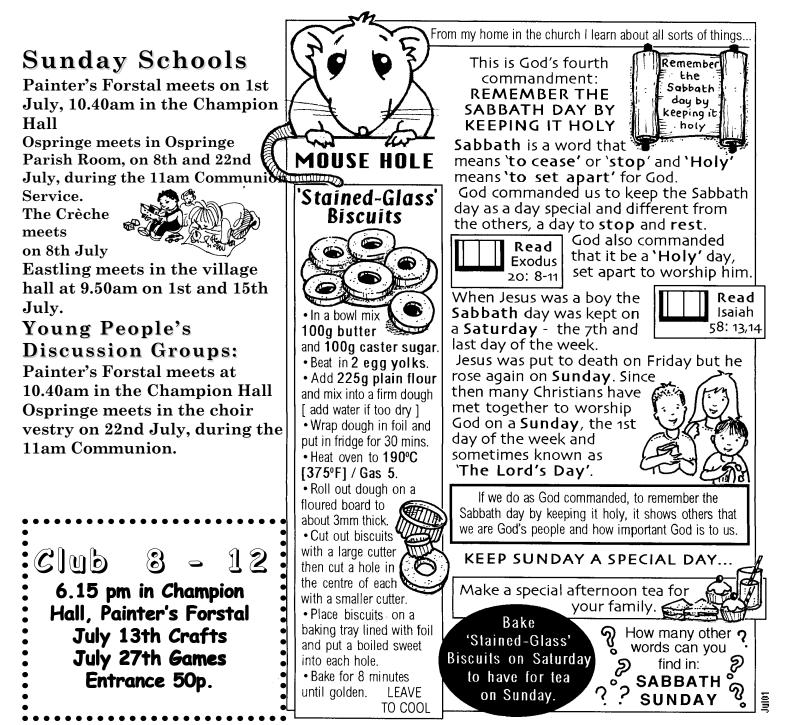




Conductor Needed A new conductor is needed for the Ospringe Handbell Ringers. A good sense of timing and humour are the major requirements for the challenge of conducting this happy band. Please ring June Akhurst, on 535843, for further details.



Thursday 26th July **Open House** at 3 St. Peter's Court, Faversham 10am - 4pm Everyone Welcome Proceeds to Ospringe Church

## Sunday 15th July

age groups

- Beer tent

- Swimming pool
- Coconut shy
- Kids corner
- White elephant
- Stocks
- Bottle stall
- Archery

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

# **Good News** Parish Magazine **July 2001**

2pm at Eastling School

Plenty of entertainment for all

 Pony & tractor rides Obstacle course

 Target practise with BB guns Gypsy Saye's Fortune corner & many many more attractions



## 'I found Jesus there.'

"Tomorrow morning," the surgeon began, "I'll open up your heart..." "You'll find Jesus there," the boy interrupted.

The surgeon looked up, annoyed. "I'll cut your heart open," he continued, "to see how much damage has been done..."

"But when you open up my heart, you'll find Jesus in there." The surgeon looked to the parents, who sat quietly. "When I see how much damage has been done, I'll sew your heart and chest back up and I'll plan what to do next." "But you'll find Jesus in my heart. The Bible says He lives there. The hymns all say He lives there. You'll

find Him in my heart." The surgeon had had enough. "I'll tell you what I'll find in your heart. I'll find damaged muscle, low blood supply, and weakened vessels. And I'll find out if I can make you well."

"You'll find Jesus there too. He lives there." The surgeon left, irritated. Next afternoon, the surgeon sat in his office, recording his notes from the surgery, "...damaged aorta,

damaged pulmonary vein, widespread muscle degeneration. No hope for transplant, no hope *for cure. Therapy:* painkillers and bedrest. Prognosis:," there he paused, "death within one year." He stopped the recorder, but there was more to be said. "Why?" he asked aloud. "Why did You do this? You've put him here; You've put him in this pain; and You've cursed him to an early death. Why?"

The Lord answered and said, "The boy is one of my lambs, and was not meant for your flock for long. Here, in my flock, he will feel no pain, and will be comforted as you cannot imagine. His parents will one day join him here, and they will know peace, and my flock will continue to grow."

The surgeon's tears were hot, but his anger was hotter.

> "You created that boy, and You created that heart. He'll be dead in months. Why?" The Lord answered, "The boy shall have

done what he was created to do. I did not put him with your flock to lose him, but

through his faith, to retrieve another lost lamb." The surgeon wept. Later the surgeon sat beside the

boy's bed; the boy's parents sat across from him. The boy awoke and whispered, "Did you cut open my heart?" "Yes," said the surgeon. "What did you find?" asked the boy.

"I found Jesus there."

uring our meeting in May, we welcomed Margaret Slythe, Hon. Curator of Maison Dieu, who talked about the history of Ospringe and the Maison Dieu from Henry III to the present time.

As Ospringe was on an important trading route from London to the Continent (especially Flanders), Henry III commissioned the building of the Hospital of St. Mary at Ospringe (Maison Dieu) which was a large complex stretching across the now A2. This project was up and running by 1230.

The Ship Hotel was once a Chapel! Later when Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries, the Maison Dieu was pulled down with the exception of the present building. Mrs Slythe continued by explaining the connection between St. John's College, Cambridge and Ospringe. After the Elizabethan era, the Maison Dieu was used as barracks for soldiers en route to fight in the Napoleonic Wars. During this time there were 28 Inns on the Street!

## **MOTHERS' UNION NEWS**

The Victorians used the Maison Dieu as a resting place and for travellers to change their horses. When the railway was built many valuable items were excavated - these can now be seen in Museums in London, Leeds and Birmingham. Since this period the Maison Dieu has mainly served as a museum but not continuously. Mrs Slythe told us that 100 people visited the Maison Dieu during the Bank Holiday weekend.

An interesting booklet called 'The Maison Dieu Medieval and Faversham' by Mike Frohnsdorff can be obtained from the Fleur de Lis.

We would like to thank Mrs Slythe for her captivating talk and hope anyone interested in the History of the Maison Dieu and Ospringe will visit the Maison Dieu.

Carol

## **Prayer Pointers** July 2001

Sundays

Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

<u>Thursdays</u>

Fridays

Saturdays

For a deepening understanding of God's Word

All facing difficult decisions, especially those known to us. Those in our churches with special responsibilities

The work of Churches Together in Faversham

The immigration service.

For all children who are exploited or abused.

Christian organisations working with Seamen, worldwide.

#### **CHOIR REPORT**

We will continue to have short Choir Practices before the Services, 10.15 a.m. on the 1st July, and 10.25a.m. for 10.30 a.m. on the 8th and 22nd July. The Service on the 5th Sunday, 29th July, is at 10.30 a.m. at Stalisfield and is the Benefice Service.

Louise, who married Andrew Lees in Ospringe Church last month, looked radiant as she came down the aisle to "Fanfare for a Bride" by Noel Rawsthorne. I would recommend this piece for future brides.

Fourteen of us went to the RSCM Event at The Old Greyfriars Monastery site in Canterbury. It was a lovely afternoon and wonderful to be sitting on rugs and singing with the Faversham Gospel Mission Band. A wonderful venue for open-air singing to the Glory of God.

More about the Deanery Evensong at the Cathedral in my next write-up. I am busy re-learning "Lord for Thy Tender Mercies Sake" and "Non Nobis Domine" for myself!! Preston Choir have kindly allowed us to join in their practices.

On Friday, 7th September, at 2.30 p.m. in Ospringe Church, Pat Pollard is leading the Deanery M.U. in a Celebration of 125 years of M.U. I am keen that the music reflects the best in music over the last 125 years and so far plan to include the Hymns, "The Church's One Foundation is

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On Saturday, 16th June, Peggy Partis and I are going to Cambridge with the Kent County Organists and meeting up with Betty Blake. Betty lived all her life in Ospringe until she

Jesus Christ our Lord", "Take my Life and let it be", "Be still for the Presence of the Lord" and "I'll go in the strength of the Lord". I can just imagine all those MU banners dancing down the aisle after the last hymn! Gill Wilson has agreed to sing a couple of solos and I am looking for the copy of "Calling me" to the Theme from Dvorak's "From the New World" Symphony. Pat has found some prayers from across the world to reflect the Worldwide work and impact of the MU. In the morning we are offering a tour of the Maison Dieu and after the Celebration there will be time to have fellowship over a cuppa. I am hoping to attract MU members and friends to sing as a Choir in the Choir Stalls. A good bank of sound in our Choir Stalls will enhance the Celebration. Please let me know if you are free that afternoon and would like to sing with us. Let us hope for good weather so our visitors can see Ospringe in all its late Summer glory.

Recently I went to the MU Celebration of the Deal Deanery and was made most welcome. That was lovely as before I only knew our Diocesan President who is in the Choir at Minster Abbey, Sheerness. The run over was splendid and I went across country. How green is the Kent countryside in early June!

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

#### FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

On Saturday, 9th June, five of us from Faversham went to the organ concert at Canterbury Cathedral when the music performed was written by William Flackton, 1709 to 1798, the organist of St. Mary of Charity, Faversham's Parish Church from 1735 to 1752. Timothy Uglow, the Organ Scholar played the continuo part on the "Baked Beans" Quire Organ, and Myfanwy Walters her Viola, of his Sonata in C Minor for Continuo and Viola. I wonder if Mr. Flackton played it on the Parish Church Organ?

#### Keeping rural churches at the heart of village life

Thanks to the Rural Churches in Community Service (RCCS) programme and Millennium Commission funding, 99 rural churches can now offer a whole range of community activities.

In 1998, the Millennium Commission gave £2.5million towards a £7.7 million programme to enable churches in rural areas to adapt their buildings for community use in addition to worship. Building works ranged from installing disabled access, new meeting rooms, and modern kitchens and toilets.

This makes possible everything from after-school clubs, mother and toddler groups, luncheon clubs, day-care centres for the elderly, job clubs, community cafes, youth drop-ins, concerts, exhibitions, meetings, school use for curriculum studies, PE and drama and even a cybercafe.

In many rural areas, the church is the only remaining public space - but often a very under-used resource. And so the RCCS programme encourage people to put their rural churches to work, and become a focus of village activity.

The RCCS is seeking further funding to support more grants. Meanwhile, training workshops have been set up to help people start to plan their projects.

Rural Churches in Community Service Limited is a registered charity. For further details contact: Susan Rowe, Chief Executive, RCCS, Mill Lane Aslockton Nottingham NG13 9AS Telephone / fax 01949 851424. E-mail sue@rccs.netkonect.co.uk

moved to be near her family after Norman died. Her father, Mr. Whiting, made sure that some Roman finds were kept at the Maison Dieu. Betty worshipped at Ospringe since she was born and has our Good News through the kind offices of Reg. One Christmas I was doing one of "my spectaculars" at Church and Betty spoke about being a new Grandmother. Another time the Choirboys had asked me to play the latest "Top of the Pops" which was Bach's Toccata in D Minor. I played it, well, "sort of", and young Nic Eason and Nic Prior were pleased!! Betty and family were over and I apologised that the piece was not quite accurate!! They forgave me. "Sir" reminded me that the two Nics used to time the sermons!! Betty and Norman were among the first people to welcome us into Ospringe. More about Betty and her family next month, I hope.

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

#### An Appeal on behalf of the Guide Association.

Once again we have reached that time of year when some of our younger helpers are

thinking about moving on to college and university. Other members are reaching that age when they must retire from being a warranted Guider.

Many of our units are losing one of their helpers/or warranted guiders. We have 16 units around Faversham and the surrounding villages, and they would all like more adult help.

If you are aged between 18 and 65 and feel you could LEND A HAND, for just a hour or so each week, or on a rota basis, we would love to hear from you. To find out more please, please, please contact Sue Sherlock, the Faversham Division Commissioner, on 01795 539067.

#### **COULD THIS BE YOU?**

Do you have time upon your hands Now that your brood has flown? Do you sometimes wish for company Instead of being alone?

Could you now spare a little time To help some younger folk? They're keen to learn, love games and fun, And also like a joke.

Many Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, Are feeling rather sad: Their leader's leaving, or she's gone -Although they're not that bad

If no-one else comes forward Their units will close down, No weekly meetings to enjoy Nor outings up to town.

They'll miss the games they love to play, And all the things they learn. And as for younger sisters They'll never get a turn.

No special skills are needed -Just time, and patience too. There's a really friendly Division team To show you what to do.

"But where have all the Guiders gone?" I'm sure you'll want to know. "those maiden aunts and dear old folk Who did it years ago?"

"Those people aren't around these days It's down to me and you To give our time, make lots of friends, And help the youngsters too.

It's all too easy just to sit And hope for someone new But Guides and Brownies now are run By people just like YOU !!

#### For all the Saints.....

St. Thomas' Church

Isle of Harty,

Sheppey

Flowers

in a

country

church

Saturday 30th June

- Sunday 1st July

11am - 5pm

Flowers, Arts, Crafts

and other displays.

3rd July St Thomas the Apostle

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (Jn 11.16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (Jn 14.5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining "I am going to my father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me." Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe - unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears - but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God"

(Jn 20.26ff).

Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event - the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith. Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras.

46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.

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## A parishioner reports on a recent weekend experience.

#### **Kairos Programme Swaleside Prison** May 22nd to 25th 2001

#### What is Kairos?

The word *Kairos* means 'God's special time', and the Kairos programme is intended to introduce basic Christianity and the principles of Christian living to prison inmates, or 'residents' as we are encouraged to call them. It consists of a series of talks, meditations and discussions that help the men establish new friendships and get back some of the self worth that prison tends to remove from them. I have just helped to staff a Kairos weekend at Swaleside, on the Isle of Sheppey, and I thought you might be interested to hear what it was like 'from the inside'.

It was not easy and very tiring, but also rewarding far beyond expectation.



#### How does it work? Kairos is the start of a three month programme to help the men live in community. At the end of the programme they are, with few exceptions, happier, less stressed, more caring and more likely to be assimilated back into society. Keeping a man in prison is expensive and the sooner that a man can be re-educated to be a useful member of society and set free then the better it is for all. Kairos dramatically reduces the reoffend rate in countries like America and Australia where it has been running for many years; only time

will tell in this country.

#### What happens?

If you voluntarily go into a prison for just twelve hours at a time it is pretty daunting.

What these men must feel when they are put away for twenty or thirty years, I cannot begin to imagine. The team of sixteen men who staffed this Kairos weekend went into the prison at seven in the morning and left at seven thirty at night. Between those times we had prayer times, listened to talks, had some very fruitful discussion times and the men produced some wonderful posters based on what they had heard. At meal times we ate the same prison food with the men and had time to get to know them. Not knowing what the men had done enabled us to treat them as fellow men and not as whatever crime they had committed. We did know that most of them were going to be there for a long time. I know that some people get away with the crimes that they commit, but can it really be worth the risk of wasting a huge chunk of the only mortal life that you will get?

Working with these men and seeing the changes in them over the three days that we spent with them was a privilege and very hard work, both for them and for us. I found it difficult to control my nervous tension each day but the result made it worthwhile. Most of the men found new friendships with one another. Some found that a dormant spirituality had been reawakened; all were very much happier and more relaxed. Everyone got something out of the weekend. One man commented that he thought that he 'was a tough guy but these guys coming in here must be tougher than me', another said that before the weekend he had an attitude but after the weekend he had 'Attitude with Gratitude'.



The singing had been great through the whole time that we were there but the closing service was really special as anyone who was there will vouch. Perhaps it was not always perfectly tuneful but

the joy of it was something else. There was so much applause for so many men that I now know what it is to be 'clapped out'!!

One man that I came to know was very shy when we met on the first evening. I tend to be a shy person too, so it was not easy for us to get to know each other. On Sunday evening he came and gave me an enormous bear hug. Now this man is six foot three and fifteen stone and I am five foot six with thick socks on!! Two other men hugged me with the lack of inhibition and depth of feeling that you keep for close relations or special friends. My joy was made complete; funny really, my first thoughts on entering the prison were that I just wanted to get it over and done with and never do it again. Would I like to do it again? Well, what do you think !!

This is a wonderful and powerful ministry. It is open to anyone who has attended Cursillo or similar weekends. Only men are allowed into men's prisons and women into women's prisons but the team members that cannot go into the prison provide the food and prayers.

Thank you for all the prayers that helped to make this Swaleside Kairos no.7 so successful and for the many church friends who came to the closing service.

## Flower Festivals and Concerts

Flower Festival St. Mary, Norton The Church in the Orchards Friday 6th - Sunday 8th July 10am - 6pm Also on Sunday 8th: 3 - 5pm a programme of music by K.M.Gillingham Concert Brass 6.30pm Songs of Praise

#### Molash

Patronal Festival Sat.30th June - Sun 1st July Flower Festival and events on both days.





'Here's One I Made Earlier' A display of handicrafts by local people at the Graveney Craft Show **Graveney** Church Saturday 7th July 10.30am - 5pm

Sunday 8th July Noon - 5pm Special display by local children.

St. Laurence Church Bapchild July **Flower Festival** 

Saturday 7th, 10am - 5pm Sunday 8th, 12 noon - 5pm Evening Concert at 6pm on Sunday 8th. Tickets available from 01795 472929

> Newnham Village **Open Gardens**

Saturday 15th July 12.30 - 6pm Lunches and Teas available Entrance by programme (available on the day) Adults £2.50, Senior Citizens £1.50 Accompanied Children free. PLUS Art Display in Newnham Church Open Studio at 90 The Street.



#### Canterbury Cathedral Gala Concert

aid of the Choristers' **Bursary Fund** Saturday 14th July at 7pm

Programme to include works by: TALLIS • GIBBONS • Monteverdi • Frank Martin • Gershwin & Others Tickets : £7 - £25 available from Forwoods Music, Palace Street, Canterbury Tel: 01227 464741 E-mail: info@forwoods.co.uk

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#### Whitstable Choral Society performs

Magnificat J.S. Bach C. Monteverdi Beatus Vir H. Purcell Te Deum Dido & Aeneas H. Purcell on Saturday 7th July, 7.30pm in the King's Hall, Herne Bay Tickets £9.50 on the door or £8.50 in advance from 01795 890338 (Hilary).

#### Steam dreams on The Cathedrals **Express**

An unforgettable day out on a steam train to Canterbury, Salisbury, Bath, Chichester, Winchester or Ely, some of England's premier cathedral cities. The Cathedrals Express is a steam-hauled express train which runs Wednesdays and Thursdays during the summer months from London Victoria or Waterloo around midday, returning around 8.30 pm. There is no better way to visit one of England's beautiful medieval Cathedral cities and its surrounding countryside than on a train pulled by a fabulous 1940s steam engine. Bookings and details: 01483 209888 or visit www.steamdreams.co.uk



#### **CLEMATIS RAILWAY** Lewson Street

a Garden Model Railway in G scale will be open to the public on Saturdays during July and August 2pm - 5pm Admission: Adults 50p Children (accompanied by an adult) 20p weather permitting. 01795 521779

#### **Todaysgirls.com**

series creator **Terry K. Brown** £4.99 Word

Each of the six book in this series stands alone but together they make up a serie about a group of teenage girls and the

dilemmas they face in the 21st century. Theyare the ideal read for today's 10 - 14s. They are wellwritten, modern, a fun read with a serious point. They tackle issues that are important to today's girls, like peer pressure, boyfriends and Internet safety, while always putting in the Biblical angle. These Other titles in the series include:

six girls who meet nightly at a private chat room they created for Luv@First Site. their own safety. Each book features one of the girls and a story involving them as the main character. These books are all about what true friendship means and how faith should be a part of our every day lives. The

www.todaysgirls.com website actually exists and has information about the books as well as various site areas that are mentioned in the books, including the Thought for the Day. If girls like the books they are bound to enjoy this fun yet safe website too.

> God gave me feelings **Catherine McKenzie** ISBN 1857925653 God gave me sight ISBN 1857925629 Christian Focus £2.50

Two board books from a series of six, others include touch, taste, smell and hearing. These books have simple text and illustrations aimed at preschoolers. There is a relevant Bible quotation on the bottom of each written page. There is a topical prayer at the end of each book. It is lovely to see good, practical, userfriendly books aimed at this age group. These would be perfect resources for use with young children in crèche or Sunday school as well as at home.

#### **Chat Freak** Kristi Holl

**ISBN 0849975832** time online affects her school work, her hobbies and ultimately

Morgan gets heavily involved surfing the Web. She is a caring girl and tries to help her new cyberfriends without seeing the bigger picture. Spending too much her friendships. She learns the hard , way that we have no way of knowing whether what people say online is true or not. This book deals sensitively with eating disorders as well as the need for real friends not just virtual ones.

books are based around a group of Stranger Online, Portrait of Lies, Tangled Web, R U 4 Real?, and



Available from *CLC in Canterbury* 01227 463535

The Old Testament Hall of Fame ISBN 1857925459 The New Testament Hall of Fame ISBN 1857925467 Catherine Mac-

kenzie Christian Focus 48pp £3.50

What delightful books these are, my children love them!

Aimed at children of all ages, each book contains over 20 short studies of Old & New Testament heroes of God - but not the usual suspects! The author has selected a gallery of rather more obscure but equally inspiring men and women who, if not well known by us, are famous in God's eyes. So for example, instead of reading about such Sunday School favourites such as Paul, David, Jonah and Moses, we have Rhoda, Jason, Jabez and Barzillai.





#### The Bible **Explorer**

Carine Mackenzie Christian Focus 168p £11.99 ISBN 1857925335

The Bible Explorer is a book for young people from 10 years upwards. It is based on the concept of a home page on the Internet. Each page has a menu bar, which shows what part of scripture you are exploring, Old or New Testament; it also tells you whether it is law, history, poetry, prophecy, gospels or letters. It also tells you the Bible reference. There is a link section on each page, which covers prayer, salvation, prophecy, animals and emotions. An explorer icon links connecting Bible stories. Every page has a think spot and memory verse.

This is an excellent resource for young people who are interested in Christianity. It gives good clear explanations of Bible stories. The modern layout is very attractive and is simple to use.

> Each character's life is described in an easy to read narrative, with a cartoon style portrait and illustration, followed by a 'top tip, and relevant Bible verse. I recommend

reading one a day at breakfast or bedtime. The children will love the uplifting and humorously told stories and I bet a few parents will learn about some Biblical characters they thought they had never heard of! But more importantly, parent and child alike will have an insight into how God can work in and through ordinary people, like most of us.

My children's favourite top tip is the one about Eutychus -'don't fall asleep by an open window'!

## Services in our Benefice

#### 1st July 3rd Sunday after Trinity

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Galat	ians 5. 1, 13 -	25, Luke 9. 51-62	
Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BC	(P)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School	
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW	V)
Ospringe	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40am	Sunday School + 9's-1	3's
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Family Service	
Otterden	3pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	
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#### Tuesday 3rd July

Whitehill Chapel 2.15pm Communion Service

#### 8th July 4th Sunday after Trinity

Galatians 6.[1-6], 7 - 16,		Luke 10. 1 - 11, 16 - 20		
Eastling	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)		
Stalisfield	10am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
Ospringe	11am	Holy Communion (CW)		
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School		
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School Crêche		

#### 15th July 5th Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 1. 1 - 14, Luke 10. 25 - 37			
Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School	
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)	
Ospringe	11am	Family Service	

#### 22nd July 6th Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 1. 15 - 28, Luke 10. 38 - 42			
Stalisfield	Stalisfield 8am Holy Communion (BCP		
Eastling	10am	Family Service	
Ospringe	11am	Holy Communion + Baptism	
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School	
Whitehill Chapel	11am	People's Choice	

#### 29th July 7th Sunday after Trinity

Colossian	s 2. 6 - 15, [1	6 - 19], Luke 11. 1 - 13
Stalisfield	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Kingsdown		Deanery Picnic

#### 5th August 8th Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 3. 1 - 11, Luke 12. 13 - 21			
Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)	
Ospringe	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	
Whitehill Chapel	10.40am	Sunday School + 9's-13's	
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Family Service	
Otterden	3pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	

## Sharing Ministry in our Parishes

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Churchwarde	ens		
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r c	Mr G. Shepherd		
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	Mrs A. Cheeseman	(0179	5 890629)
Stalisfield	Mrs J.West	(0179	5 890285)
	Mrs H. Galer	(0179	5 890780)

#### Contacting the Church's staff

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

#### FROM THE EDITOR

#### For August issue:

If you would like to advertise in this magazine or submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution by the 15th July to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, ME13 0BA, 01795 890338 ( e-mail: mharlow@talk21.com)

#### From the Registers

#### **Baptisms**

17th June 2001 at Eastling MARC ANTONY Crispin PATRICE JADE Crispin MAY VIOLET Richardson AMELIA JANE Richardson

#### Weddings

9th June 2001 at Eastling Robert DAVISON and Lisa MARSH 16th June 2001 at Eastling Mark BUTTERWORTH and Charlotte WEST

#### Funerals

6th June 2001 Burial at Eastling Frank Bernard COWLEY

# Eastling Parish Council July Meeting

The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council is on Monday, 9th July at 8pm in Eastling Village Hall. Villagers who wish to have matters considered should contact the Chairman or the Parish Clerk as soon as possible so they can be included on the agenda. Call Harold Wyld on 01795 890413 or Sue Parry on 01795 890254.

#### Website's Watch News

Local Neighbourhood Watch information on the Eastling Village website is now more comprehensive and much easier to find. As well as updated pages for the scheme, a "hot link" to latest news, crime prevention advice for householders and local contacts now features on the site's main page at http://go.to/eastling

#### **SUN Transport Scheme**

Leaflets for the new "SUN Travel Club" scheme (featured in "Good News" last month) are now available from the Eastling Parish Clerk, Mrs Sue Parry on 01795 890254. The SUN scheme offers a choice of a dial-a-ride mini bus service and a wheelchair-accessible hire car service. The dial-a-ride buses for Eastling operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays and take people from their door to Faversham or Sittingbourne, picking up between 9am and 10am. The hire car service is like a taxi, taking users wherever they need to go - one-way or return - and operates Mondays to Saturdays 9am to 7pm. Both types of service require users to belong to the SUN Travel Club and rides are pre-booked by telephone. The new scheme is in addition to the existing 660 bus service which will run as usual.

#### **Spotted Any Water?**

Eastling villagers are being asked to spot any streams, springs or watercourses that may have appeared or changed direction following the exceptionally wet weather in the winter and spring. In a letter to Eastling Parish Council, the Borough Council's planning and environmental health staff say that some water sources may not have been seen for years or, even, within living memory. Information, photographs and maps would all be invaluable.

To help co-ordinate information for Eastling, any details should be provided to the Parish Clerk Mrs Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS, telephone 01795 890254.

#### From: "Crime Prevention"

<swale@crime-prevention.co.uk> Date: Friday 1st Jun 2001

Thefts and attempted thefts from garages, sheds and out buildings are on the increase. Please make sure they are secure and are fitted with alarms where possible. Battery operated alarms can be fitted to all of the above and are available from the Swale Neighbourhood Watch Office at £6 each. For further information please contact the Neighbourhood Watch Office on 01795 584143.

#### **Ospringe Parish Council**

The Election of Officers for the forthcoming year took place at the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2001.

Chairman - Mr Andrew Keel; Vice-Chairman & Tree Warden - Mr Derek Macey; KAPC Swale Area Committee Representatives - Mrs Joan Tovey & Mr Dick Thornhill. The next meeting of Ospringe Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 25th July 2001 at 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Parish notice board.

Jill Seaman Clerk to the Council

#### **Old Photo Appeal**

Mrs Sarah Marsh of Margate has contacted the Eastling Village website to ask for villagers' help.

She says: "I am really keen to obtain old photographs of Eastling Village for my elderly mother, particularly of Forge House, where her in-laws lived and where we stayed as children, and also of Spuckles, which was her home when she first married. She is suffering from a form of Alzheimers, and the only way we can get her to talk is through reminiscence, so these photos would really help. If any one locally has photographs they can sell us or copy for us, we would be keen to contact them."

Mrs Marsh can be contacted by telephone on: 01843 225846 or by e-mail on: shalimar@lineone.net .

Website organiser Harold Wyld said that Mrs Marsh's request prompted a thought that old photographs of Eastling could also be featured on the Eastling website. Many present-day photos were already included - but older pictures would be an excellent addition. Anyone who could help was asked to contact him on 01795 890413 or e-mail eastling@ic24.net

#### Diary

Dury	July 2001		
1st Treasure Hunt	12 noon Eastling School		
5th Afternoon Club Bingo	2pm Champion Hall		
9th Eastling Parish Council	8pm Village Hall		
10th Study/discussion group	8pm Newhouse Farm		
12th Horticultural Society	8pm Eastling Village Hall		
13th 8 - 12's Club	6.15pm Champion Hall		
15th School Fete	2pm Eastling School		
17th Women's Institute	2.15pm Champion Hall		
19th Afternoon Club Outing	1pm Champion Hall		
20th Open Morning 9.30 -	11.25am Champion Hall		
21st Gardeners' Club Summer Sh	low		
24th Open Morning 9.30 - 1	1.25am Eastling Village Hall		
25th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm Whitehill Chapel		
26th Open House 10am	- 4pm 3 St. Peter's Court		
27th 8 - 12's Club	6.15pm Champion Hall		
29th Deanery Day Picnic			
31st Magazine Folding 2pm 0	Ospringe Church & Pinks Farm		
August			
4th Garden Party	2pm Perry Court		
12th Village Fete	2pm Lorenden Meadow		
19th Toys & Treasures Service 1	1am Ospringe Church		
31st Coffee Morning 10	0.30am Beechfield House		
September 15th Harvest Supper 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall			

#### July 2001

**Painter's Forstal** Village Fete and Grand Draw Sunday 12th August Lorenden Meadow at 2pm

#### Lucky Programme 50p Accompanied Children free.

Help for the fete is urgently needed. Donations for the various stalls will also be welcomed e.g. cakes, bottle, children's toys in good condition, toiletries, plants and bric a brac. Please let Colin Hudson, 537530, or Bobbie Richards, 532756, know if you can man a stall or give assistance with setting up and taking down. Contact 532756 or 537530.

#### **Painter's Forstal Gardeners'** Club

The Coffee Morning was a great success, despite the weather, and many thanks to all who came. Better weather was with us on our summer outing to Pashley Manor and Cabbages and Kings. Two places very different but worthy of a second visit.

The meeting for July is on Saturday 21st, The Summer Show. Schedules will be available from John, 533756, and Noreen, 533608.

A date for your Diary.... Harvest Supper 15th September 7.306M Eastling Village Hall More details next month.

July Meeting

The next meeting of

Eastling Horticultural

Society is on Thursday,

12th July. This will be a

novel "evening safari" of

gardens at Eastling, start-

ing at 7pm. In the event of

bad weather, members will

meet at Eastling Village

Hall at 8pm. More details

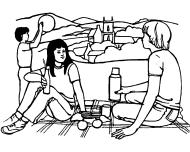
will be circulated shortly.

is Mrs Helen Abell,

tel: 01795 890482.

The membership secretary

three Society members



The Area Dean, Revd. Roy Kilford, and the Lav Chairman, Diana Davies, invite everyone in the Ospringe Deanery to a

## Deanery Family Day



at Kingsdown, near Doddington. Sunday 29th July 2001 Picnic at 12 noon and an afternoon

of family fun and games to finish around 4pm. No charge, bring your own picnic and garden chairs.

Tea and coffee available. All ages welcome. Contact your churchwardens if you require transport to Kingsdown.

#### **Stalisfield**

The Jumble Sale held in the village hall on Saturday 16th June raised £246.78p towards the upkeep of the hall. Many thanks to everyone who supported us and gave articles for sale. Grateful thanks to all the helpers from the Village Hall Committee.



We are delighted to announce our Summer Fete on Sunday 15th July at 2pm. There will be loads of fun for small children, big children and adults. Entry will be 50p, which includes a raffle ticket, by the gate near the Eastling Village Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there. The building of class 3 is coming on rapidly now. The children are excitedly watching their classroom grow in front of their very eyes.

On the 1st July we will be having our bike or walking Treasure Hunt starting at 12am from the School field and followed by a BBQ. Two exciting events for July. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Celia Hamilton-Jones



**Painter's Forstal** with Ospringe Women's Institute The July meeting will be in the Champion Hall at 2.15pm on Tuesday 17th July. Talk: Natural Health - Mrs P. Hall Competition: An old remedy. New members welcome, more details from Faversham 533756.

Having a Party ? **Planning a Wedding ? Venue for your Club ?** Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at **Eastling Village Hall.** For more information please contact Mary Eagleton on 890436.

## OSPRINGE SCHOOL ASSSOCIATION A big thank

to all who participated in with our Victorian Summer Fair: those who helped with the preparations, helped on the day, and of course those who came and enjoyed! The weather was glorious, the costumes splendid (we all are looking forward to dressing up again in October!) and we raised over £1600.

We are now busy planning more events before the end of term. The Youth Club will be hosting a Strawberry Tea for senior members of holding its very own mini-fete to raise money for charity, and there will be the Year Six production of Alice in Wonderland, as well as the Sports days and leavers disco. We holiday after will all deserve a long this!

# > Thank

> You

The Good News production team extends arateful thanks to Mrs Jill Fagg for all her work as Editor. The 'turn around time' for the magazine is very short, hectic, and comes around very quickly.

So Thank You again Jill, and enjoy your extra free time!! Until we have a new Editor please send items for inclusion to the address listed on the Church Services page.

#### **OSPRINGE CHURCH** 200 Club

You contribute £1 a month for at least one year and you could win a prize in our monthly draw. Contact Carol or Stuart Marshall on 537873 for more details. The winning numbers for the 15th draw in June were: 1st - 22, 2nd - 69, 3rd - 42

#### **Eastling and Painter's Forstal Playgroups**

Summer Term draws to a close on Tuesday 24th July with an Open Morning at Eastling Village Hall from 9.30am -11.25am. All parents, relatives and friends will be welcome to enjoy scones with jam and cream with their morning tea or coffee. All children of all ages are most welcome. This will be a normal session for Playgroup children. During our **Open Morning** at Painter's

Ospringe village, the school will be Forstal, you will be welcome to enjoy tea and coffee and cakes. There will also be a sale of items including books and toys. The last day of term at Painter's Forstal will be on Monday 23rd July. Enquiries regarding vacancies, or any other matter, to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.

## **Eastling Horticultural Society**

#### Meadow Grange Visit

Members of Eastling Horticultural Society paid an evening visit to Meadow Grange Nursery at Blean, near Whitstable on Thursday, 14th June. Owner Paul Kennett provided an informative tour of the nursery where, every year, he and his small team cultivate a wide range of plants for sale to local gardeners and for use in municipal bedding schemes. Society members agreed the visit had been very worthwhile and were grateful for the opportunity to see behind the scenes at Mr Kennett's nursery and, not least, for the splendid refreshments provided at the conclusion of the tour.



#### **Ospringe Church Social Activities**

July 26th Open House at 3 St. Peter's Court by kind invitation of June Akhurst 10am - 4pm. Bring & Buy Stall, Raffle and light refreshments all day. Proceeds to Ospringe Church.

#### August 4th Garden Party at Perry

Court by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Curling from 2pm. Various Stalls to include plants and



cakes. Offers of articles for stalls will be much appreciated. Proceeds to Ospringe Church. More details in August Magazine.

August 31st Coffee Morning at Beechfield House by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Saffrey. Proceeds to Ospringe Church. More details in August magazine.



#### Afternoon Club

Following our trip to Deal:-Activities for July 5th Bingo, 2pm 19th Half day trip to Herne Bay Departing 1pm from the Champion Hall and returning at 6pm to Champion Hall. Rodney, 536424.