

St Mary's Church presents...

CAFESTYLE

Sunday 10th June
10am - 11am

Eastling Village Hall

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

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

Faversham foodbank

Help feed local people in crisis

faversham.foodbank.org.uk

Faversham Foodbank June 2018 - Urgent

We have all heard of the increasing numbers of people in crisis having to turn to foodbanks. Since the 1st January this year Faversham Foodbank have distributed over 5300kg of food to people in crisis in the town. In the same period they have received 3700kg of food so our contributions are even more vital.

Thank you for your continued support.

Urgent items for May: long life milk; long life fruit juices; instant mash; squash; tinned sponge puddings

There has also been a request for pre school reading books in good condition

THROWLEY FETE

1PM TO 4PM

CREAM TEAS, STALLS, THROWLEY ARMS BAR FUN DOG SHOW AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

7PM TO 11.30PM

BAR AND LIVE MUSIC: UNDER THE WOOD

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Coach Outing to Wakehurst Place, Haywards Heath

2nd June 2018

Leaving Eastling Village Hall at 8.45 a.m.
Returning at 5.30 p.m.

The cost of the coach is £16.50 for Club members, £17.50 for non-members

Entrance to Wakehurst Place is free to members of the National Trust but otherwise £11.25

At the time of going to press, there were still seats available on the coach. If you would like to come on the outing please telephone Clive Jolliffe on 01795 890160

ST MARGARET'S WYCHLING

Caring for God's Acre

WILD CHURCH

SATURDAY 9TH JUNE, 10AM - 12 NOON

Join us for Wild Church – outdoor worship and activities for children and adults, exploring how we care for God's wonderful Creation, and how we can live lightly on His Earth. Set in the unique environment of Wychling Church amid woods and fields. We cook our snacks on the campfire and ask that you let us know if you are planning to come along, for catering purposes, to book a place and to give further details of the day if necessary contact Paula – 01795 886165 or pkjardinerose@hotmail.com – Website – www.wychling.org.uk

Fishing

A young father was taking care of his baby daughter while his wife went to town shopping. He decided to go fishing and he had to take the toddler along. 'I'll never take her along with me again!' he told his wife that evening. 'I didn't catch a thing!' 'Oh, next time I'm sure she'll be quiet and not scare the fish away,' his wife said. The father said gloomily. 'No, it wasn't that. She ate all the bait.'

Mouse Makes

Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?
Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?
Exodus 8:6

Which insects did John eat in the wilderness?
Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from?
Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?
Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?
Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?
Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.
1. Feeding of the 5000 Matthew 14:15-21
2. The coin in the fish's mouth Matthew 17:24-27
3. When Jesus called His first disciples Luke 5:4-11
4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection John 21:4-11

DID YOU KNOW?
There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise... the ANT, the HYRAX, the LOCUST and the LIZARD. Look up Proverbs 30:24-28 to find out why.

Find the animals in the word search

SHEEP • GOAT • LION • LAMB
DONKEY • RAVEN
SNAKE • DOVE
LOCUST • QUAIL • HYRAX
CAMEL • DEER • FISH • FROG
GNAT • PEACOCK
ANT • OX • LIZARD
DOG • PIG • BULL

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Ever wonder who is eligible to become a Christian?

Here the Ven John Barton, in the first of a two-part series, will consider the question.

Who can become a Christian?

Once upon a time, Christianity was only available to Jews. That may astonish us. But equally, the first Christians, who were, after all, Jews, could not possibly have believed that one day they would be vastly outnumbered by non-Jewish Christians.

Sure, in those days Gentiles could become Christians, but only if they became Jews first. It both astounded and enraged many when St Paul and others said that wasn't necessary. There was a huge bust-up in the Church. It was officially resolved in 50 AD at a Church Council meeting, held in Jerusalem, but after that so-called 'Judaisers' said that Christians were bound by all the Jewish regulations. Even today, some Christians won't eat pork.

You and I take it for granted that we have equal rights of entry. We are encouraged by Bible verses, like this one: "Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all" (Colossians 3:1). Scythians, by the way were nomadic warriors from Siberia and you can't be more of an outsider than that!

Religions differ over entrance qualifications. Judaism says you are a Jew if you have a Jewish mother. In Islam, the Koran says all children are born Muslim – it's their parents who make them something else.

But if you want to be a Christian, where you were born and who your parents were, make no difference. No one is born a Christian. To be a Christian requires something outward and something inward. There are no racial, national, biological or genetic requirements.

There were hints, even in the Old Testament, that God paints on a larger canvas than that. The magnificent reading from Isaiah has a universal vision of the future, when: "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn". (Isaiah 60.1-6)

The book of Ruth tells of the faithfulness of a non-Jewish widow, accepted by her late husband's Jewish family. Jonah is about a Jewish missionary who refused to preach to the Gentiles because they might be converted and he hated them. Right at the beginning when Abraham was called by God to leave the city of Ur (today's Iraq) to make a new start as the father of a new nation, it was to be a blessing to all the nations, not just his offspring.



Switch to the New Testament. Matthew's Gospel specialises in Jewish references, but the first visitors to the manger that he mentions are foreigners. Magi from Iran.



When the baby Jesus was presented in the Temple, an old man took him in his arms and described him as God's salvation: "...a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of God's people Israel." (Luke 2)

Christ's mission began with the Jews, but regularly encompassed foreigners. Consider the Canaanite Woman with a sick daughter; the Roman Centurion with a sick servant; and the Samaritan woman at the well. In his letter to the Ephesian church, Paul insists it was part of God's plan all along.



With the resurrection of Jesus, there is now a New Israel in which the old divisions do not exist. What matters is how you respond to Jesus.

This article concludes next month.

Eastling Church Flower Rota

June
3rd & 10th - Dorothy & Marion
17th & 24th - Suzanne Hill
July 1st - Clive Jolliffe

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



Good diet

Good for the NHS: it seems that overweight folk who are given diet coaching by the NHS are losing an average of more than half a stone each. The programme includes overweight patients being sent for around a dozen classes on diet, cooking and keeping fit, costing about £435 per head over a period of nine months. The Health Service has found that the measures will pay for themselves, by preventing thousands of cases of diabetes.

Eastling Parish Council

The council will meet in the village hall on Thursday 31st May and Wednesday 11th July. Both meetings start at 6.30pm and residents are welcome to attend both meetings.
www.eastlingvillage.co.uk/parish-council

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848
Police 101 Emergency 999

Summer has arrived so just remember if you do have your windows or doors open to lock them before you go out, do not make it easy for any opportunist that maybe about.



Take extra care when driving through the country lanes as the prolific roadside growth reduces road visibility a great deal and causes that added problem.

Online theft is still great problem causing a lot of misery everywhere. Should you receive either a phone call or an e mail from your bank and or are not sure, these crooks are very convincing, if they suggest you ring your bank I would suggest you do not, the best suggestion is that you go into the local branch and check with them to see if there is a problem.

Have a good month
Take care, Alan.



NO NEED TO CUT THE GRASS WEEKLY

How often should you cut your grass? That depends on how much you want to help the bees. It seems that the ideal 'gap' is two weeks. This helps improve the habitat for the pollinating plants that need bees to survive. Cutting the grass more often than every 14 days destroys dandelions and clover and other plants which the insects need for pollen.

Two weeks is ideal - it gives time for the grass to attract a greater diversity of insects. The number of bee species and the abundance of lawn flowers were up to 2.5 times higher when home owners mowed lawns every two weeks compared to once a week.

Don't be a martyr, though - as three-weekly cuts are also not recommended. The high grass then makes it more difficult for bees and other insects to access flowers.

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Services in our Churches

3rd June Trinity 1

2 Corinthians 4. 5 - 12, Mark 2. 23 - 3. 6

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Led by Norman Fowler

10th June Trinity 2

2 Corinthians 4. 13 - 5. 1, Mark 3. 20 - end

Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in the Village Hall

17th June Trinity 3

2 Corinthians 5. 6 - 17, Mark 4. 26 - 34

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Celebrant - Revd. Roy Kilford

24th June Trinity 4

2 Corinthians 6. 1 - 13, Mark 4. 35 - end

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant - Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck

Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Led by Revd. Thomas Collett-White

1st July Trinity 5

2 Corinthians 8. 7 - end, Mark 5. 21 - end

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Led by Caroline Ramshaw

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

High Downs Parish

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Weald Cottage, Eastling

Reader Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)
4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling

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

Throwley Glynn Howland (01795 890094)

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 26th June
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, Pinks Farm
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm
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Fridays: Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm,
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Band Night - June 15th
Hullabaloo - Kent based band, free entry

Wonderful Women's Wednesday - June 27th

A great excuse to meet up at the pub for some food and drink with the ladies, pre booking required, please call for details.

August Bank Holiday Weekend Beer Festival Saturday to Monday
See your website for more details

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Thank You



During April and May, as part of our Stewardship Campaign, we have been focusing on raising awareness and giving to the fabric and the work of our church at St. Mary, Eastling.

The Eastling District Church Council wishes to thank each and every person in the community for the generous support and enthusiastic encouragement that you have given to helping ensure that our beautiful church building can continue to grace our village and remain in good repair for us and future generations. Your generous and regular giving will help to provide the ministry of our church and its work in supporting this community with regular opportunities for worship and a

place of quiet, peace and prayer. You may be aware that our church is open each day and you are welcome to look around and sit in prayer. Your regular giving will provide in assisting the work of supporting the community in every way

possible, including baptisms, weddings and funerals, study and prayer groups, and pastoral care; again we thank you.

In the coming months and beyond we have an ambitious plan to build upon this work of stewardship with a programme of creative and fun ways we can all continue to support and enjoy our historic and spiritual heritage in this community.

St. Mary, Eastling District Church Council

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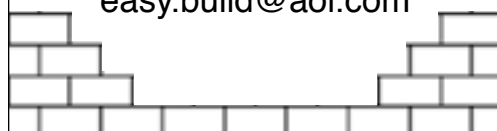
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Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

Members had a good meeting last month, with only a few absentees, on the Mental Health Issue. This month members will be going on their annual outing to a lovely garden followed by a cream tea.

Next month on 17th July, we will be entertained by speaker Jan McClean who will give us a flower demonstration and show us how to do a 'teacup arrangement'. We always meet on the third Tuesday afternoon at 2 pm at Eastling village hall. Please come and join us. You can try out a session for just £3 to see if you like us!

Details as usual from the president Barbara on 01795890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk



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BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS

WWI COMMEMORATIONS - LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th June, 11am – 4pm

The event will focus on the discharge of soldiers which started towards the end of the war; what the soldier ate in the field and how it was prepared; the Regimental Aid Post and the various injuries tackled by medical personnel; the farrier and how he fixed carts and created horseshoes; and more!

This event is free of charge!

FAMILY BUSHCRAFT DAY

Saturday 16th June, 10am – 4pm

Looking for something different to do with the family? On our family bushcraft day you will get the chance to spend quality time together learning new skills and enjoying a summer's day in the woods. The day includes learning different ways to create a flame, shelter building, campfire cooking, nature walks, plant identification and more.

£50.00 per adult/child pair including lunch and refreshments.

To book your place, please visit our website.

HERBAL WORKSHOP

Wednesday 20th June, 10am – 2pm

Mandy Rickard, local herbalist and aromatherapist is giving a workshop on distilling hydrosols (aromatic waters) for herbal healing. Learn about the aromatic plants growing in our beautiful gardens. £25.00 pp including refreshments. For more information or to make a booking please visit our website.

NGS OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND

Saturday 30th June & Sunday 1st July, 12pm – 5pm

Belmont is pleased to support the work of the National Garden Scheme. Our Tea Tent will be open from 12pm serving a wonderful range of home-made cakes and cream teas. Admission £5.00, children free.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH
www.belmont-house.org

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

The AGM on 2nd May was well attended, with our President, Stephanie Culver and Secretary Lesley Andrews, of the past 4 years stepping down. They were presented with gifts of flowers in appreciation of all the work they have done for this branch of the WI. We now start a new era with Ellie Cameron as President and Helen Brooks as Secretary.

The following week 17 of us went to The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury to see Hairspray as an additional outing to our normal monthly meeting. Our meeting on 6th June is quite topical for the time of year - Helen Kendall-Tobias will be speaking to us about 'Packing for your Holidays'. We have another outing arranged to Doddington Place Gardens on the afternoon of 13th June, with Tea & Cake afterwards, of course!

If you wish to join our friendly group, we meet at Stalisfield Village Hall on the first Wednesday evening of each month, at 7.30 p.m. Please contact Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks on 07477580727.



Short Mat Bowls

This is my last report until the new League season starts in October.

I am sorry to report that our 2017/18 season did not go to plan (what plan?). All of our team players on roll up nights hit the jack or very close to it, but this very good playing has not come through in League games. Consequently we shall be playing in the Second division next season, we went down by just one point. This means that next season we shall be meeting and playing against different teams and players.

Another disappointment is that with dwindling numbers we no longer play on Friday afternoons, only in the evenings from 7.30 to 9.30pm. So not only are we suffering, but the Hall is losing money as well.

“Come on Villagers! Leave the T.V. and come and have a go.”

Contact Roy 01795 537162.

New Bowlers Needed!

EASTLING BLUEBELL WALK



Thank You

A big THANK YOU to all who came on the successful Bluebell Walk on 7th May, and especially to all those who helped to plan, set up and help deliver an excellent event which was enjoyed by all. The weather was fantastic this year and the bluebells were better than last year (202 adults and 90 children). The Bluebell Bistro and drinks and cakes/desserts did a roaring trade, together with additional income from Steve Withell selling drinks and ice cream at Derbies Court. In total £1702 was generated for church funds.

FOUND – pair of spectacles in Eastling Village Hall

In Eastling Village Hall during the Bluebell Walk on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May, somebody left a pair of frameless Specsavers photo chromatic spectacles. Please contact Steve Youle on 01795 890368 or steve.youle@btinternet.com



ORGAN RECITAL

Charles Francis

will perform

Music for Organ

in the chapel at Faversham Almshouses, on Thursday

7th June at 7.30pm

Retiring collection

Refreshments served

Be with you

The vicar at a local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: 'There's something wrong with this microphone.'

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Afternoon Tea

at Stalisfield Village Hall

On Saturday 14th July, at Stalisfield Village Hall, Afternoon Tea will be served between 2pm and 4pm. As well as the

mandatory sandwiches, scones, cake and tea there will also be a glass of fizz served. This is a community event and free to all villagers.

If you need transport to attend this event or can help in anyway please contact Tracey on 01795 890517 or email traceysmith210@btinternet.com. Put the date in your diaries and see you then.



WEEKLY EVENTS:

Mondays	Zumba	9.30am	Stalisfield Village Hall
Tuesdays	Table Tennis	7 - 9pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Alternate Wednesdays	Eastling Walkers	10.30am	Call 01795 892194
Thursdays	Fitness Pilates	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
Thursdays	Zumba	6.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Fridays	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Eastling Hall

JUNE

2nd	Coach outing to Wakehurst Place	leaves Eastling 8.45am
2nd	Throwley Fete 1pm	Bar & Live Music 7pm Throwley Forstal
6th	Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.	7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall
7th	Organ Recital	7.30pm Faversham Almshouses
9th	Wild Church	10am St Margaret's, Wychling
10th	North Downs Walk	Start 8-11am Harrietsham Village Hall
10th	CaféStyle - church for all	10am Eastling Village Hall
15th	Deadline for July Good News	Details see below
16th	Barn Dance	7pm Stalisfield Village Hall
23rd	Family Barn Dance	7.30pm Tong Green Farm
26th	Magazine Folding	2pm Pinks Farm, Eastling
JULY		
1st	School Fête	Eastling School Field
14th	Afternoon Tea	2pm Stalisfield Village Hall

CONTACT THE EDITOR

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