

I've been confirmed, what happens next?

**A new opportunity will be happening in Eastling**

beginning in September for 8 weeks.

## youth alpha

looks at key aspects of the Christian faith, such as

**'Who is Jesus?'**,

**'Why did Jesus Die?'**

**'Why and how do I Pray?'**

**Alpha for Youth 11 - 14 yrs**

All sessions will be in a non threatening, fun environment where participants are free to ask any question they wish. Sessions will be about 1 hour long and held after school with healthy snack food provided. [Youthalpha.org](http://Youthalpha.org) has up-to-date information about this resource.

Please contact Norma Lawton at 01795 890 487 or the Revd. Angela Cheeseman at 01795 890 629 for further information and to pre register. This is a FREE course so come and find out more about your faith at this fun event.

I'm not sure I believe in Jesus, can I come too?

## School News

As we approach the end of the school year we have our usual celebration events for our Leavers. This year they have achieved huge successes with a 100% pass rate towards grammar school and a significantly positive and impressive array of results at SATs. These will doubtless be celebrated during our Leavers' Service in St Mary's church on Monday 21st July at 9.10am and our Final Assembly in school on 22nd July from 2pm. To reward their great effort throughout their time at school, our leavers have their own trip on Friday 18th.

Children in our Leopards' class will be enjoying the Isle of Wight for the first week of July, whilst pupils remaining at school present the Tigers' assembly on 4th July at 9.10am. After this we have annual field trips for Lions to Folkestone beach on 8th July plus our main dramatic production (8th-10th) and even a visit to the "War and Peace show" on Wednesday 16th July.

Our intake is rising on a weekly basis as parents who did not gain any of their school choices are told about our fantastic resources, achievements and facilities, but we still have some capacity if you know other parents in this category.

Term ends on Tuesday 22nd July with an evening picnic on the school field when parents and friends of the school can say a final farewell to Mr Ross and Miss Freeman, who are both off to pastures new. The next day, staff will be preparing the school for the new curriculum in September 2014 along with our new teaching colleagues.

**Mouse Makes**

**THE FALL OF JERICO**  
Then the Lord said to Joshua  
"See I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city **once** with all the armed men, do this for **six** days. On the **seventh** day march around **seven** times and when the trumpets blast the city will collapse"

And Joshua did what the Lord had commanded.

**READ Joshua 5:13 to 6:27**

Can you find all these words in the rubble of Jericho?  
JOSHUA • JERICO • CITY • WALLS • MARCH • ARK • SEVEN DAYS • PRIESTS • TRUMPETS • BLAST • ARMY • SHOUT • LORD COLLAPSE • COVENANT

# Good News

Parish Magazine July 2014



## The Otterden Picnic

an annual event for Otterden and local residents.

Sunday 27th July at Otterden Park, beside the St Lawrence Chapel, from 1pm.



Saturday 26th July at 12 noon  
at St. Mary's Church, Stalisfield

## THE BETJEMAN PLAYERS

will perform a selection of the poet's works with some songs and music followed by a Ploughman's Lunch (to include a beer, wine or juice)

Tickets: Adults £10.00 Children £5.00

All proceeds towards Church funds

Tickets: Sheila Moger (01233 713212)



## Eastling School Fête

on the school field

Sunday 13th July, 12noon - 3pm  
bouncy castle, band, stalls, animals, displays, food and drink, events and lots of fun for all the family



St Mary's Church presents...

## CAFESTYLE

Sunday 27th July

10am - 11am

Eastling Village Hall

A creative time of worship:  
Church in a Café setting.  
worship discussion reflection  
prayer fellowship

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



## Stalisfield's Fabulous Fun

## Frog Racing and Fish 'n' Chip Supper Night

on Friday 4th July at 7.30pm  
at Derbies Court Barn, Stalisfield

Bar Available

Adults £10 Children £6

For tickets please call Cat on 01795 - 890298

In aid of Stalisfield Village Hall

The news magazine for the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley

[www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews)

## The Canon's Column

One of the projects on my desk at the moment is the prayer card for lighting a peace candle and a booklet of prayers for peace that are to be our benefice project as we remember the centenary of the beginning of World War I on August 4<sup>th</sup>. We have been reading and watching various items in the newspapers and on television or radio looking back to the time of the first war and the great changes it brought to our world.

I have suggested that between Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Remembrance Sunday, we light a candle and pray for peace at the beginning of our services. I know, from previous experience, that people appreciate resources to help them focus their prayer time and so a booklet of prayers for peace will help us all to pray regularly for peace.

So often, when events happen, great disasters or tragedies, we want to do something but we don't know what would be appropriate. I can remember taking a service in a nursing home after a terrible disaster in another country. Several of the residents asked me if I had heard about it and said how helpless they felt. They so much wanted to do something even in their limitations. I suggested three things about prayer that they could try. Firstly, we begin with prayer whenever something catches our attention, upsets us, or concerns us. Prayer is always the place to begin. Secondly, we begin by

asking the Lord to guide us. When we pray this way we are opening ourselves to the Lord's presence and we are allowing Him to speak to us and to work through us. Thirdly, when we feel there is nothing we can do because of distance or our own limited situation, praying and sharing our prayerful concerns with others will open opportunities for the Lord to work in the world.

I believe in prayer. I believe prayer works because in prayer, we are opening up to God about our significant concerns, sharing with Him our own lives and relationships. When we do this we are ready for Him to talk to us.

In my own prayer life, I have learnt that when I pray for something, I must be ready for God to say to me "if you are sincerely concerned about....., you must be part of the solution by....." It doesn't happen all the time, but often enough for me to realize that prayer is significant interaction with God.

As we look ahead to marking the centenary of the beginning of the First World War on August the fourth, we need to remember that from before the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and until now, there has not been one year when there has not been warfare somewhere in the world. Praying for peace and being willing to help peace come about could be a redemptive act and a fitting memorial for the beginning of the First World War.

Blessings,  
Canon Donald J. Lawton



### A Prayer for Peace

(can be used as a dialogue prayer with others)

*In a world where many live in fear;  
We pray for peace and justice:*

*In a world where many experience violence;  
We pray for peace and justice:*

*In a world where many grow up with hatred;  
We pray for peace and justice:*

*In a world where many hide from those in uniform;  
We pray for peace and justice:*

*In a world where many are imprisoned for their beliefs;  
We pray for peace and justice:*

*In a world where many have never known the absence of warfare;  
We pray for peace and justice.  
Amen.*

## Wordsearch for July 2014

If you ever struggle with doubt, take heart: so did one of the apostles, whose Feast Day is this month. St Thomas just could NOT believe that the Jesus he had seen crucified and dead on the cross could ever come back to life. But Thomas was an honest sceptic, because he really wanted to know the truth. Jesus could help such a man and so he appeared to him and the other disciples. Instead of scolding him, Jesus simply showed him the wounds. Thomas' response was immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John chapter 20. verse 28). 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. Forty six ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.

Thomas  
Doubt  
Apostle  
Cross  
Dead

Truth  
Sceptic  
Wounds  
Lord  
God

Appeared  
India  
Patron  
Martyred  
Spear

Mylapore  
Missionary  
Showed  
Saint  
madras



## Forgive and Forget

In fact, if you forgive, it is easier to forget. That's the finding of a recent study which lends weight to the advice that it is best to do both. It seems that when you are a victim of a transgression, the best thing you can do is to forgive. If you do, you will be more likely to ignore the precise details of what happened, and you will be able to move on more quickly. The ability to overcome your strong emotions against someone and also to quash the memory of something you want to ignore are both linked to the same mechanisms in your brain. The research was done at the University of St Andrews. It also revealed that if you choose NOT to forgive, then the details of the scenario of the 'crime' remain in your mind in greater detail. As one psychologist explained: "It is well established that to forgive others can have a positive benefit for an individual's physical and mental health. The ability to forget upsetting memories may provide an effective coping strategy that enables people to move on with their lives."

...be part of it!  
All ages welcome... youth Zone for yr7+

Games  
Crafts  
Stories  
Songs  
Fun  
Food

West Faversham Community Centre  
4 - 5 pm... followed by food  
3rd Sunday of the month

All children to be accompanied by an adult

## Prayer Pointers July 2014



Sundays For all who work to provide for our needs.  
Mondays For all who promote Your Holy Word.  
Tuesdays Give thanks for Donald, Angela, Hugh, Norman and Caroline.  
Wednesdays For all who minister to the sick, the oppressed and the lonely.  
Thursdays For the beauty of Your world at this time of year.  
Fridays For all who are seeking employment.  
Saturdays For all who have lost loved ones in so many disasters.

## Faith in Foodbanks

Across the United Kingdom, in towns, cities and rural communities, there has emerged a rapidly growing network of foodbanks. Some are relatively small "community larders" while others operate on an almost industrial scale. Local churches and congregations have often played a key role in their establishment.

## Eastling Church July 2014 Flower Rota

6th & 13th - Dorothy Reeve  
20th & 27th - Clive Joliffe  
Aug 3rd - Nerys Condrup



Why is it that we are one of the wealthiest nations in the world, yet an increasing number of our population are reliant on foodbanks to sustain their families? How is it that some of our key producers of food struggle to maintain a basic livelihood while some food retailers and distributors announce enormous profits? Is it right that something which began as a way of providing an "occasional stop-gap in an emergency" is becoming more of an ongoing necessity for some? Are foodbanks, and churches, becoming unofficially part of the welfare state? Follow the debate on [www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/faithinfoodbanks/](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/faithinfoodbanks/)

**Faversham food bank**, a project seeded by The Trussell Trust, is run by the churches of Faversham and based at The Gospel Mission in Tanners Street. You can help by donating food on the 'shopping list'; go to [faversham.foodbank.org.uk](http://faversham.foodbank.org.uk) or phone 01795 536082.

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 with 11 residents in attendance. The Village Warden gave his report and the Chairman thanked him for his vigilance and good connection with the police. Cllr Bowles advised that the Rural Task Force was now to cover the South area. The Treasurer gave a summary of the accounts to year end March 2014 and said that the Parish Council was very frugal and kept the precept as low as possible. The Chairman gave his report and said that he was pleased that most of the potholes had now been filled in. He thanked Hilary Harlow for the Good News and also to all who helped at the Bluebell Walk. Residents raised a number of concerns in the parish including - dog fouling, litter around the parish, footpaths and overgrown grass verges. These items would be brought up at the Parish Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014. The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council  
[Jseaman444@btinternet.com](mailto:Jseaman444@btinternet.com)

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794 010394  
or 01795 890848  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111  
Swale Police 101  
Emergency 999



There has been a considerable number of shed break ins in the Newnham area where a large quantity of garden tools and lawn mowers have been stolen which is of great concern. Everybody is advised to make sure every day that their sheds and outbuildings are securely locked and have no hesitation in reporting any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area.

Dog fouling on the pavements and in public areas is still a problem in Eastling and other villages and owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to clear up after their dog and is all part and parcel of owning a dog. The dog warden will be paying a visit to our area and the fine is £100 for not clearing up after your dog in a public area.

There are extra police patrols out on the look out for people who think they can drink and drive and put other peoples lives in danger. I would suggest these minority of people sit back and think about their actions and what the consequences could be.

Have a good month  
Take care, Alan.

## Services in our Churches

### 29th June Trinity 2

Genesis 22. 1 - 14, Romans 6. 12 - end, Matthew 10. 40 - end  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Throwley 10 am Benefice Communion

### 6th July Trinity 3

Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67, Romans 7. 15-25a,  
 Matthew 11.16 - 19, 25-end  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

### 13th July Trinity 4

Genesis 25.19 - end, Romans 8. 1 - 11, Matthew 13. 1 - 9, 18 - 23  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

### 20th July Trinity 5

Genesis 28. 10 - 19a, Romans 8. 12-25, Matthew 13. 24-30,36-43  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

### 27th July Trinity 6

Genesis 29.15 - 28, Romans 8.26 - end, Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in village hall  
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

### 3rd August Trinity 7

Genesis 32. 22 - 31, Romans 9. 1 - 5, Matthew 14.13 - 21  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

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



It was a normal Sunday Morning in Midsomer Parish Church

## Ministry in our Parishes

Priest of Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)  
 the Parishes The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate  
 Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)  
 New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

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

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
 Weald Cottage, Eastling

#### Churchwardens

Eastling Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)  
 Assistant Warden Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Parish Administrator  
 Janet Payne (01795 890487)  
 E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden  
 Jean West (01233 712270)  
 Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)

Parish Administrator  
 Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
 E mail samhawkstest@aol.com

Throwley Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)  
 Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)

### From the Registers

#### Funeral

Arthur Ronald Showell  
 30th May 2014 Cremation at Charing

#### Interment of Ashes

Violet May  
 23rd May at Otterden

### Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Monthly study group, 10am on 8th July at  
 Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**Tuesdays:** Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm,  
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Thursdays:** Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm,  
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Fridays:** Weekly study group, 11am 6 Kettle Hill Cots,  
 Eastling. 07780661275

*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*

Listen to advice and accept discipline,  
 and at the end you will be counted  
 among the wise.

Proverbs 19:20

David Winter looks back at possibly the most devastating war in history...

### The Battle of the Somme -

#### the WW1 battle that changed history

On 1st July, 98 years ago, two vast armies went to battle in the Somme area, in north-eastern France. A week of heavy shelling preceded the Allies' attack. It is recorded that 1,738,000 shells fell on the rich fields either side of the Somme river during those seven days - though goodness knows who counted them. With the deafening roar of the big guns in their ears, the allied soldiers emerged from their trenches to be met with the inevitable hail of bullets from the German machine guns. By the end of the first day's fighting over 60,000 British soldiers were casualties and no less than 19,240 had been killed. The most devastating battle of modern times - and possibly of human history - was under way.

The Battle of the Somme, as it was called, was the first to see tanks and aircraft employed on a large scale. It was fought along a 25 mile front. The battle involved vast numbers of men - British and soldiers from no less than eight countries of the Empire, French and German - and more than a million of them were eventually killed or injured. As the generals poured more and more troops into the battle in the vain hope of what they called a 'breakthrough', nothing much happened beyond the constant slaughter.

The battle went on through August, September and October and only ended, on November 18th, when the utter futility of the whole exercise seemed to dawn on both sides. As they counted the casualties - 420,000 British, 200,000 French, nearly half a million Germans - they could also

calculate the net gain of all that bloodshed. The Allies had pushed the Germans back all of six miles. It was later worked out that for every mile taken 88,000 men lost their lives. There were amazing acts of valour and heroism in the course of the battle. No fewer than 51 Victoria Crosses - the highest award for gallantry in battle - were won by British combatants. At home, the press tended to focus on such heroic deeds rather than on the carnage on the battle-field, but the truth eventually emerged. To misquote Winston Churchill, 'Never in all the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so many'. Every town, every village, every family would bear the scars of suffering for years to come.

Lessons were learned, of course - most obviously the futility of trench warfare. Battle and war would never be the same again. Face to face, inch by inch, cold steel to cold steel, knee deep in mud men fought and died. All across northern France the millions of graves still bear their silent testimony to the dedication and courage of young men who had their lives snatched from them in battle. Mars, the god of war, had had his greatest moment, though his appetite was not quite satisfied yet.



THE GREAT WAR  
 1914 - 1918

### Lest we forget

by Audrey Keen

Eric Barker lived at Hillside Cottage and was church warden at Stalisfield for many years. This was in the early 1960's when a group of us were in the church choir. When I think of Eric I think of blue skies, spring flowers, his blue open topped sports car, his dachshund dogs and his radio and film star life style. I think of the hart's tongue fern that grew in the bank side near his cottage. I think of Eric when I see autumn leaves, feel winter winds or flurries of snow, or see rabbits and squirrels which he called tree bunnies. Eric was very kind about my poems as he too loved nature. He died on the 1st June 1990. His memory will always be united with Stalisfield.



This photo show the countryside near Eric's home.

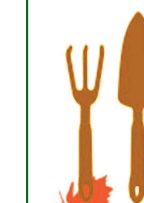
#### A Soldier's Cemetery

by John William Streets  
 (killed and missing in action on 1st July 1916, aged 31)

Behind that long and lonely trenched line  
 To which men come and go, where brave men die,  
 There is a yet unmarked and unknown shrine,  
 A broken plot, a soldier's cemetery.

There lie the flower of youth, the men who scorn'd  
 To live (so died) when languished Liberty:  
 Across their graves flowerless and unadorned  
 Still scream the shells of each artillery.

When war shall cease this lonely unknown spot  
 Of many a pilgrimage will be the end,  
 And flowers will shine in this now barren plot  
 And fame upon it through the years descend:  
 But many a heart upon each simple cross  
 Will hang the grief, the memory of its loss.



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**BELMONT HOUSE  
& GARDENS  
EVENTS**



**SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO AND JULIET  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, performance starts at 7.30pm**

The Changeling Theatre group will perform Shakespeare's great story of young love and family feuds. You can access the grounds from 6.30pm, ready for the performance to begin at 7.30pm. Adults £17.50, Children (under 16) £10.00. To find out how to book your tickets, please visit our website [www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org) or call 01795 890202.

**VINTAGE SUMMER FAYRE**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 11.00am – 5.00pm**

Step back in time to your favourite childhood era at our Vintage Summer Fayre. You will find everything from retro sweets to kitchenalia, vintage clothing to handmade gifts and accessories. Our tea tent will be serving delicious homemade cakes, flap jacks, brownies etc. £5.00 per person and free for children under 12.

**CHILDREN'S CRAFT WORKSHOPS**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**11.00am - 12.30pm**

Come along and enjoy a variety of summer themed craft's at Belmont House. £5.00 per child, all craft materials are supplied. A cupcake and drink will be provided for the children too. Suitable for children aged 4-10 years. Booking is essential. For more information please contact Laura from Hand Crafted Events on 07986 160250 or visit [handcraftedevents.org](http://handcraftedevents.org).

**Belmont House & Gardens,**

**Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH**

**Tel: 01795 890202 [www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org)**

*Stalisfield Highlife*

**Annual Summer Fête**

Advance Notice

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Without a hall we are more than ever dependent this year on the weather but nevertheless we are determined to go ahead with the Stalisfield Annual Summer Fête. We anticipate that there will be a sufficient number of fingers crossed amongst our supporters to swing the balance and overcome the Bank Holiday weather jinx.

Full details will appear in August with plenty of time before the event but you can anticipate that a full programme will be staged to provide an afternoon of delight for the whole family.

Mark the date.

You won't want to miss it.

**PAINTERS FORSTAL  
with SELLING W.I.**

are meeting at The Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal on Tuesday, 15th July at 2.15pm - 4pm. There will be a talk on

*"Young Dickens and his London"*.

If you have never attended a WI meeting before you can just come along for two or three meetings as a visitor to see if you like it! If you do like it and you decide to join in October 2014 you will get 15 months membership for the usual price of 12 months - a real bargain!

We recently had our summer outing to Doddington Place, where we had a very enjoyable walk around the gardens, followed by a lovely cream tea.

If you are interested in coming along to our WI please call Pat on 01795 539629 or Bobbie on 01795 532756. You will be made most welcome.

**PAINTERS  
FORSTAL**

*CRAFT CLUB*

Our next meeting will be in the small room at Champion Hall on Wednesday 9th July, 11.15am - 1.15pm when we will be making decorative garden accessories. There will be tea/coffee and home made cake. Cost of session £3.

Any enquiries to Pat on 01795 539629 or email. [patyounger@sky.com](mailto:patyounger@sky.com).

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All ages will be welcome at the pop-up

**POP-IN and Charity Book Sale**

**Wednesday 2nd July, 9 - 11am,**

**Eastling Village Hall**

Come in for a free cuppa, have a chat, stock up your summer reading at the charity book sale, buy some cakes to eat straight away or take home.

Proceeds to Cancer Research.

Contact Jill at the school or Hilary on 01795 890338.

**Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.**

The WI had a very enjoyable evening at Biddenden Vineyards, with a Ploughmans' Supper and Wine & Cider tasting.

Next month, we will be holding a members and family social event at Snoad Farm on Saturday 5th July at 4pm.

*An Invitation*

Graham and Julia Bailey are really pleased to house the family wedding at Churchfields of our nephew Jeffrey and his bride Melissa. The date is 12<sup>th</sup> July and the village is invited to attend the after ceremony bash. Great bands and pay bar so just turn up from 7 pm to enjoy an evening of really good music. Much good wishes Graham and Julia.



**HORSES**

Self livery in Stalisfield  
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**WANTED**

As many of our readers will know, the new Benefice of High Downs has recently been created by the joining of Eastling, Stalisfield and Throwley churches.

So that we may fulfil our insurance obligations, we are required to formalise our Health & Safety arrangements to ensure compliance with the law.

We are looking for someone who might be able to help us in the oversight of these arrangements for the new Benefice. Each church will maintain its own health and safety records - what we need is someone who can help us interpret what is required and ensure that we have the systems in place for our new Benefice.

If anyone feels that they might be interested, please contact Andrew Baxter on 01795 890598 for further details.

**BUNCE**

**ECCLESIASTICAL  
CHARITY TRUST**

To the young people of Stalisfield, Otterden and Throwley:



If you are going to study Religious Education or Theology at A level, or University, and if your course meets with the aims of the Charity, we will probably be able to give you a modest bursary.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact one of the trustees: Jane Baker, John Hills, Jan Beckenham, or Maggie Scutt

Or email [janebiztrainingnetwork@btinternet.com](mailto:janebiztrainingnetwork@btinternet.com) Mobile 07976 742141

July



2014

2nd Pop-In	11am	Eastling Village Hall
4th Frog Racing	7.30pm	Derbies Court, Stalisfield
5th WI social event	4pm	Snoad Farm
8th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
9th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
9th Parish Council Meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
10th Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
11th Romeo and Juliet	7.30pm	Belmont
12th Farmers' Market	10am - 1pm	The Plough, Stalisfield
13th School Fête	12 noon	Eastling School Field
15th Deadline for August Good News		See below
15th Painters Forstal W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
16th Coffee Club	11am	Champion Hall
20th Vintage Summer Fair	11am - 5pm	Belmont
22nd Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
24th Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
26th Betjeman Players	12 noon	Stalisfield Church
27th CaféStyle	10am	Eastling Village Hall
27th Otterden Picnic	1pm	Otterden Park
29th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
30th Children's Craft Workshop	11am	Belmont
<b>AUGUST</b>		
23rd Summer Fête		Stalisfield Green

**FROM THE EDITOR**

If you would like to advertise in the August magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th July to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: [goodnewsmagazine@me.com](mailto:goodnewsmagazine@me.com)

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**FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL**

The weather was brilliant for the Disco on the Field held on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Children and families enjoyed the music and a hot dog and lots of squash to drink!

The Summer Fête is fast approaching and the children are invited to wear non-uniform on 11<sup>th</sup> July to bring a bottle for the stall at the Fête on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon to 3pm. Raffle tickets are available 50p each - **1st prize a Playstation 4 Game Console: 2nd prize £100: 3rd prize Nescafe Dolce Gusto Piccolo Krups Coffee Machine + many more.** Don't forget to come along to the fête to enjoy the various stalls and entertainment in the centre of the field.

The term finishes on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July when children and their families are invited to bring their own snacks and drink, from 6pm to 8pm, and enjoy company and music. There is no charge for this End of Term event.

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**ABBEY UKELELE CLUBS**

MEET AS FOLLOWS:

1st & 3rd week of each month

**MONDAY**

THE SHIP, OSPRINGE  
7.30 - 9.30pm

**TUESDAY**

THE AVIATOR  
Queensborough Rd. Sheerness  
7.30 - 9.30pm

**WEDNESDAY**

Graveney Village Hall, Sandbanks Lane  
2 - 4pm

Beginners and players all welcome

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