his crucifixion - Jesus went on to meet Peter's need for forgiveness and restoration after his resurrection (Luke 22:54-62). To the women who touched the hem of his garment Jesus gave physical healing, but Jesus knew her greatest need was to be reconciled to her family and community, which her chronic 'unclean' condition as a Jewish women would had denied her (Luke 8:40-48). Others that Jesus and his disciples encountered were controlled by evil or destructive influences, just as real today as they were then. Throughout the Bible accounts and church history the message is loud and clear: 'God wants you well!', even if at times we've been slow to see or act on this. Jesus showed us that he was and is a 'whole person' healer.

An encounter with Jesus was then, and is now, a life-enhancing, life-changing experience. To find wholeness and well-being, Jesus encourages us to consider where and how we need to improve and maintain our health and fitness, where and how we can find this help should we become unwell.

Entering 2009, finds our church here at Eastling and Stalisfield, preparing to move forward with God in making our church a '**Health Centre**' for the community. I invite you all to consider ways in which we might do this, and what creative ideas and methods we might use. Who knows what Leigh's new fitness dance routine might be called? Seriously, this could create some truly innovative ideas for improving our bodily and spiritual well-being - I hear foot-washing is being considered very therapeutic in some churches.

On 1st February at 10.00am, there will be a Service of Healing and Blessing, at Eastling Church. The service will be introduced by Rev. Caroline Pinchbeck and led by members of the healing support group; our guest and speaker will be the Rt. Revd. Graham Cray, Bishop of Maidstone. Within a relaxed and informal service there will be opportunities to hear and meet the Bishop, and to offer or receive prayer for healing, if desired. The service will last for an hour with refreshments to follow and a time to talk. Please contact our Rector for more information. Mark Harlow.

## Prayer Pointers

### January 2009

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs 18th - 25th January.

<u>Sundays</u>	For Unity of all Christian denominations to praise the Lord.
<u>Mondays</u>	For Unity of all people to live in peace.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For Unity of governments to feed the hungry.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Give thanks for advances in medicine.
<u>Thursdays</u>	Give thanks for Joy and all who work with young people.
<u>Fridays</u>	For the renewal of the Healing Ministry in our parishes.
<u>Saturdays</u>	For the Holy Spirit to strengthen us for the work ahead.



## Church Decoration

Our sincerest thanks to all those - both children and adults - who helped to decorate Eastling Church for Christmas. There were too many to name here, but early in the New Year a note will be on its way to those who assisted. Also to express our appreciation too to everyone who has helped during 2008 with flower arrangements in the Church. We know that it takes both time and expense and are very grateful for both. With best wishes for a happy 2009 Nerys and Emma.

## Eastling Church Flower Rota

### January 2009

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Gaby Turner & Pippa West  
17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Steph Youle & Emma Walker  
24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Jane Hamley  
31<sup>st</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Feb Dorothy Reeves



## Bluebell Walk 2009

Did you enjoy the 2008 walk?

Can you help in 2009?

Angela and Peter Cheeseman have done amazing work organising the walk for several years now and 2008 was their last one. We need several people to organise next year's walk or it cannot happen. There are a lot of different things to arrange, so people with different skills will be needed: writing letters, copying maps, making posters, walking the routes and siting markers, as well as help on the day. Please contact Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck on 890487, as soon as possible, if you can offer any help.

Following last year's series about working with Granville Wheler at Otterden Place, Audrey Keen has sent in

## Otterden Chronicles

Looking back at local people and places.

In the early 1950s, people made their own entertainment. One of the most popular social get-togethers was the Whist Drive. Of course, I was too young to play whist, but I would accompany my mother when she joined her friends for a game and one of the nicest venues was the Parish Room at Otterden. These whist drives were arranged by Mrs. Barrie and Mrs. Quested, the wives of two local farmers. Mrs. Barrie made delicious griddle scones, which made up part of the refreshments offered to the players midway through the game. My mother always saved her scone for me, bless her, they were so good. Whilst on the subject of the Parish Room, my mind travels to the house next door - the Old Rectory which, in the 19th century was home to William Archibald Paxton, Rector of Otterden for some forty two years. He was a kindly man who loved animals, his grave is clearly marked in Otterden churchyard.

Consider, for a moment, the Rector setting off on a Sunday morning for his church nearby. No noisy traffic, just the cuckoo for company in spring, the skylark in summer, the rook in autumn and the robin in winter. I like to think of the time in which the Revd. Paxton lived; 1818 - 1892. In the eighteen hundreds the roads we use today were little more than trackways. Muddy in winter, hard and uncomfortable in summer. I should think that they were quite heavy going to walk upon and most unhelpful to ladies with their long dresses. But, even so, I dwell for a moment on the seasons as they appeared along the road from the rectory to Otterden church. Peaceful as it was here, even when I was a child; in Paxton's time it would have been quieter still, just the gentle clip clop of the horses hooves as it pulled the trap along the empty summer road,



William Archibald Paxton, former Rector of Otterden.

putting up a pheasant or startling a blackbird from the hedge.

I wrote a poem once, about a woodpecker that lived in a chestnut tree close to the rectory. Here there were always primroses, yellow and bright, with pink anemones and lilac milkmaid, bobbing in the breeze. All so unspoiled. No plastic carrier bags or empty cola cans and paper. Yet we can still see the blue violet on Rectory Hill and, when autumn comes, it is as though time has stood still, for there is little to outshine Otterden's autumn colours. On a quiet afternoon in the fall of the year, if you stand by the white gate to Otterden Place, the past comes back to you by way of the rooks that call and circle in the precious October sky.

From the mint that grows in the valley  
To the cones on the highest bough,  
From the harvested corn  
To the berries just born,  
I'll remember this always - as now. AIK



Mobile Library

The mobile library visits Eastling once a fortnight on Tuesdays. The van waits at Glebe Cottages, between 10.50am and 11.05am, and is open to all residents, free of charge. It carries a good selection of fiction, non-fiction and children’s books, as well as books or music on CD, DVDs and videos. You can order books ( a small charge may be made ) which are not in the current stock - even music scores. There is also a computer available. January visits will be on 13th and 27th. More information is online at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) or call 01622 605227



**EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL**  
The Parish Council meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.  
The footway from Tong Lane to Prospect Place is overgrown – Highways will be asked to clear the area.  
The Parish Council is still pursuing the reduction of the speed limit through the village to 30mph.  
The Village sign will be erected early in the New Year.  
The Annual Audit Return has now been completed.  
The meetings for 2009 have now been agreed and are displayed on the notice board and on the website.  
The next meeting will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Contact numbers:  
Parish/Village Warden 07794 010 394  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)  
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055  
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999



2009 is now with us, so may I take this opportunity to wish everybody a Happy New Year and thank you for all your assistance during the past year.  
2008 was relatively quiet crime wise in the village, so let us keep it that way. Amongst all the wishes that one may require for the new year, let us go for a summer; the lack of sunshine over the last couple of years makes the winter season seem twice as long.  
Take Care,  
Alan



Saints’ Days  
26th January  
Timothy and Titus

Timothy and Titus are the saints for you if you’ve been a Christian for some time and now realize that God wants you to move into some form of leadership. A daunting prospect! The books of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus are what is known as the three pastoral letters, where Paul writes to ministers in charge of important churches, instead of writing to the churches themselves. Paul gives both Timothy and Titus explicit instructions for how to shepherd the sheep in their care. Timothy had been given the responsibility of the church at Ephesus and Titus the care of the church at Crete.  
Both Timothy and Titus were young men, and both felt quite daunted at the task ahead of them!  
Timothy, half Jewish, had met Paul when he was still a child, living with his mother Eunice at Lystra. Paul had come to their city and preached, and they both became Christians. Timothy then accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey - a great training experience. But experience is given to us so that we might in turn become productive - and, in due course, Paul entrusted the vastly important church of Ephesus into Timothy’s care. This church was so vibrant in its faith that, within 50 years, so many Ephesians became Christians that the city’s pagan temples were almost forsaken.

A huge responsibility!

Titus was a gentile, almost certainly another convert of Paul’s. Paul used Titus as a trouble-shooter with the Corinthians and, when Titus was successful in that, gave him a real bit of trouble: the church at Crete. Again, Titus served his Lord faithfully, even in this most difficult of situations. So, if you are going to attempt any leadership for God, why not make time to read the three pastoral epistles first? They have been an invaluable handbook for Christian leaders for 20 centuries, and are full of spiritual wisdom and good common sense. If they worked for Timothy and Titus, they may work for you as well!  
Timothy became the first bishop of Ephesus, and was finally martyred when he opposed pagan festivals (probably in honour of Dionysius). He was killed by stones and clubs, easily to hand during the pagan festival of Katagogia. His supposed relics were translated to Constantinople in 356.  
Titus went on to become the first Bishop of Crete, and is believed to have died there, though history does not tell us how. His relics are supposed to be buried in Crete, except for his head, which was allegedly taken to Venice in 823.  
Both Timothy and Titus were good and faithful servants and could look back on lives well spent. Imagine - one day you will stand before the Lord, as well, and say: “This is what I did with the leadership role you entrusted to me. Was I a good and faithful servant, too?”

Services in our Churches

4th January 2009 Epiphany

Ephesians 3. 1 -12, Matthew 2. 1 - 12  
Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10am Holy Communion (CW)  
Stalisfield 3pm Epiphany Evening Prayer

11th January The Baptism of Christ

Acts 19. 1 - 7, Mark 1. 4 - 11  
Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW)  
Eastling 10.30am Freestyle

18th January Epiphany 2

Revelation 5. 1 - 10, John 1. 43 - end  
Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Eastling 10am S Club in the village hall  
Stalisfield 10am Morning Prayer (BCP)

25th January Epiphany 3

Revelation 19. 6 - 10, John 2. 1 - 11  
Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10am Youngstyle  
Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW)

1st February

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Hebrews 2. 14 - 18, Luke 2. 22 - 40  
Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10am Service of Healing and Blessing  
Stalisfield 3pm Evening Prayer  
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(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.  
(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

Weakness

Good Jesu, thou has made me and remade me;  
Thou knowest my weakness, who hast made me.  
I am dry, heavy, desolate, lonely, desponding;  
Forgive me all my sins, heal all my infirmities;  
Give me the comfort of thy help,  
Or strengthen me in my weariness.  
Let my soul gasp for thee,  
like the parched ground,  
And gasping for thee,  
receive thee.



A prayer of E B Pusey (1800 - 1882)  
a leader of the Oxford Movement

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)  
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<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 Steve Youle (01795 890368)  
Audrey Smith (01795 890469)  
  
Stalisfield with Otterden Patricia Thompson (01795 890376)  
Martin 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

Baptisms

Imogen Ava WILLIS  
30th November 2008 at Otterden

Tayler Jamie CORNISH  
7th December at Eastling

Wedding

Saul J. KAY and Joanne L. HENDERSON  
20th December at Otterden

Services at Whitehill Chapel

4th January 10 a.m. Brunch  
10.40 a.m. Family People’s Choice  
6th January 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion  
25th January 11 a.m. People’s Choice

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



## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The children enjoyed the Christmas Shopping Afternoon and went home with their gifts beautifully wrapped ready for Christmas Day.

The Christmas Raffle Hamper was won by the Jones family, the Chocolates by the Walsh family and Bottles of Wine by the Croucher family. Other prizes were won by families at the school. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

The school Christmas Disco was held on the last day of term and was enjoyed by a good number of children who danced to a great Christmas range of music.

The next event for 2009 is a **Family Disco on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January** from 6.30pm to 10.30pm. Tickets cost £3.00 per adult; £1.50 a child under 16 and a family ticket is just £8.00.

Do make a note in your diary to attend this great fundraising event with your family and friends.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity  
Jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk, 01795 890252

## GET FIT & FEEL FINE in 2009 & burn off those seasonal calories **FITNESS CLASSES** @ Eastling Village Hall



### **WEDNESDAYS** **7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS**

*helps to tone & shape these specific areas.*

### **8.00pm FIT DANCE**

*works on aerobic fitness, using fun DANCE moves.  
Helps to control and burn body fat.*

### **THURSDAYS** **9.15am FITNESS PILATES**

*A blend of Pilates & dance exercises.  
Helps to develop muscle tone, balance, flexibility & relaxation*

Fun & Funky

### **4.30pm** **FREESTYLE DANCE IDTA** school years 3 -11

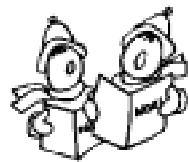
Classes £4.00 each or £7.00 for a double class on Wednesdays.

[www.milesdanceandfitness.com](http://www.milesdanceandfitness.com)

more info contact Leigh on 890 149

[leigh.fitness@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.fitness@btinternet.com)

## Village Carol Singing 2008



### Eastling

A small but lively band of (mainly) young carol-singers (some very young-under 4), sang carols, on foot, around Eastling on December 16th. Many thanks to the generosity of the people of Eastling, who gave £75 to help the homeless in this area (The Scrine Centre in Canterbury).

### Stalisfield and Otterden

The successful carol singing around Otterden and Stalisfield on 22nd December raised £150 for Stalisfield 'Hut'. Very many thanks to our hosts, everyone who sang and those who gave money. A wonderful result.



### Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club

The last of our inter club competitions was the Singles. This was run on a knock out basis, with all names drawn out and the eventual winner, Roy Piles, played Bryan Searly, John Graham and Norman Neaves. In the final, with the mat diagonally across the floor, Roy beat Mick Heath to win. The next big event was the club's Annual Dinner, which was held in the hall. 38 members and friends sat down to an excellent meal, with all the catering being done by an out side firm. After the meal the presentation of awards was made and Marjorie Hann did this task for us (*thanks Marj*).

We have now played two league games at home, beating Teynham 9-5 and Boden 10-4. Both of these were good results for us and we now have to wait until the new year for our next league game. In the mean time Eileen and Roy Piles, along with Mick Heath have been asked to play against a Kent "B" side at Stood, to keep them on their toes. The Club will not meet on Wednesday afternoons until 7th January; Friday sessions start on 2nd January. So if you are looking for some thing to do in the new year, come along and have a go instead of lounging by the fire in the arm chair.

Roy Piles, 01795 537162.

## Charing and District Local History Society.

Thursday 8th January  
in Charing Parish Hall at 8pm.  
Dr R. Coleman will give a talk on  
**CLEMENTINE -  
THE WOMAN BEHIND**  
*The power behind the seat of our most  
famous prime minister.*  
Doors open at 7.45pm,

## Coffee Pop-In



Welcome to all at Pop-In, every Wednesday, 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall. No charge to join us for a cup of tea, coffee or squash and a biscuit. Toddlers welcome, lots of toys available.

Homemade cakes for sale on  
7th January and 4th February.  
Contact number is 890338.

## Halloween at Stalisfield

Thanks to all families who took part in this years Halloween 'trick or treating'. A big thank you to all houses who gladly received the children, your generosity was appreciated by all. I'm sorry if you were expecting us and we didn't call, I was ill for the few weeks leading up to it and didn't manage to call around and see who wanted our visits. I also couldn't go on the evening so it was all a bit disorganised before hand, and if any one was disappointed then I apologise. Thanks to all the adults who attended and ensured the event could proceed, and to the Plough for receiving everyone at the end.  
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### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey  
on 01795 890746



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.

The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self catering occasions.

## Otterden W.I.

December was a busy period for the Otterden W.I. We successfully changed federations to West Kent, more of which will be discussed at our January meeting. Our wreath making was a great success with everybody making amazing looking wreaths and enjoying a mince pie and mulled wine or two!

The inaugural Otterden WI "live" nativity was a great success. The children looked wonderful and enjoyed meeting all the animals, especially the Donkey. Huge thanks to all the WI ladies who helped make and serve the wonderful food, to Julie and David Murray for providing the animals and barn and to Caroline, Angela and Joy for narrating the Nativity. It definitely was a special evening.

As I write this we have not been for our Christmas dinner but the Plough at Stalisfield will, no doubt, still be recovering from our night of festivities!

Dates for your diary:

January 27th (Tues) Swap meet. Bring any unwanted presents/things or even services you would like to swap for something. Stalisfield village hall, 7.30pm  
February 26th (Thurs) Stalisfield village hall, 7.30pm  
Cookery demonstration "Easy puddings".

We will be giving everyone a programme for the coming year at the January meeting and Ladies, please remember subscriptions are due in January.

Many thanks to everyone who helps on the committee, or in any way, and I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Emma Norwood, President Otterden W.I. 01795 892138

## Painters Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

January meeting is on Tuesday 20th at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall.

A slide show by Peter Kennet: husbands and other guests welcome.

Competition - *Your favourite Christmas Card received in 2008.*

New members welcome,  
contact Bobbie on 532756.

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## Eastling Gardeners' Club

New Year's Party

Saturday 10th January 2009

In the village hall starting at 7.30pm  
Wine tasting and excellent food and drink.  
Renew your membership for £5 or pay  
£2.50 for the evening

## Cause for Celebration!

Dance, Music and Song  
at the

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Friday 13th February

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Tickets £35 Students £20 to  
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## January



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2nd Friday Short Mat Bowls resumes 2.30 - 4.30pm  
and 7.30 - 9.30pm Eastling Village Hall

7th Wednesday Pop-In resumes 9 - 11am Eastling Village Hall

7th Wednesday Bowls resumes 2.30 - 4.30pm Eastling Village Hall

7th Fitness classes start 7pm and 8pm Eastling Village Hall

8th Pilates classes start 9.15am Eastling Village Hall

8th Freestyle Dance starts 4.30pm Eastling Village Hall

8th Charing Local History 8pm Charing Parish Hall

10th Gardeners' Party 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall

14th Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm Eastling Village Hall

15th Deadline for February Good News Pinks Farm

20th Painters Forstal W.I. 2.15pm Champion Hall

26th Magazine Folding 2pm Pinks Farm

27th Otterden WI 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall

31st Family Disco 6.30pm Eastling School

### FEBRUARY

1st Service of Healing and Blessing 10am Eastling Church

### Deadline for February Good News

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