What's On

WEEKLY EVENTS: **Tuesdays** Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall Wednesdays (Alternate) Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 890703 Thursdays 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall Zumba **Fridays** 9.30am Eastling Hall Yoga Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall



Good News Parish Magazine

High Downs Parish Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden, Stalisfield and Throwley

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We used to call it Whitsun -White Sunday because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. No processions nowadays, and we've even changed its name.

It's n o w 'Pentecost'. which is m o r e

By Canon David Winter

accurate but needs explaining.

This year Whitsun/Pentecost is on Sunday June 9th. Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is a celebrated 50 days after Easter. On the year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other

languages, Not a Ghost but a Gift everyone heard them in their own

tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3000 people believed and were baptized in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

I realise many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn't helped by the earlier title 'Holy Ghost'. The spirit is not spiritually a 'ghost' but a precious gift.



There are many excellent events happening in June, too many to squeeze on this page so all the details are included on inside pages.

Message from our Priest in Charge

Two weeks before Easter Jane & I went away in our caravan for a few days and on one morning my voungest brother popped in to visit us. He was on his way back from visiting our mother in Margate, to his home in Blackpool but stopped off with us to share some breakfast with us. For a treat I cooked us some bacon and tomatoes for us to have 'bacon butties' for breakfast. I think this was a first in the caravan and we don't normally have anything cooked at breakfast (apart from toast) and certainly not a 'full English'. It felt like a real treat.

And then our 10 year old Granddaughter is part of the team for her Primary School that has entered the Diocesan 'Kent is Delicious' competition that has its finals on the first day of the Kent Show. Having had a practice run at school we had the pleasure of experiencing the breakfast recipe of Luscious Breakfast Toasts using a Brioche loaf, eggs, apples, Cinnamon, Honey, Yoghurt and Strawberries as Alex cooked it for us to enjoy.

In thinking about this I am reminded of the breakfast Jesus cooked on an open fire on a beach at the edge of the Sea of Galilee.

The disciples had gone back to Galilee after Jesus' resurrection and

Prayer Pointers June 2019

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Sundays - Lord of the Dance, we give you thanks for the joy of music.

Mondays - We praise Your name in hymns and the Psalms of David.

Tuesdays - Thank you for the gift of composing music.

Wednesdays - We give thanks for the music of nature.

Thursdays - Praise the Lord in worshipful songs.

Fridays - Give thanks for music in healing.

Saturdays - Open our hearts to music in grieving.

went out for a night's fishing without catching anything (which seems quite often to be the story of fishing from where I come from!).

Jesus is on the shore but they do not recognise him from where they are. He shouts to them to cast the net on the other side of the boat which they do catching an amazing catch of fish. They now realise it is Jesus on the shore - Peter jumps in



the water and rushes ashore whilst the other bring back the boat and their catch.

When they get to the beach they find Jesus cooking some fish on an open fire. He asks them for some of their fish to cook as well and then says, "Come and have breakfast." They sit and eat bread and fish together for their breakfast.

A group of friends sharing breakfast together. A special time and made even more so because as, John, in his Gospel tells us: 'This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.'

The resurrected Jesus cooks for them, sits and eats with them.

He then goes on to make sure that Peter, who had denied knowing

Eastling Church Flower Rota



June

2nd, 9th & 16th - Dorothy 23rd FLOWER FESTIVAL 30th Trish and Bay July 7th - Clive

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota, or help with the **Flower Festival on 22nd & 23rd June**, please call Bay on 01795 892036.

Jesus after his arrest, knows that he is forgiven and they are still good friends.

There is something very special about sharing breakfast together. My brother lives in Blackpool so we don't get to see each other very often, but it was a good time to have conversation over that breakfast in the caravan.

Jesus and his disciples had a good breakfast and conversation as well - Peter and Jesus restored as friends, setting the scene for Peter's pivotal role in the ministry of the early Church.

Steve Lillicrap

P.S. Come for breakfast on the last Wednesday of each month (9am-12 noon) at Lynsted Church for a great breakfast and good conversation at the **Gatehouse Café**!



Last Wednesday of each month, 9am-12noon, Lynsted Church



Norman Neaves

Thank you for all the kind words and messages of condolence following the sad passing of my dad who died in William Harvey Hospital on 2 May 2019 aged 90. Dad loved Eastling having moved here with his wife - my mum - Marina in 1955 - all the way from Stalisfield where he was born. If they have cherries in heaven I'm sure he'll be picking them now. Thanks again, Barrie.





Walking Prayer Pilgrimage

As part of the Diocesan Prayer and Pilgrimage event over June 7th and 8th, Rev

Steve Lillicrap invites parishioners to join him on a walking prayer pilgrimage around the High Downs churches on Friday 7th June, starting from Eastling church at 10am,with a stop to pray at each church. The route is 9.63 miles taking in Stalisfield and Throwley churches and returning to Eastling **OR** 12.43 miles which includes Otterden Chapel as a first stop. Contact Steve on highdownsvicar@gmail to register an interest.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral

Saturday 8th June, Hour of Prayer 4.30 - 5.30pm. There will be hospitality for pilgrims in the Chapter House from 2.30pm. Places, free of charge, must be b o o k e d in a d v a n c e, g o t o : www.canterburydiocese.org/dayofprayer/



In the Churchyard

by Audrey Keen

In the churchyard quiet and still I watch the wild owl rest On vibrant branches of the yew Now grown into its best. I listen to the rooks that call Through trees upon the ride Or on the gentle parkland And valley green and wide. The fir trees whisper by the graves And eerie shadows cast Their images of leaf and bough And ivy holding fast. And when the wind steps up a pace And touches crisp dry leaves And ruffles up the feathers Of the owl and rooks at ease, I sigh a breath of purest joy And remember when I pray To give God thanks for life And those that live on earth today.

Ospringe Deanery

Archdeacon Stephen and Julian Hills, Diocesan Secretary, will be joining us for

Open Deanery Synod Wednesday 12th June

7.30pm at Teynham Parochial C of E School (ME9 9BQ) Please join us for this open event

sunday 30th June

St. Mary of Charity, Faversham 10.30am

Whole Deanery Service

Holy Communion with Archdeacon Stephen All Welcome

What is your 'passion' in your church life?

An open Deanery Synod to be held on Wednesday 12th June at 7:30pm at Teynham C of E Primary School. Please go along as this event is open for anyone to attend. Archdeacon Stephen Taylor and Julian Hills the Diocesan Secretary will be there. We have been asked to create a wish list of things we are passionate about in our church life, and be prepared to go along to offer one 'passion', together with an object that symbolises this passion. Here's a chance to 'think outside the box' and get enthusiastic about what really matters to us.

Steve Youle, High Downs PCC Lay Vice Chair

NOVENA 2019 Nine days of Prayer

Friday 31st May - Saturday 8th June

The Novena prayer cards are available in our churches or download from https://www.thykingdomcome.global/

resources/novena-2019.

Join us in Eastling Church on each of the nine days from Friday 31st May to Saturday 8th June at 8am for a short time, about 20 minutes, of thought and prayer;

plus Thursday 6th June at 7pm.



...I've moved with the times - I've now got a solar-powered radio microphone...

CONTACT THE GOOD NEWS EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the July 2019 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th June to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

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Eastling Gardeners' Club Garden Safari Saturday 15th June Meet at Eastling village hall at 2pm

to visit Eastling Gardens, followed by tea in the village hall. Members of the Club go free, non-members pay $\pounds 4$



Treasure Hunt around

Stalisfield Green! Saturday 13th July

Meet at the village hall from 2.30pm and you'll be given a map and clues to solve as you walk through the beautiful countryside of Stalisfield. Invite your friends, it's for all the family (shorter route available for little legs!) Cost is £2 per person and includes prizes and refreshments served as you return to the Village Hall

Stalisfield HighLife-
2019 EventsTreasure Hunt13th JulySummer Fête24th AugustHarvest Supper5th OctoberPanto6th / 7th DecemberChildren's Party8th DecemberSeniors' Christmas Dinner14th December

Burns Night - TBC 25th January 2020

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A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings. The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, EASTLING FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd June

11am - 5pm

Please come and visit St. Mary's, Eastling over the Midsummer weekend.

We are decking the church with beautiful Floral Designs and Arrangements with the theme **Music**.

Delicious homemade teas will also be available during opening hours. All proceeds go to church funds.

We are very grateful to the Headteacher, staff and pupils of Eastling School who are going to produce artwork and floral designs which will feature in the Festival. We hope Mums, Dads and extended families will come along and view the children's hard work and colourful contributions.

CHORAL CONCERT

As a curtain raiser to our Flower Festival weekend the Sutton Valence Choral Society Chamber Group will present a mixed programme of

> Music for a Summer Evening Friday 21st June St. Mary's Church, Eastling, 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm.

Tickets From 01795 890273, 890338 or on the door: $\pounds 8$ per person, 14s and under $\pounds 4$, to include interval refreshments.

Proceeds of this concert will be shared between Eastling Church and *HearSay*; a local Charitable Trust providing counselling, help and support for children and families affected by Autistic Spectrum conditions and associated

behaviours. (hearsay-trust.org.uk)



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Belmont House and Gardens

BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS

HYDROSOLS & ROSEWATER DISTILLATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday 12th June, 10am - 2pm

You will be able to experience every stage in the process, from picking buds through to distillation using a small traditional copper still and bottling. £30.00 per person including light refreshments.

MEET THE HEAD GARDENER

Monday 17th June, 1pm - 3pm

Join our Head Gardener, Graeme, for a walking tour around our beautiful gardens to see some of the many species of plants and trees we have at Belmont. He will also tell you about the seasonal work involved in maintaining the gardens here. £6.00 per person. No booking required.

LINOCUT PRINTING WORKSHOP

Friday 28th June, 10am - 1pm

Using the beautiful surroundings of Belmont House and Gardens as inspiration, in this workshop you will learn how to carve a linocut tile to produce a repeat pattern or a one-off print onto paper, fabric and greeting cards. Materials and refreshments included £25.00 pp.

LAVENDER WORKSHOP

Wednesday 3rd July, 10am - 2pm

Lavender is considered by many as the most useful herb for several ailments and a favourite ingredient in skincare products. £30.00 pp including light refreshments and your own beautiful spritzer bottle of lavender.

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

Wine and Wander

Eastling Manor. 12th June 2019.

4.30- 7.00pm.
Everyone is invited to enjoy a wander around the garden on a summer's evening.
£5.00 per head for a glass of wine and entry to the garden.
All proceeds to Eastling Church funds.



Refreshment Help Needed 22nd and 23rd June

If you could spare an hour or two to help run the refreshment tent at Eastling Church during the Flower Festival, please call Hilary on 01795 890338, hilary.harlow@me.com. Cakes also needed!

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

The AGM in May the present Officers are staying on for another year, for which we are all grateful as they are a good team. There were a few ladies stepping down from the Committee after some years and new ones joining. The Bluebell walk this year was at Kings Wood, with a reviving tea at 'More Tea Vicar' in Challock afterwards.

June brings several events for our Group. First we have our monthly Meeting on 5th at 7.30 at Stalisfield Village Hall, when we have a Speaker from Medical Detection Dogs. They train canines to warn their owners of the onset of various health problems, such as a drop in sugar levels for diabetic people or the onset of seizures. I would not be here with you all if it were not for the assistance of my own dogs, so I personally know the true value of these dogs.

June 7th will see a group of us visiting the Guardwara in Gravesend, which will be a really interesting trip. Then at 7.30 on 14th June, our own Julie Murray is holding a Quiz evening at Stalisfield Village Hall. They have been very popular in the past, so bring your food & beverages and book a table - £5 per person for tables of 6. Please contact Julie on s n o a d f a r m@gmail.com or Helen on brooks.helen@btinternet.com

If you would like to join our friendly Group contact Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks on 07477580727.

Remembering June 6th - D-Day

by Canon David Winter

Recently I asked a group of about 30 people, the youngest 36, the oldest 90, what would we be commemorating on June 6th? No one knew, though after a bit of prompting some of the older ones said D-Dav.

To be fair, most of them weren't even alive, or were small children when that great turning point of the Second World War took place: the Normandy landings. But as our discussion continued distant memories on what many historians rate as the greatest sea-borne invasion of military history slowly emerged.

Strangely enough we remembered or remembered being told about the Doodlebugs which preceded the invasion in the summer of 1944. In fact, those horrible missiles and their deadlier counterparts the V2 rockets were, if we had known it at the time, simply the grim overtures to what was to be a staggering feat: the liberation of Europe from Nazi occupation due to the surrender of Germany and eventually the end of the war.

As a choirboy, I had sat amazed at one of the King's National Days of Prayer. The first of which was in 1940 before Dunkirk. Our north London church was packed (standing room only) to pray for peace and, I noticed, the liberation of Europe. Seldom could prayers have been more spectacularly answered.

Of course, it wasn't a walkover. There are many untold personal experiences. My 19 year-old brother was one of the hundred thousand strong invading force drawn from five nations. Under enemy fire he drove an RAF truck up a beach in Normandy on D-Day plus one.

The film 'The Longest Day' told the story of the bravery of the others who dropped from the skies by parachute or glider. One of these men was Private John Steele an American paratrooper whose parachute caught on the church tower in the village of Sainte-Mère-Église.

Eventually the occupying troops retreated as the Allied forces made their way into Germany. To the horror of the troops the

discovery at Belsen confirmed that the Nazi regime was truly



Eastling Short Mat Bowls

New players needed. please join us on Friday evenings, 7.30 -9.30pm in Eastling village hall. Come along

and try it out, all are welcome. Contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162.

Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.



had We our resolutions meeting

Allport Cars

in May and, although the subject was serious, Janet had us all laughing when she gave her talk (with demonstrations) on 'Don't Fear the Smear'

This month it is a members only outing to Norton Court to see the lovely gardens and have tea afterwards. Details of regular meetings from Barbara on 01795 890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk



Services in High Downs

2nd June Easter 7 Acts 16. 16 - 34, John 17. 20 - end Eastling 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

9th June PENTECOST

Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 14. 8 - 17 [25 - 27] Eastling 10.30 am CaféStyle in the Village Hall Throwley 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

16th June Trinity

Romans 5, 1 - 5, John 16. 12-15 Stalisfield 10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

23rd June Trinity 1 Galatians 3. 23 - end, Luke 8. 26 - 39 Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

30th June Trinity 2

Galatians 5. 1, 13 - 25, Luke 9.51 - end St. Mary of Charity, Faversham 10.30am Whole Deanery Service; Holy Communion with Archdeacon Stephen *7th July Trinity 3* Galatians 6. [1 - 6] 7 - 16, Luke 10. 1 - 11, 16 - 20

Eastling 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

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

From the Registers

Baptism

Olivia Grace Carrotte 5th May 2019 at Eastling

Midweek Groups

- Tuesdays: Study group, 11th & 25th June, 9.30am at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368
- Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, 18 Beech Close, Faversham. 01795 890338
- **Thursdays:** Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338
- Fridays: Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm, Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

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Kingsdown and Creekside Parish

Sunday 2nd June – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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9.00am	Lynsted	Communion (BCP)			
9.00am	Oare	Communion (CW)			
10.30am	Doddington	Communion (CW)			
10.30am	Norton	Family Service			
10.30am	Teynham	Family Service			
3.30pm	Teynhem	Communion (BCP)			
5.30pm	Wychling	Evensong			
6.00pm	Lynsted	Breakthrough			
Sunday 9 th June – Pentecost					
9.00am	Norton	Holy Communion CW Trad.			
9.00am	Oare	Holy Communion CW			
10.30am	Lynsted	Family Service			
10.30am	Newnham	Holy Communion CW			
10.30am	Teynham	Family Service & Communion			
3.30pm	Teynham	Evensong			
6.00pm	Lynsted	Breakthrough			
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Sunday 16	Sunday 16 th June – TrinitySunday				
9.00am	Newnham	Holy Communion BCP			
9.00am	Oare	Holy Communion CW			
10:30am	Doddington	Family Service			
10.30am	Lynsted	Morning Worship			
10.30am	Norton	Holy Communion CW Trad.			
10.30am	Teynham	Family Service			
3.30pm	Teynham	Holy Communion BCP			
6.00pm	Lynsted	Breakthrough			
Sunday 23	rd June – Trinity 1				
9.00am	Doddington	Holy Communion BCP			
9.00am	Lynsted	Holy Communion CW			
10:30am	Newnham	Family Service			
10.30am	Oare	Morning Worship			
10.30am	Teynham	Family Service & Communion			
3.30pm	Teynham	Evensong			
5.50pm	Lumatad	Dreal-through			

Sunday 30th June – Trinity

6.00pm

Lynsted

10.30am Deanery Service at St. Mary of Charity, Faversham

Breakthrough

Eastling School News

Time flies when you are having fun! It certainly does at Eastling Primary School as we have come to the end of term 5 already. We were delighted to welcome two student teachers from Canterbury Christ Church University after the Easter holidays.

Miss Johnson our PE lead arranged for Charlton Athletic Football to come and work with our two KS2 classes on a weekly basis. The children love this opportunity to develop their skills further. The second leg of Eastling Primary School v Bapchild and Tonge football was an exciting afternoon, which ended with Eastling being victorious with a score of 1-0. Eighteen children from years 3 and 4 took part in an interschool's athletics competition on Wednesday 8th May.

The head teacher's tea party celebrated the school value of perseverance with one child from each class being invited. The children love this wonderful opportunity where they also receive a book as recognition of their personal contribution to our school.

Once again, our children have had many exciting learning experiences outside the classroom. Year 6 travelled to PGL at Marchants Hill in Surrey for their residential. The children had a wonderful week taking part in a range of adventurous and team building activities. These included raft building, high swing, trapeze and abseiling. Silver Birch have been learning about castles and maps and consolidated their learning with a trip to Hever Castle.

On Friday 29th March, Acorn class invited their mums to a Mother's Day Breakfast where they sang and handed out gifts, which they had made in class. Term 4 ended with Acorn class visiting Pizza Express where they all made their own pizzas and Willow class had an afternoon at Otterden Estate putting their map skills into practise.

Willow class had a day learning about farming at the Detling Showground. This free event run annually by Living Land saw some of our children and the class teacher Miss Earles being interviewed for Meridian News and was broadcast on Sunday 12th May.

The annual Eastling Primary School Summer Fete is on Sunday 7th July 12-3pm. We look forward to you joining us for this wonderful event, which is organised by the Friends of Eastling School (FOES).

For further information see our school website where photographs and newsletters are displayed and updated regularly. We do have a few spaces available across the school for an immediate start.

Any prospective parents looking for a Reception place for September 2019 are welcome to call the office on 01795 890252 to arrange a visit. Melanie Dale, Head Teacher

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Foodbank June 2019

Thank you for your generous contributions. As you may be aware from the national press, foodbanks are finding that the demands for hep continue to increase. If you are aware of someone in need please direct them to Faversham Foodbank's website: http://faversham. foodbank.org.uk where they can find details for how to access help.

Urgent items for June: Custard (tinned or carton); coffee; shampoo; squash; size 5 nappies; tinned sponge puddings; long life fruit juice.



Eastling Parish Council

The Parish Council is able to make grants to organisations within the Parish. For full details please contact the Clerk Mrs Wendy Licence 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted ME14 4HT or email eastlingpc@gmail.com.

The next Council meeting will on 31st July 2019, 6.30pm in the village hall, all residents are welcome to attend.

Are you having problems with sandy deposits in your water?

Try putting a muslin rag over your drinking water tap to find out.

Two households along Kettle Hill Road have been having serious problems with deposits in their water.

If this is a problem for other Eastling residents, please contact South East Water on 0333 000 1100 to alert them of the problem.

Eastling

Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848



Police 101 Emergency 999

The county of Kent unfortunately holds the record for the number of dogs that have been stolen over the last couple of years so please be very careful and keep your dogs within your sight whilst taking them for their exercise. As we all know that all dogs have to be microchipped and also wear a collar and a name tag with owners details. It is advisable not putting the dogs name on the tag.

I am told that the nasties have been around the village and have stolen copper from the roof of the new building at the waterworks. If anybody has any information on this either please contact the police or give me a call.

I have heard that the scam calls purporting to be from inland revenue have returned stating that a warrant has been issued for your arrest for unpaid tax, ignore the call and report it, if any call causes any problems please give me a call.

Have a good month and take care Alan

Road Closure Notice - Bagshill Road, Throwley

For Gas mains replacement along between Parsonage Stocks Road and the A251.

The closure is planned between 3rd June to 21st June. Due to the nature of the works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside working hours. Diversion is via Ashford Road, Old Badgins Road and Parsonage Stocks Road.