



Special Service for Mothering Sunday 10th March

10am at Stalisfield Church. This will be short service and if parents would like their children to read, please phone Kate on 01233 712422. Please could children paint or draw a picture of their Mum and bring it with them.

Happy Mother's Day

Club 8 - 13yrs

Friday 8th March 6.15pm
Friday 22nd March 6.15pm
Craft and Games
50p per session.
Champion Hall,
Painter's Forstal

SMILE LINES

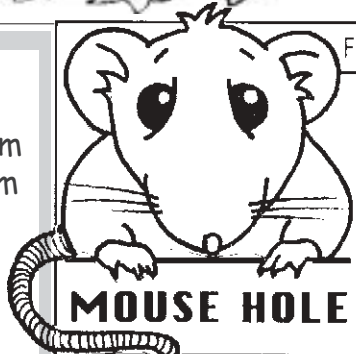
How many days belong to the year?
Three hundred and sixty five?
No. 325 - the rest are Lent!

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Cook
Cook who?
Oh, that's the first one I've heard this year

Sunday Newstyle

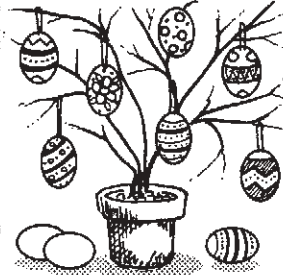
10th March
Eastling Church
10.30am

'Blest are the pure in heart for they shall see God'
Speaker: Revd Walter Robbins
Breakfast of Fresh Coffee and Hot Croissants from 10am.



MOUSE HOLE

Easter Tree

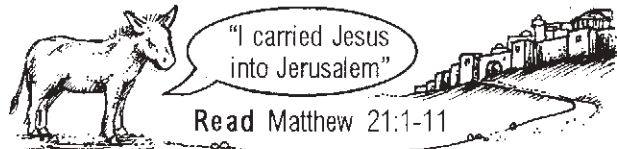


Have you ever made an Easter tree? Put large twigs or small branches into a pot full of sand or small stones. You can buy decorated wooden eggs or you can make your own: Carefully 'blow' eggs from their shells and...
1. Paint the shells. Glue on ribbon to hang...or



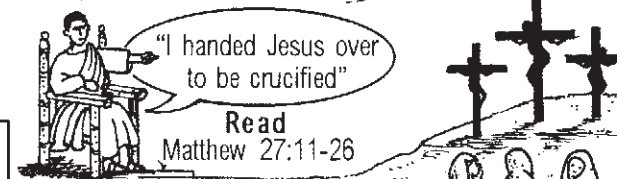
2. Fill the empty eggshell with plaster. Peel off the shell when set then decorate.... or
3. Cover the empty shells with a layer of papier-mache. Paint when dry. Hang your Palm Cross on the tree too.

From my home in the church I learn about all sorts of things...



"I carried Jesus into Jerusalem"

Read Matthew 21:1-11



"I handed Jesus over to be crucified"

Read Matthew 27:11-26



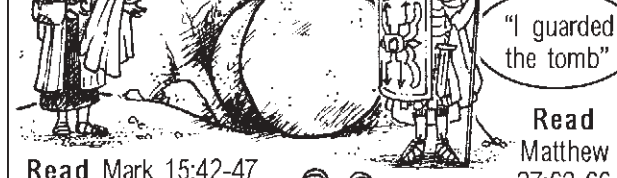
"I nailed Jesus to the cross"

Read Mark 15:16-32



"I laid his body in my tomb"

Read Mark 15:33-41



"I guarded the tomb"

Read Matthew 27:62-66



"We saw the empty tomb"

Read Matthew 28:1-10

"And spoke to the angel"



Jesus is alive! He ate a meal with me"

"We know Jesus too, he's our friend"

Read Luke 24:13-35



Good News

Parish Magazine March 2002



Lent Lunches

Open to all.
Lunch of soup and roll
12 noon - 2pm every Friday
until 22nd March in the
Alexander Centre,
Faversham.
Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Study groups meeting during Lent.

'In the Wilderness'
Mondays
10am at 9 Brogdale Road
Wednesdays
8pm at 127 Athelstan Road,
Faversham
and
8pm at Woodbine Cottage,
Newnham Lane, Eastling.
All welcome.



Mothering Sunday 10th March

10am Special Service at Stalisfield
(See back cover for more details)
10.30am Sunday Newstyle at
Eastling
11am Holy Communion at
Ospringe



Services in Holy Week

Palm Sunday 24th March
8am Holy Communion at Stalisfield
10am Family Service at Eastling
11am Family Communion at Ospringe

Maundy Thursday 28th March
7.30pm Holy Communion at Ospringe

Good Friday 29th March
Procession of Witness leaves United Church, Preston Street at 10.30am to walk to the market place for a short service led by Revd. Tony Oehring
Devotional Service
12 noon - 1pm
Eastling Church



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

A Lenten Message

Matthew 4. 1-11 *The Temptations of Jesus* was the theme for a talk by Revd. Pat Pollard at the beginning of Lent.

Temptation always has that element of good sense about it, which makes the sin so appealing. It seems the one thing about common sense is that it isn't! Sin seems so plausible.

We can imagine that Eve could be praised for wanting to stretch the limits of her, and Adam's, potential; wisdom for the human race was arguably a sensible step in promotion terms.

The darker side of temptation is that the good sense masks the basic clear fact that doing, or saying, or thinking this particular thing is simply wrong.

In Adam or Eve's case the serpent's suggestion went against God's instructions and resulted in them choosing to be disobedient.

Typically, that which initially looks so attractive, turns out to be misery and confusion. The pattern of temptation and sin is a depressing one for which we can all bring regretful and painful examples to mind.

At which point God's plan for mending and healing springs thankfully into action in the person of Jesus, who is tempted in exactly the same way as we are.

First, Satan goes for personal well-being and comfort; making stones into bread - he was hungry! But, when Jesus stands firm on what is really important, rather than self-centred needs, Satan goes for another favourite, self-doubt.

He suggests a good and foolproof way for Jesus to test whether or not He really is God's Son.

But, if we look at the answer, we find He is remembering that putting God to the test like this (as the people of Israel had done at Massah in the wilderness [Exodus 17.7]), is an insult to God's to love and faithfulness.

So, Satan is clever.

He goes for the jugular. He homes in on Jesus' loyalty to His Father and His love and respect for Him.

Satan suggests a clever and speedy way to please God by claiming all the people and presenting them to the Father, just as He is genuinely hoping to do.

BUT, and there is a big but here, the catch is that Jesus will need to pay for the privilege by worshipping Satan.

Satan has gone too far now, he has blown his cover.

Now he makes it plain who he is and how evil the plan is.

So, the battle is over, at least for the time being.

If we can copy Jesus by clinging on to the real underlying truths during our temptations, they will eventually emerge to be seen as obviously wrong.

The danger in temptation is the point when we are being won over by the persuasive attraction and plausibility, so that our hold on what is right and good is temporarily loosened and we are caught off balance.

Balance is very important, and there are slippery slopes in life, some more obvious than others! When we are off balance, it is much easier to fall or be knocked over. I know!

Thankfully, Jesus did much more than wade through terrible temptation without sinning. He went on to take on freely the punishing cursed death which results from sin, and so opened the way back into the garden of hope and promise.

So we hold on to Jesus in faith. He enables us to exchange lasting death for full and everlasting life.

I know about the 10 commandments, but what about:

Wear your seat belt.

Don't lean out of the window of a moving train.

Don't play on the railway line.

Don't put poison in old lemonade bottles.

They are good sensible rules and they are worth keeping. They protect our lives.

And so it is with God's rules, they are sensible and protect our lives. I know the Genesis story, the fruit that looks so tasty. Temptation usually does. Human beings tend not to be very good at resisting temptation, but because Jesus went through it, God understands. He will give us the strength we need, but it won't be easy. In fact, it can be very hard.

So Jesus told us to pray about it everyday;

Lead us not into temptation.....

Amen.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

This month I thought I would share with you the poem read at Frank Kite's funeral by his daughter, Wendy. It was most moving. It is a privilege to play for these occasions especially when, among the sadness, we can celebrate a wonderfully fulfilled life.

Wendy's son, Richard, when he was 12, was asked to write a description of a relative for his school project, "Me". This was in 1975.

"My Grandpa.

He is about 5 10 . He wears glasses and has very thick and long eyebrows. His hair is very short and grey in a few places. He hates getting dressed up for Weddings and Fetes because he is a farmer and wears usually an old dark jacket and tatty trousers. He is extremely strong and has very rough hands. One of his fingers is squashed due to putting it through a mangle when he was very young. He is 61 years old and I think he works very hard on the farm. Every morning he is up at 5.30 a.m. no matter what time he had got to bed and what the weather was like in the morning. He has a quick snack of Jacob's Cream Crackers and a cup of tea, then he goes out to work on the farm. He comes in about 9.00a.m. for breakfast and then he is off to work again. He does a lot of other work as well. He is Chairman of the Parish Council and a Warden of the Church. Also he is President of a club of local businessmen. I think he is a very nice man and although he is very strict with us, we all love him very much."

Wendy writes, "This is how his grand-children saw my father, as I did, but so many others too. He lived by the idea of the words of a song, "If I can help somebody as I pass along my way, then my living shall not be in vain." This is how we all remember him and why we have loved him. He shaped our lives and made us all better people because we have known him and been loved by him."

Vicky Shepherd.

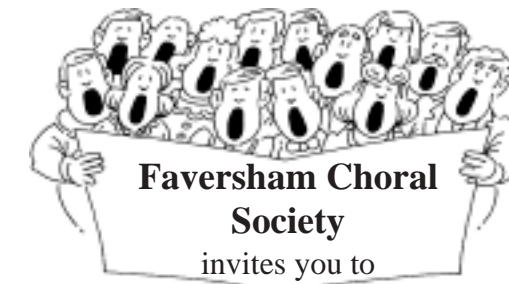
CHOIR REPORT

The Choir took the opportunity during half-term to sing at Carnalea and at The Almshouses Chapel.

Lauren has been asked to sing for the Swale Festival at The Gospel Mission Band Concert and for Katy and Wayne's Wedding here on 30th March with our Choir backing her. Wayne is a colleague of Lauren's Dad.

We will continue to have short Choir Practices before the Services, 10.15 a.m. on the 1st Sunday each month, and 10.25a.m. for 10.30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We are having practices on Wednesdays, 6 - 6.45 p.m. and they are in Church in the parish room where it will be warm. We are STILL enjoying the bars of chocolate Father Christmas left!

Vicky Shepherd.



'Come and Sing' with us or 'Listen' to

THE CRUCIFIXION

by Sir John Stainer

A performance from scratch at
Faversham Parish Church
Saturday 23rd March 2002

Rehearsal 3.00pm

Performance 7.00pm

Admission - £5 singers (includes music score & tea - limited scores available

- please bring a copy if you can)

£3 audience

(all tickets available at the door.)

For further information tel: 538882

WHEN I AM GONE

*When I am gone, please,
Do this for me;
Walk sometimes, all alone,
In the quiet of a wood.
Feel the beauty of the trees,
Watch the buds of early Spring,
Smell the air and hear
The whisper of the leaves.
Find there the healing,
And in your peace,
Learn to be at one
With Nature and with God,
And you will always find me there.*

*When I am gone, please,
Do this for me;
Teach your children
To look and see - to really see,
The fluffy swish of a squirrel's tail
The beauty in a flower,
A bank of violets, soft and shy,
A primrose hidden in the hedge,
Or a rainbow in an April shower.*

*Show them snowdrops, lilies and gladioli,
Blossoms and blooms all white,
Yet still to love the wonder of
The velvet feel of a deep red rose,
The sky flushed gold in the morning light.
Teach them how to look and see,
The glory in a ruin,
In the darkest corners, a ray of hope,
And the beauty of this world.*

*When I am gone, please,
Do this for me;*

*Show your children -
As I have tried to show you,
How to love - really love.
Don't be afraid to let them see,
How very much you feel.
Let your love shine out
In your eyes and smile,
When words alone can't heal.*

*Teach them to look in people's eyes,
And help them look in yours,
To see the heart, and not the faults,
The inside, not the shell,
To ease the hurt, not be the cause.*

*When I am gone, please,
Do this for me;
Tell your children
How much we care - really care,
That whenever they may need us
We always will be there,
And you will find that if you do,
Then they'll be there for you.*

*Love and you will be loved,
Give and you will receive,
I know that this is true.
As ye sow, so shall ye reap
An hundred fold, as I have done,
And thank my God
For his gift of you.*

*Do this for me, please
When I am gone.
Walk sometimes in a wood alone,
Think of me and love me still,
As I will you.*

Wendy E. Darr

Prayer Pointers

March 2002

- Sundays That we use the remainder of Lent wisely.
- Mondays Those for whom the Easter message has no meaning.
- Tuesdays Mothering Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services in the Benefice.
- Wednesdays For all clergy and ministers at this busy time.
- Thursdays For good industrial relations in the public sector.
- Fridays That Christians in Palestine may be able to celebrate Easter in peace and safety.
- Saturdays That prayers inspired by the *Women's World Day of Prayer* may continue into the future.



MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

On 5th January we held our annual Wave of Prayer meeting in which we follow a set service of hymns, prayers, lighting candles and the placing of flags on a map of the world which indicate our link with the dioceses of Lesotho, Bermuda, Cyangugu, the Philippines and Kebbi.

On 13th January, during the 11.00 a.m. Communion Service, we welcomed three new members into the Mothers' Union.

During our monthly meeting we held our Election of Officers. The following were proposed and seconded:-

Branch Leader Revd. Pat Pollard
Treasurer Mr. Reg Tumber
Secretary Mrs. Carol Marshall

Our Tea Ladies, June and Norma, agreed to continue providing a welcome service. We are grateful to Kit Lusted who has agreed to continue leading the prayers during our short service prior to our meetings. Thank you to Caroline Holt for allowing us to use her home for our meetings.

Following our official business, Pat gave us a quiz on *The Christmas Story*, - we thought we knew all the answers but we didn't!!!

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March

This year's service has been prepared by the women of Romania.

The theme is *Challenged to Reconcile*. Through this day of prayer and in the days to come will we, as a nation and as individuals, take up the challenges of reconciliation? Will we respond with words and deeds spurred on by the courage and fortitude of our friends in Romania? People of all ages and from many different backgrounds will be celebrating this Day of Prayer.

Will you join them?

Services in Faversham are

**2pm The United Church,
Preston Street**

8pm St. Catherine's Church
the speaker for both services will be Tony Budell from British Humanitarian Aid.

Everyone, men & women, will be welcome. Crèche facilities at the afternoon service.

Our Programme for this Year is:-

February 27th Talk on Canada (Vicky Shepherd)
March 27th Talk on London
Marathon & Gt. Ormond St. Hospital by Ann Morris (To be confirmed)
April 24th Talk on the Tower of London (D. Pritchard)
May 29th Talk on Lace (Revd. Bill and Sylvia Hornsby)
June 26th Summer Lunch
July 31st Talk (To be arranged)

August 28th Garden Party
September 25th Talk (Revd. Oehring)
October 30th Talk on South Africa (Pam Clark)
November 27th Planning Meeting and Christmas Quiz
December Christmas Lunch

Anyone wishing to join us for any of the above, please contact the Rev. Pat Pollard (535407) for further details.
Carol Marshall

"From Our Own Correspondent"

As some of you may know, Mark Baxter (Pim and Andrew's son) is on a three-month project in India, organised through an organisation called Changing Worlds. He has settled in very well and is clearly enjoying a very different lifestyle as the following excerpts from his e-mails show:

Mark's first week in Chennai (Madras)

Vannakkam and greetings from India. WOW, what a country - a country where the cows and goats own the roads and you don't have to be crazy to drive here but it really helps! The amount of traffic is amazing - what seems like thousands of rickshaws bustling about followed by huge buses with people hanging off the roof and sides. We went to see a few Hindu temples and we had to take our shoes off. It was a little strange because everyone was looking at us and were intrigued by us.

After the first week.

I am now living in a village called Nedungundram about an hour away from Chennai and I'm working in a school for first generation children. This means that nearly everyone in their families is illiterate and these children are the first to have any education. They are very poor and most live in run down houses and huts.

I teach for about five hours a day and my lessons include history, geography, P.E. and English. The ages range from 4 to 15. We are also arranging a festival for March 1st and it is rumoured that about four thousand people will attend and I am also directing a western dance for four of the children who will be dancing in the festival.

The people are very friendly and the countryside is amazing. My host family is great and they have helped me immensely. They are very pleased with the work I am doing with the children and have asked me to stay on for a few more months. The weather is terribly hot and in April they say it will creep up to 48 degrees. The nights are beautiful and always clear. It is so nice to be living in the country. I am making loads of Indian friends and have even been adopted by a baby goat called Balaji. It just follows me everywhere, even to my classes, which I always have outside. He is not dangerous so I don't see any harm in it. I have had the privilege to go to several Indian weddings and Brahmin weddings last up to three days. Wow!!!

I am still a bit funny about the food but I have managed to overcome it a lot since I have been here. I think my tastebuds are finally getting used to the spice.

I love teaching and the children are lovely and very respectful. The teachers have been nothing but helpful and I feel very much at home here.

Mark Baxter

Even God had trouble with the kids!

Whenever your kids are out of control you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to God's kids. After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. He said to them "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden except....."

"Except what?" Adam asked.

"Don't eat the Forbidden Fruit because it will harm you." God replied.

"Forbidden fruit?"

"We got Forbidden Fruit? Hey, Eve, we got Forbidden Fruit!"

"No way!"

"WAY!!!"

"Don't eat that fruit!" said God.

"Why?"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" said God, wondering why He hadn't stopped after making the elephants.

A few minutes later God saw the kids having an apple break and was angry. "Didn't I just tell you not to eat that fruit?" the First Parent asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied.

"Then why did you?"

"I dunno," Eve answered.

"She started it!" Adam said.

"Did not!"

"DID so!"

"DID NOT!"



*'I know, let's blame the serpent...
...he just won't have a leg to stand on!'*

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own... Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed. But there is reassurance in this story. If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give them wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be too hard on yourself. If even God had trouble handling his children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

43 Lea
40 Dais
39 Vania
37 Baba
35 Martha
34 Uzi
33 Judas
32 Solomon
31 Stephen
30 Mat
25 Fez
23 Ham
22 Eve
20 Goo
19 Moa
18 Oat
16 Lot
14 Ear
10 Hosea
8 Inns
7 Smog
6 Kathuna
5 Sea
4 Levites
3 Malachi
2 Aaron
DOWN

46 Nassau
45 Canaan
44 Sara!
42 Bethlehem
41 Oca
38 David
37 Beaste
36 Two
34 Uz
32 Sejm
29 Amos
28 To
27 Am
26 Do
24 If
21 Seth
19 Mag!
18 Or
17 Hue
15 Talents
13 Genus
12 Oda
11 Levathan
9 Myrrh
4. Lusaka
1. Balaam
ACROSS

OSPRINGE DEANERY SYNOD

Ospringe Deanery Synod has been looking at a development plan.

Following discussions at our September meeting and separate meetings of the Pastoral and Finance committees, the February meeting to be held in Eastling village hall on 28th, will continue the process.

Our mission statement **Working together for Christ's Kingdom** takes the shape of Bishop Stephen's paper 'Growing Forward Together'. (You may have read in the February edition of Outlook, summaries by our two Bishops and others.)

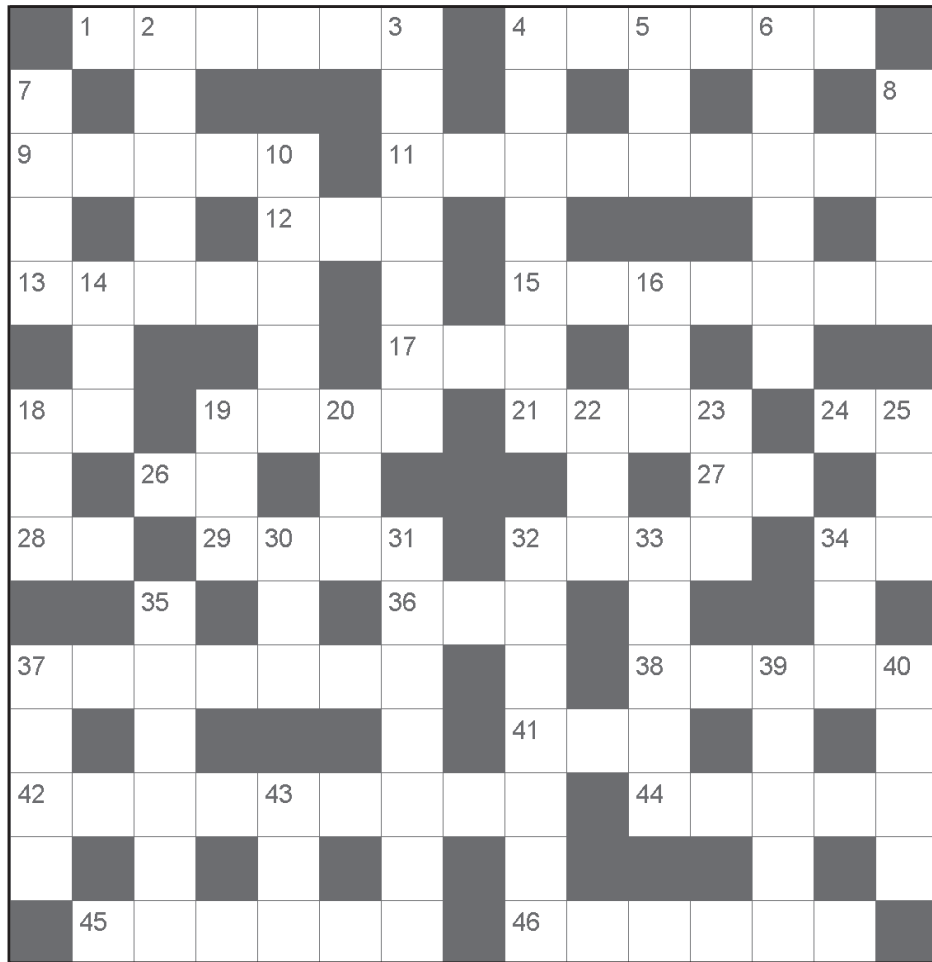
We will be looking at where the Deanery fits into church life and what it means to different people. How all the parishes and benefices can work together, helping with ideas, running courses, sharing ministry etc..

One of the main areas under discussion at Synod and with parish Treasurers, is the matter of funding. In 2004 the Diocese will hand over the financial running to each Deanery. Our Finance committee has to have a procedure in place to accommodate this. It involves quite a lot of money, but with some parishes unable to pay their way, and subsidies from the Diocese ceasing in 2004, plans have to be made cover all eventualities. The Deanery Synod is a forum for all the clergy in the area and lay members elected from our Parochial Church Councils. I will report further on the developing plan next month.

Hilary Harlow

CLUES ACROSS

- 1 A Gentile prophet of the Old Testament (6)
 4 Capital of Zambia (6)
 9 One of the gifts brought by the Wise Men (5)
 11 A Biblical term for a huge scaly monster (9)
 12 Room within a harem (3)
 13 Class (5)
 15 Abilities (7)
 17 Tint (3)
 18 Otherwise (2)
 19 The Three Wise Men of the East (4)
 21 Third son of Adam and Eve (4)
 24 Providing (2)
 26 Perform (2)
 27 Part of the verb 'to be' (2)
 28 In the direction of (2)
 29 One of the twelve books of the Minor Prophets (4)
 32 Parliament of Poland (4)
 34 Job was a resident of which land (2)
 36 How many fish did Christ have to feed the 5000 (3)
 37 Small animal (7)
 38 Who was the slayer of Goliath (5)
 41 Wood sorrel (3)
 42 The town which was the birthplace of Christ (9)
 44 Who was the wife of Abram (5)
 45 An earlier name for the land of Palestine (6)
 46 Capital of the Bahamas (6)



CLUES DOWN

- 2 The brother of Moses (5)
 3 The last prophetic book of the Old Testament (7)
 4 The members of the tribe of Levi (7)
 5 Ocean (3)
 6 Native Hawaiian priest (6)
 7 Smoke combined with fog (4)
 8 Taverns (4)
 10 The first of the Minor Prophetic books (5)
 14 Organ of hearing (3)
 16 Who's wife was turned into a pillar of salt (3)
 18 Cereal grass (3)
 19 Extinct flightless bird (3)
 20 Sticky substance (3)
 22 The first woman and wife of Adam (3)
 23 The second son of Noah (3)
 25 Turkish headwear (3)
 30 Floor covering (3)
 31 The first Christian martyr (7)
 32 The second son of David and Bathsheba, and builder of the temple (7)
 33 The disciple who betrayed Jesus (5)
 34 Type of submachine gun (3)
 35 The sister of Mary and Lazarus (6)
 37 Small yeast cake (4)
 39 Miscellany (5)
 40 Raised platform (4)
 43 Meadow (3)

The Solution is upside down on next page.

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Service in the benefice in September 2002.



If you would like to consider being confirmed, please let the clergy know. There will be separate preparation sessions later in the summer for teenagers and adults.

To register an interest at this stage....

Adults - please contact

The Revd. Penny Fenton (536366)

Teenagers - please contact

The Revd. Pat Pollard (535407)

WEEKEND AWAY

3rd - 6th May 2002

For nearly 30 years the people of St. Michael & All Angel's Church at Blackheath (Leigh & Arch Dyson's old church) have enjoyed weekends away together to make new friends, get to know each other better and explore the local beauty spots as well as some of the truths of Christianity. Once again the venue will be Ashburnham Place, a former stately home near Battle in East Sussex, where we hope many of us from our Eastling/Ospringe/Stalisfield benefice will be able to join them. A wide variety of accommodation in comfortable rooms with double, twin or single beds has been booked and there will be some dormitory spaces for either boys or girls. There are no *en suite* facilities at Ashburnham.



The food is excellent and the cost of the weekend is on a full-board basis, which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as morning coffee and afternoon tea (with cakes).

For babies and tots The Ark provides a safe and secure nursery area together with a kitchen for the preparation of milk or baby foods. Cots will be provided if requested in advance on the booking form. Facilities exist for table-tennis, football, volley- b a l l , croquet, s w i m -

These weekends are always fully booked so PLEASE book as soon as you can.

ming (in the lake), boating (bring your own canoe) and fishing. There is a book shop to browse in and a games room. The house is set in 220 acres of grounds and lakes laid out by Capability Brown with wonderful walks and a nature trail. It has its own beautiful 14th Century parish church. Ashburnham is within easy reach of Hastings, Eastbourne, Rye, Lewes, Beachy Head and many other favourite spots.



ASHBURNHAM PLACE

"Real Christians"

The Revd. **Gary Jenkins**, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Redhill, has been asked to lead the sessions entitled *Real World, Real Christians* which will invite us to look at the way we live in the rush and turmoil of today.

In addition there will be special activities for kids led by Sarah Ingram, a professional Children & Young

People's worker and her husband Charlie.

There will be time for discussion on matters spiritual, practical and enjoyable, and if the weather is good we'll hold a singsong one evening around a camp fire near one of the lakes. There'll be fun and laughter too, with perhaps sketches, jokes and songs and a quiz evening.

Prices:

From evening meal on Friday 3rd to lunch on Monday 6th, full board (breakfast, lunch and evening meal), also including morning coffee and afternoon tea.

Adults	£120
Students (5 - 17 inclusive)	£65
Children under 5	£15
Babes in arms	Free
Day visitors with evening meal or Sunday lunch	£8.00

Please notify in advance.

Booking forms are available in our churches or from Leigh Dyson, phone 890149 (answer phone, please leave a message).

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Services in our Benefice

3rd March 3rd Sunday in Lent

Romans 5. 1 - 11, John 4. 5 - 42

Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Family Service

5th March

Whitehill Chapel	2.15pm	Holy Communion
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10th March Mothering Sunday

Colossians 3. 12 - 17, Luke 2. 33 - 35

Eastling	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)
Stalisfield	10am	Mothering Sunday Service
Eastling	10.30am	Newstyle
Ospringe	11am	Holy Communion(CW) for Mothering Sunday
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School

17th March 5th Sunday in Lent

Romans 8. 6 - 11, John 11. 1 - 45

Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Family Service

24th March 2nd Palm Sunday

Matthew 21. 1 - 11

Stalisfield	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10am	Family Service
Whitehill Chapel	11am	People's Choice
Ospringe	11am	Family Communion
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School

28th March Maundy Thursday

Ospringe	7.30pm	Holy Communion (CW)
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29th March Good Friday

United Church, Fav.	10.30am	Procession of Witness
Eastling	12 - 1pm	Devotional Service

31st March Easter Day

Romans 5. 1 - 11, John 4. 5 - 42

Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Holy Communion (CW)

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

Priest in Charge Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366)
9 Brogdale Road, Faversham.

Curate Reverend Patricia Pollard (01795 535407)
7 Arthur Salmon Close, Faversham.

Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)
Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling

Reader in Training Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)
4 Meesons Close, Eastling, Faversham

Methodist Minister Reverend Chris Esgate
esgate@bluecarrots.com (01795 532461)

Churchwardens

Ospringe	Mr. G. Shepherd	
	Mr. P. Larter	(01795 531044)
Eastling	Mr. N. Fowler	(01795 890412)
	Mrs A. Cheeseman	(01795 890629)
Stalisfield	Mrs J. West	(01795 890285)
	Mrs H. Galer	(01795 890780)

Steward Whitehill Miss B. Richards (01795 532756)

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

If you would like to submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution by the 15th of the month preceding publication to Mrs E. Brown, Firs Cottage, 23 Ospringe Place, Faversham. ME13 8TB (e-mail: gandejbrown@btinternet.com)

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, please contact Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA 01795 890338 (e-mail: h.f.harlow@talk21.com)

From the Registers

Baptisms

27th January 2002 at Eastling
JOE FREDERICK Hanney

27th January 2002 at Ospringe
BRANDON ANDREW Springett

Funerals

6th February 2002 Cremation at Charing
Ronald Albert Frank (Ron) PORTAGE

8th February 2002 Burial at Ospringe
Leonard (Len) ABBOTT

8th February 2002 Burial at Ospringe
following funeral at Hoath
Edward James (Jimmy) GOODSSELL

15th February 2002 Burial at Love Lane
Ronald William (Ron) MONK

Promising Start for Computer Courses.

Following the recent successful launch of Canterbury College's adult computer training at Eastling School, the project co-ordinator, Richard Jonas, now has a programme of further training planned for the next few months. The new courses take the form of learning packages as follows:

Package 1 - a certificated twelve week programme focussing on general computing and ABC word processing skills - Tuesday mornings from 9 30am - 12 30pm

Package 2 - a certificated twelve week programme focussing on general computing and ABC word processing skills - Tuesday evenings from 6 pm - 9 pm

Package 3 - a certificated twelve week programme focussing on general basic computing skills - Tuesday afternoons from 1.15 - 3 15pm

These programmes will run from 26th February - 18th June, as follows.

Week	Date	Week	Date
1	26/02/02	7	07/05/02
2	05/03/02	8	14/05/02
3	12/03/02	9	21/05/02
4	19/03/02	10	28/05/02
5	23/04/02	11	11/06/02
6	30/04/02	12	18/06/02

Cost will be £21 per package {or free if on qualifying benefits}. Demand for these courses is expected to be high, so early booking is recommended. To book up for any of the above, please telephone Karen Khan on 01227 811224 {between 9 am and 2.30 pm}.



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Eastling Parish Council

March Meeting

Eastling Parish Council meets in Eastling Village Hall on Monday, 11 March at 8pm. As always, the meeting is open to the public who may attend and hear the proceedings. The first 15 minutes of the meeting is available for villagers to raise matter of local interest or concern.

Annual Parish Meeting

Eastling villagers may wish to note the date for their Annual Parish Meeting. It will be held on Monday, 22 April, in Eastling Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. As usual, the Meeting will provide an opportunity for hearing about the work of Parish Council and other local organisations during the past 12 months.

Crime Hotline

Swale Neighbourhood Watch Office has launched a new Information Hotline. Sponsored by Swale Housing Association, the service is very similar to the national Crime Stoppers free-phone line, but is local to the Swale area. Calls are free and people who wish to provide information that may help in solving or preventing crime can remain anonymous. The hotline will be manned between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday; outside these hours an answerphone will be in operation. The free hotline number is 0808 1003308. The new hotline is not a replacement for the 999 system for serious emergencies nor for contacting the local Police on 01795 477055 to report specific crime.

Diary

March 2002

1st Women's Day of Prayer	2pm	United Church, Preston Street
1st Women's Day of Prayer	8pm	St. Catherine's Ch., Preston
2nd Wine and Wisdom		Ospringe School
7th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
8th 8 - 13 Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
11th Gardeners' Club	7.45pm	Champion Hall
11th Eastling Parish Council	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
12th Study/discussion group	8pm	Newhouse Farm, E'ling
13th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Champion Hall
15th DEADLINE for April Magazine	12 noon	23 Ospringe Place
16th Jumble Sale	2pm	Eastling School
18th Neame Cup Quiz Final	7pm	Champion Hall
19th Women's Institute	2.15pm	Champion Hall
21st Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
22nd 8 - 13 Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
23rd Crucifixion Rehearsal	3pm, Concert 7pm,	Fav. Parish Church
23rd Israel in Egypt	7.30pm	St. Peter, Whitstable
23rd Bingo Night		Ospringe School
26th Easter Coffee Morning	9.30am	Champion Hall
26th Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
27th Mothers' Union		
APRIL 6th Wine and Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
17th Otterden Parish Meeting	7.30pm	Otterden Place
22nd Eastling Annual Parish Meeting	7.30pm	Village Hall
MAY 11th Morning of Magic & Mystery		Eastling Village Hall
JUNE 8th Barbecue		Eastling Village Hall
JULY 27th Concert		Stalisfield Church
AUGUST 24 - 26 Flower Festival		Ospringe Church

A Date for Your Diaries

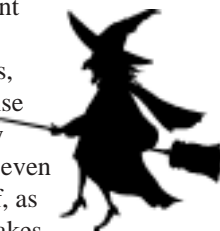
Further to my note in last month's Good News, I don't think it will be possible to have another Eggstravaganza before Easter, as there is do much going on in March. However, we are planning a

MORNING OF MAGIC AND MYSTERY

on
SATURDAY 11TH MAY

(in and around the Village Hall),
in aid of Colon Cancer Concern.

There will be a Treasure Hunt for The Ring, a fancy dress competition for fairies, elves, hobbits, trolls and anyone else from Middle Earth. Possibly some Maypole dancing and even a visit from Gandalf himself, as well as the usual stalls for cakes, plants, books, children's clothes (nice, not jumble) and so on. So come on, all you Lords (and Ladies) of the Rings - let's see if we can have as enjoyable and successful time as we did last year. Any offers of help (of any kind) will, of course, be much appreciated, and a big thank you to all my kind friends who have already volunteered for action.



I must also thank everyone who has already responded so generously to my Marathon appeal. I have been so touched by the phone calls, pledges, cheques and cash I have received over the last couple of weeks - my fundraising has got off to a magnificent start.

Thank you so much.

Sarah Palmer.

Saturday, 8th June 2002 4 'til 8 p.m.

Barbecue and fun for all the family at Eastling Village Hall in aid of Hall funds.

Further details to follow.

The Annual General Meeting of the Otterden Parish Meeting

will be held on
Wednesday 17th April
at Otterden Place
starting at 7.30pm.

GOING FREE

Silver Cross Pram and small baby car seat.

Do you know anyone or any organisation who would like these? Phone Hilary Galer on 01795 890780.

Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 14th March at 8pm Peter Ewart will reveal the fate of the 19th Century poor in a talk on LIFE IN THE VICTORIAN WORKHOUSE.

The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing. Everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members of the Society pay £1.

Afternoon Club

Details of this year's outing will be available at a later date.

Activities for March are as follows:

- 7th Board Games
- 21st Board Games.
- Rodney.

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 23rd draw in February were:
1st- 42 2nd -67 3rd - 26

Chorus Angelorum
from Houston, Texas
will be visiting Stalisfield and Otterden in July.
They will sing a concert in Stalisfield Church on Saturday 27th July and on Sunday 28th 9am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Stalisfield and 3pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at Otterden Chapel.
More details later

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

Many thanks to all the people who donated items for our successful Jumble Sale and to all the helpers on the day. We still have a number of toddler-sized chairs & tables, and other excess playgroup items for sale. Please contact me for details.

Our **EASTER COFFEE MORNING** will be held at Painters Forstal on the last day of Spring Term - **Tuesday 26th March - 9.30am to 11.25am**. All Playgroup children are welcome to join in the Easter Festivities as well as any other siblings & friends for the normal fee of £3 per child. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to join us for Hot Cross Buns, cakes and tea or coffee. Our **EASTER EGG RAFFLE** will be drawn during the morning, tickets available now from Playgroup - 50p for 5. Any enquires to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.



Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The March meetings are as follows:-
Monday 11th - Mr Jack Harris will talk about Stonebridge Pond and the 'Wrinkles in Showing'. 7.45pm in the Champion Hall.

Monday 18th - Final of the Neame Cup Quiz, 7pm, but details on 11th. Dates for the Diary

June 8th - Saturday - Annual Coffee Morning, 10am - 12noon, 74 London Road, Faversham.

June 19th - Saturday - Summer Outing to Beth Chatto's. Further details from Faversham 533608.



Fill your basket with



Firstly, a very warm welcome is extended to Mr David Walsh and we look forward a developing a close partnership with him.



The Sponsored Skate

was held on 27th February and enjoyed by all those who took part. All sponsor money should be collected and handed in to the School Office in a sealed envelope by 20th March latest please.

We have a number of other fundraising events planned for the remainder of the half term -

The Grand Easter Quiz is available now from the School Office for £1 with the chance to win £20. All completed forms to be handed in to the office by Friday 19th April. Good Luck!!

The Easter Raffle tickets costing 50p a strip are now available from Andrea Dengate (Tel: 01795 890308) and Philippa Amos and will be

drawn at the end of term - lots of Easter Eggs to be won.

Our Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday 16th March at 2pm in the School Hall - any jumble can be brought to school at any time, contact Jill if there are any items you want collected.

The last day of Spring Term is Wednesday 27th March and Summer Term commences on Thursday 11th April.

HAPPY EASTER to you all!

Jill Seaman, tel: 01795 890519



Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

The March meeting will be in the Champion Hall at 2.15pm on Tuesday 19th.

Talk: 'A veritable feast of paintings' (Mrs J. Page)

Competition: Picture of Country Scene, also Flower of the Month.



Ospringe School Association

Book Week was happening as this magazine went to print so there will be a report next month.

If you would like to book a table at the Wine and Wisdom on Saturday 2nd March, or Bingo on Saturday 23rd March, please phone the school on 532004.

Jill Fagg

WINE and WISDOM SATURDAY 6th APRIL EASTLING VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

A Wine and Wisdom is being arranged for Saturday 6th April in the village hall. Tables of six at £4.00 per person can be booked by phone on 890242. The price includes your wine and nibbles, but please note, we shall not be doing the usual ploughman's supper this time. Please feel free to bring any refreshments you may require. The proceeds from this event will be shared between the village hall and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch.

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

A reminder that the next meeting of Ospringe Parish Council will be on Wednesday, 13th March 2002 in Whitehill Chapel, Painters Forstal commencing at 7.30pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Jill Seaman
Clerk to the Council

Memorial Lilies at Easter

If anyone would like to contribute towards the Memorial Lilies on Easter Day in our churches, would they contact the names below with their donation and the name/s they would like commemorated. It would be helpful if we know at least 10 days before Easter how much money we have to spend. If we can buy in good time, the price will be around £2 for each lily - in Holy Week the price goes up.

A list of names will be displayed in each Church.

Ospringe - Norma Curling,
01795 532630.

Eastling - Pippa West,
01795 890273.

Stalisfield - Vera Eckley,
01233 712944.

