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Advance date for your diaries!
EASTLING BLUEBELL WALK
will be on **May 1st**
(Bank Holiday Monday)
starting at
Eastling Village Hall at 11am.



Walks of varying length from short (3miles) to long (12miles). Maps and nature notes provided. Refreshments and teas in the village hall.
Come and enjoy the spring woods on May Day with some of the loveliest bluebells in Kent!
Proceeds in aid of toilets and kitchen facilities for Eastling Church.

Young People's Church
Ospringe

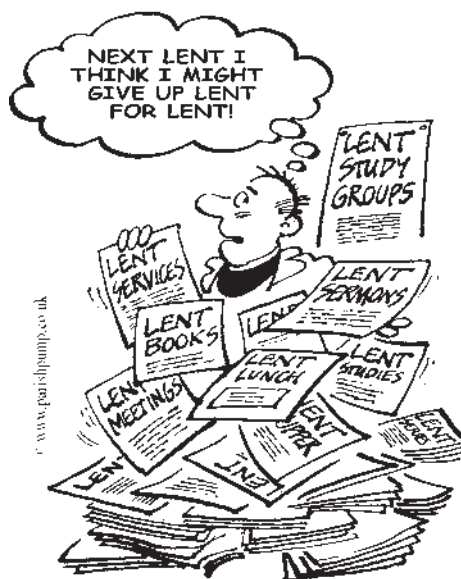
Family Service at 11am on 19th March
Special Mothering Sunday service at 11am on 26th March.

Eastling

S Club, 10am in the Village Hall, 19th March:
XSTREAM for 6 - 11 years and the GRID for over 11's.
Youngstyle on Mothering Sunday in church 10am on 26th March.
Contact number 890149.

Puppet Club

Rehearsals on March 4th and 18th, at 3pm in Eastling Village Hall.
Performance on 26th March in Stalisfield Church.
Angela Cheeseman 892 124



MOUSE HOLE

All in God's Hands

- Make a bowl from clay or papier-mache. Inside the bowl paint two hands together.
- Write your prayers on paper, fold, then put in the bowl. Putting your prayers in the prayer bowl reminds you that when you pray you put your prayers in the hands of God.

What do you say when you pray?

When I pray I say **THANK YOU** to God

When I pray I say **SORRY** and ask God to forgive me

When I pray I tell God about my **WORRIES** and ask him to help me

I pray for my **FAMILY** and **FRIENDS**

When I pray I think about how amazing God is

I talk to God all the time about all sorts of things!

What do you pray to God about ?

PATER NOSTER is Latin for 'Our Father'

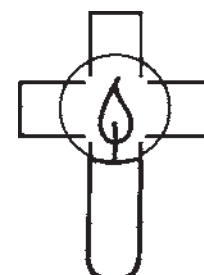
What words can you make with the letters from **PATER NOSTER** ?

Here are two to start you off...

PEAS TOAST

Zig-zag fold a sheet of thin card. Draw around your hand, make sure that your little finger and thumb overlap the edges so when you cut out your hand shape all the hands are joined together at the fingers and thumbs. Decorate with pictures and prayers. *Stick on more hands to make a longer zig-zag book.*

Good News
Parish
Magazine
March 2006



LENT

Ash Wednesday
1st March
Ospringe Church
3pm Iona Style Communion led by Revd. Jacqui Henry.
Eastling Church
2.30pm Celtic Prayer led by Revd. Angela Cheeseman



Mothering Sunday
26th March

Everyone welcome at these **special services** with children's presentation of gifts for Mothers:
10am at Stalisfield with Puppet Club performance
10am at Eastling
11am at Ospringe

Lent Lunches

12 noon -2pm on Fridays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 30th March and 7th April at the Alexander Centre in Faversham. You can enjoy a lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese with tea or coffee to follow, for only £2.50. Proceeds go to Christian Aid. The lunches are supplied by churches in the Faversham Town area and Ospringe is responsible for the last one on 7th April. Do come and support us and Christian Aid.
Offers of help to Revd Jacqui Henry please.

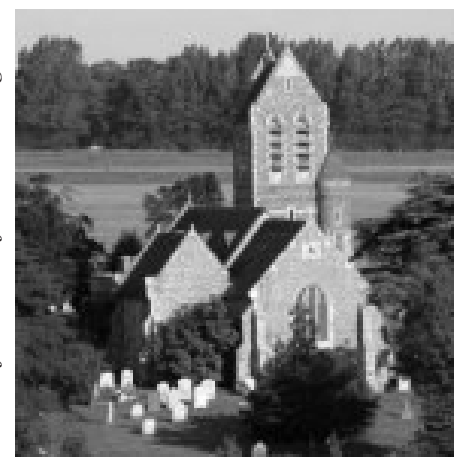


Welcome to Revd. Ali Duguid

to be licensed Priest in Charge of Ospringe and Davington
7.15 pm
Thursday 16th March 2006,
in Ospringe Church
followed by refreshments in Ospringe School Hall.

Space is limited so anyone who would like to attend the service but has not received an invitation by March 1st should contact Clare Larter (Admin. assistant), on 01795 531044, after Thursday March 2nd.

Photos from www.faversham.org



From the new Priest in Charge of Ospringe and Davington - Revd Ali Duguid.

Dear Friends

I start my letter that way as I hope it is what we will become!

I am really looking forward to coming to Davington and Ospringe and can see that we have some exciting times ahead, which I hope we will face and journey into together. In time we will, I am sure get to know each other well, but briefly; I shall be moving into the Vicarage on my own- my eldest son Ben (29) is married to Caroline with a son Zachary (1yr) (I am a very besotted granny!) living in Charlton. Ben works in the computer world in London. My second son Joe (26) lives in Sydney (Oz) and will marry Amelia in October this year. Joe is a landscape gardener, dive Instructor and now learning carpentry, and my daughter Vicky (23) lives in Charlton with boyfriend James. She teaches Geography at Thamesmead Boys' Polytech. Married to an airline pilot for 20 years I have seen a lot of the world and since had a project in a village in Southern India, building them a community 'hall' (now finished). Immediately I am coming from Romney Marsh where I have served 6 Churches for my Curacy - all undergoing huge change and re-organisation, without the benefit of an Incumbent for most of the time. Before that I lived in a village in Surrey for 20 years, keeping various livestock!



Prior to that, I have lived in Reading, Maidenhead and Brighton (twice) though I was born in Walthamstow. My working life started with Nursing, and included motherhood, animal husbandry, a knitwear design business, hotel housekeeper and latterly PA at a residential Field Study Centre before studying for Ordination at Salisbury. My hobbies and interests are very varied, but mostly I enjoy gardening, music and underwater photography. A reluctant Ordinand (!) - I now love my job and really look forward to our future together - I hope you will help me as I ease into this new post and guide me into your community. I am looking forward to March 16th and hope to see you there
With love. Ali. (short for Alison - which I'm not fond of!)

Prayer Pointers



- Sundays For a good use of Lent.
- Mondays Those who feel useless or unwanted.
- Tuesdays The new Priest in Charge at Ospringe.
- Wednesdays The Women's World Day of Prayer services.
- Thursdays For greater responsibility in the media.
- Fridays For a lessening of inter-racial tensions in the world.
- Saturdays Christians in Iran and Iraq.

World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March



Service in Faversham:
2pm United Church, Preston Street, Faversham
This year's theme is
Signs of the Times
written by the Christian Women of South Africa
Refreshments after the service
All welcome

A Taizé Evening
organised by Rev. Peter Jacobs
on Sunday 2nd April,
at St. Dunstan's Canterbury.
"A Pilgrimage of Trust".
5 p.m. Practice. Tea 5.45 p.m.
Service 6.30 p.m. More
information from Vicky Shepherd.



Oasis
Sunday 5th March
11am Ospringe Church
Continuing our series on
**Jesus Christ, this month we
look at His Life.**
All welcome.
Contact number 535246.

Sunday Freestyle
12th March
10.30am Eastling Village Hall
This month looking at
The Wise and Foolish Virgins
Breakfast from 10am
All ages welcome
Plus TRAI DCRAFT Stall
Contact number 890338

Fairtrade Fortnight
6-19 March 2006

Annual Parochial Church Meetings
Eastling: Sunday 2nd April 2006,
11am in St. Mary's Church, Eastling.
Ospringe: Monday 3rd April 2006,
7.30pm in the Parish Room at
SS Peter and Paul Church, Ospringe.
Stalisfield: Tuesday 4th April 2006,
7.30pm in St Mary's Church,
Stalisfield.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

I am enjoying the snowdrops on Manor Pound opposite the start of Lower Road. Soon there will be other Spring flowers. I was privileged to drive out to St. Cosmos and St. Damian Church, Challock, for their Snowdrop Teas on Sundays, 12th and 19th February. The church is surrounded with snowdrops. It is also lovely to enjoy their homemade cakes and savouries at the same time as seeing their magnificent John Ward and other murals. Several parishioners were proud to show me his paintings of them! I also had time to chat with Doreen Austin who was a Deputy Head at Ospringe in the 1970s and she sent her best wishes to all former pupils and their parents. We do not forget you!!

We went to an 11 a.m. Eucharist Service at The Cathedral and they sang the Mozart Short Mass in B Flat. It was lovely. The newly consecrated Bishops from the Anglican Communion were there as they were at the International Study Centre for a week. It was a sea of RED! The Quire was full and over-flowing.

I found this poem very meaningful. My sister-in-law is a member of the Gordon Chapel, Fochabers near Elgin in Scotland. It is an Episcopal church where Brenda leads services and is their Parish Secretary. Recently a respected and much loved member, Ethel, died. This poem was found tucked behind a photograph of John, Ethel's husband, who died many years before Ethel. (Ethel Ricketts, 1918 to 2006.)

In my prayers I spoke to God and this is what was said.

I said, "God, I hurt".
God replied, "I know".

I said, "God, I am so depressed".
God replied, "That is why I created a beautiful world and gave you sunshine".

I said, "God, life is so hard".
And God said, "That is why I gave you loved ones".

I said, "God, my loved one died".
God said, "So did mine".

I said, "God, it is such a loss".
God said, "I saw mine nailed to a cross".

I said, "God, but Your loved one lives".
God replied, "and so does yours".

I said, "God, where are they now?"
And God said, " Mine is on My right and yours is in the light".

I said, "God, it hurts".
And God said, " I know".

The author is unknown.

Today, 14th February, my friend, Gracie, died in Carnalea. Four years ago we celebrated her 90th birthday in Church and I want to thank Mrs. Wake and the Staff for their love and care for Gracie and am thankful that she was able to keep her dignity to the end.
Vicky Shepherd.

Mothers' Union Notes.

We are delighted that our Leader, Brenda, is making good progress. We have missed her. We celebrated with an excellent Post-Christmas Lunch at The Dover Castle in Teynham. After Pat said Grace, the chatting only stopped whilst we were eating! We look forward to going there again.

Our February meeting is to be led by Vicky and is a Thoughts and Meditation on Psalm 23 with old and new sung versions included.. Our March meeting will be on the last Wednesday in the month, 29th March, at 2 p.m. in the Parish Room.

We have been in touch with Mary Rwubusisi, the wife of the Bishop of Cyanguu, in Rwanda who, with the M.U. worker Ruth, is doing sterling work among the families. Recently they celebrated 10 years of freedom from genocide and reflected on what had been achieved. Mary is very busy. The Church has grown. When Bishop Geoffrey and Mary came in 1999 there was one Archdeaconary and now there are two and 13 Parishes. They are busy enrolling new members.

She writes, "The MU groups are still active, you may recall we had a widows' fellowship. We still meet on Thursday afternoons at 2 p. m. They have changed from Misery to People full of Joy, and their experience with Christ has played a big role in this change. I really praise God for that. We also have another group of single mothers, their fellowship is on Monday afternoon at 2p.m. Mothers' Union fellowship I attend is every Friday at the Cathedral and the other parishes meet at the same time in their parishes.

MU at the Cathedral still cares for patients in the hospitals, we prepare food and feed those without care, orphans and widows." Geoffrey and Mary are from Uganda and when Pat, Carol and I met them in 1999 they spoke to us of the challenges ahead. Mary writes this about her family:- "My family is Great and it is growing every time, we have three Grand Children, Grace our first born has two children Emmanuel and Faith. Sadly she had a still birth for her third child in 2004.



We are looking forward to Revd. Ali's Licensing as our Priest-in-Charge on Thursday, 16th March. She has chosen some splendid hymns, which I know we will sing heartily, "Thy hand O God has guided", "As the deer pants for the water", "In Christ alone" and "We have a gospel to proclaim" and we are offering to her these words from John Rutter's "Clare Benediction":-
"May the Lord's loving kindness surround you: keep you safe as you journey on your way.
May He lead you and inspire you as he grants you the gift of each new day.
May He bless all your loved ones and cherish them, every friend, every stranger at your door.
In the name of His Son, our Saviour Christ,
May God bless you now and evermore."
I am sure you will agree that this is what we wish for her.
I hope you are enjoying the old photos of the Choir which I have put in Church and the recent one when we sang with Selling Choir at a Cathedral Service for Harvest Festival.
From 14th January, 2006. MU Prayer Diary.
"We give thanks for Church Leaders and pray that God will bless all who preach, teach, heal, build, reconcile and bring hope in their communities."

Christine, our second born, is married to Geoffrey. They have a five month old baby girl, Christabel. Sam, our third, is helping out at the Diocesan Health Centre. He has been a blessing to our work and the people of Cyanguu love him. Peter is at University doing Computer Engineering and Ruth is also at University finishing this April. All our girls are in Uganda and it is the boys who are with us in Rwanda."
Rwanda was a French colony so many speak French. We must ask Mary about this and what other languages are spoken in Rwanda.. For our action to "Make Poverty History" we want to send them things they need through Operation Sunshine and to continue to support other action led by Pam Bell and others in our Church.
"Dear God, may our M.U. members have welcome in their smiles and 'hello' etched upon their hands; the hands they extend to everyone who blesses them with their presence."
On behalf of Brenda Cardwell, M.U. Leader.



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Mozart - Vesperae solennes de confessore

Salieri - Coronation te deum

Beethoven - Symphony no.5 in C minor

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Tickets £20, £16, £12, £9, £6 available from Canterbury Bookings box office tel. 01227 378188 and The University music office tel. 01227 827335

Faversham Choral Society Handel's Messiah

25th March - 7.30pm

in the Assembly Hall of the Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Faversham.

Faversham Choral Society will be joined by Deal & Walmer Handelian Society & the Becker Ensemble to present the complete Messiah. Admission:- £8. Tickets available at Wyn's Flowers or Fleur de Lis.

Vivaldi GLORIA

11th April Newnham Church

12th April Eastling Church

Singers welcome to join the four part choir : Practices on Wednesdays, 8.15 - 9.45pm at Barbary, Norton.
Contact number 01795 521470

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Eastling Village Hall Trust AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting. These meetings will be held in the Hall on Monday, 10th April 2004 with the Trust AGM at 7.30 p.m. and the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.30 p.m.

The Trust is also accepting nominations for the two village representatives to serve on the Trust for the next year. Anyone who would like to put his or her name forward for election has to be 18 years of age or over. Further details and nomination forms (which need to be returned by Friday, 7th April) are available from Mrs Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling, telephone (01795) 890254.

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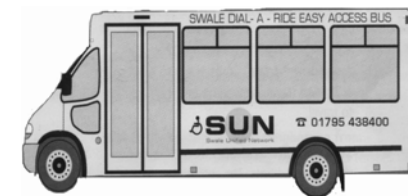
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We are hoping to start a network to help people in Eastling and Stalisfield in emergencies, who need items from Faversham - for example, prescriptions-and cannot get them themselves. For this we need volunteers. If you would like to help please contact Audrey Smith on 01795-890-469.

STUDENT EXPENSES

Are you a student in Higher or Further Education, or taking GCSEs or A levels? Do you live in Stalisfield, Otterden or Throwley?

Do your subjects include Religious Education, Religious Studies or Theology? Does the curriculum in these subjects include Christianity?

If you can answer 'yes' to all these questions, you are invited to apply to the Bunce Trust for some help with costs of books, equipment, exam fees etc.

The Bunce Trust is a very old charity for the Anglican education of children in those two villages. Please apply to Jane Baker, Hurst Farm, Otterden ME13 OBX
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Mrs Elizabeth Marsh (nee Betty Godden) contacted the Eastling Website on 10 February 2006 to say we'd got it wrong on the website's history page about Laburnum Cottage and the properties that once stood in front of The Nook in The Street at Eastling.

Elizabeth - who now lives in Dorset - spent her early years in Eastling and returns occasionally when visiting relatives in Faversham. Born in 1932, she attended Eastling School between 1937 and 1946 and lived in a house next to the Carpenters Arms pub until she was 10. Then the family moved to Elverland Farm, a mile or so to the north of Eastling. She married in Eastling Church in August 1952. Her father's grave is in the churchyard, where her mother's ashes were also scattered.

Her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Chesson, lived in the (now demolished) property in front of The Nook from 1939 to 1964. Elizabeth explained that this "was in fact the Saddlers and Harness Makers shop and was later a Shoe Shop". The only remaining trace of the shops is a domestic garage which now forms part of Laburnum Cottage next door.

Elizabeth recalls: "Mr and Mrs Ruffle lived in Laburnum Cottage.... During very heavy snowfalls, Mr Cecil Harris, the headmaster of the school, used to lodge there as he lived in Bearsted and came to Eastling every day on an autocycle. When a youth club was started in the old village hut, Mrs Ruffle would sometimes make buns for us and some friends and myself used to serve refreshments... We also had a very good table tennis team of which I was a member."

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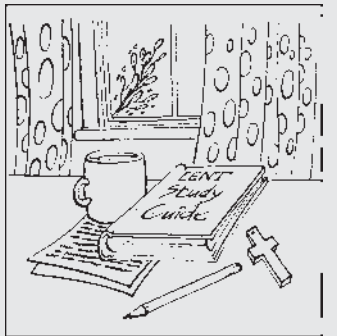
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- Why and How Do I Pray?
- How Does God Guide Us?
- Who Is the Holy Spirit?
- What Does the Holy Spirit Do?
- How Can I Be Filled With the Spirit?
- How Can I Resist Evil?
- Why and How Should We Tell Others?
- Does God Heal Today?
- What About the Church?
- How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?



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Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

1st March Ash Wednesday

Ospringe 3 p.m. Holy Communion (Iona)
Eastling 2.30 p.m. Celtic Prayer

5th March 1st Sunday of Lent

1 Peter 3. 18 - end, Mark 1. 9 - 15

Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)
Ospringe 11 a.m. Oasis
Whitehill Chapel 10 a.m. Brunch followed by
10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Tuesday 7th March

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

12th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

Romans 4. 13 - end, Mark 8. 31 - end

Ospringe 11 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10.30 a.m. Freestyle in Village Hall

Thursday 16th March

Ospringe 7.30 p.m. Licensing & Installation of
Rev. Ali Duguid as Priest in Charge, Ospringe & Davington

19th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

1 Corinthians 1. 18 - 25, John 2. 13 - 22

Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe 11 a.m. Family Service
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling Village Hall 10 a.m. S Club

26th March Mothering Sunday

Ospringe 11 a.m. Mothering Sunday Family
Communion

Whitehill Chapel 11 a.m. People's Choice
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service
Eastling 10 a.m. Mothering Sunday Youngstyle

2nd April 5th Sunday of Lent

Hebrews 5. 5 - 10, John 12. 20 - 33

Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)
Ospringe 11 a.m. Oasis
Whitehill Chapel 10 a.m. Brunch followed by
10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice
Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden 3 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)

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

Priest in Charge of Ospringe and Davington from 16th March
Reverend Ali Duguid (01795 533272)
The Vicarage, Brent Hill, Davington, ME13 7EF

Priest in Charge of Eastling and Stalisfield - Vacant

Curate Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)
(Eastling & Stalisfield) New House Farm, Eastling. ME13 0BN

Reader Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)
(Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringe) 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.

Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)
(Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringe) Weald Cottage, Eastling.

Methodist Minister Reverend Philip Barker (01227 463180)

Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 531044 for Ospringe and Painter's Forstal; for Eastling and Stalisfield please telephone 01795 892124. If you would like the parish staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

April Good News

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution by the 15th March to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com Current and back copies of Good News are available on the website: <http://go.to/goodnewsmag>

From the Registers

Baptisms

JAMES DAVID Grey
and KELLIE LORRAINE Grey
19th February 2006 at Ospringe

Funerals

Gertrude Joan BALDOCK
3rd February 2006 Funeral at Ospringe
followed by burial at Love Lane

Grace Edith JENKINS
23rd February 2006 Cremation at Charing

Emma Maud HILL
23rd February 2006 Cremation at Charing

Interment of Ashes

Ronald Ernest PARTRIDGE
and Florence Alice PARTRIDGE
19th February 2006 at Ospringe

Finty-Boo Olivia CUMMING
20th February 2006 at Ospringe

Contact numbers:

Swale NHW office 0808 100 3308 (free)
E-mail - neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)
NHW liaison officer 01795 419212
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999
Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

Please note the new telephone number for NHW liaison officer (see above)

Unsolicited services: Please be aware of unscrupulous individuals offering "services" at your front door - building work, garden maintenance, driveways etc. You should never agree to have work done by someone who is just passing, or take their word for it that work needs to be done at all.

If you are in any doubt say 'No' and ask them to leave, never give out personal information about holidays/shopping trips etc. Please inform the police on 01795 477055, Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111 or the Neighbourhood Watch Office on freephone 0808 100 3308 if this happens to you. Descriptions of persons, vehicles and registration numbers would be most helpful.

Thefts from vehicles: Police are urging motorists to ensure they do not leave valuables or tools overnight in their vehicles following a number of thefts across Swale.

A purse containing £7 in cash was taken from a Ford Escort parked in High Street, Queenborough on 5th February. £200 worth of damage was caused to the car.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

A suede coat, valued at £100 was stolen from a silver Daweco parked in Norman Road, Faversham on 4th February. £70 worth of damage was caused to the car.
The advice is: remove items of value from your car even when you only intend to leave it unattended for a few minutes.

Charity collections: From Trading Standards on behalf of the registered charity 'Sense' who operate shops in East Kent. 'Sense' have advised Trading Standards that envelopes containing a bag that are of a very similar design to theirs are being distributed to households in the Canterbury and Ashford areas. The 'Sense' envelope invites householders to fill the printed bag enclosed with goods for their charity. The envelope clearly bears the name of the charity 'Sense'. Trading Standards are advising householders to check any envelope purporting to be from a charity very carefully, as envelopes of a very similar design are being distributed by another company. These similar envelopes do not bear the charity name 'Sense' but state the name of another company instead. The similar envelopes contain plain bags for householders to use.

Trading Standards advise householders wishing to donate goods to charity to read any request for donations very carefully, checking that their goods will be collected by a registered charity, or to deliver their unwanted goods to a charity shop themselves.

Please report similar incidents to Consumer Direct on 0845 04 05 06

Elizabeth Goodridge and Ian Yearsley of Southwark Diocese consider

Worship: Unity in Diversity – March 2006

Many Christians attend church regularly and take part in corporate worship. Many also worship privately in quiet places both indoors and outside. Yet how many think about who they are worshipping and what this means to how they live as Christians?

There is God the Father: holy, infinite, all knowing, all-powerful and our creator. There is God the Son, divine yet fully human, who taught and revealed the divinity and love of God to all people and showed us a new way to live. Jesus, who is called the Christ, shows us the way through the gate of death and new life to God, not limited by time and space. And we have God the Holy Spirit; a constant presence of power, who helps us to understand and enables us to worship fully with our body, mind and spirit.

This is our Trinitarian God, creator, redeemer and sustainer, who is one, yet three distinct

beings, each unique and diverse, united together as one. The heart of God is diversity with mutual inter-dependence and love.

This is the God all Christians honour in worship, the one that we have chosen to follow and be more like. If the heart of God is diversity, then the heart of the Christian church needs to be the same. St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians writes that the church is one body made up of many parts, all unique and valuable, yet all dependent on each other. We are being called to mirror this Trinitarian model.

The different ways that we worship, giving praise and thanks to God are therefore to be celebrated. Likewise human variety in race, gender, temperament, age and culture. There is one God, one faith and one church which needs to be united in its glorious diversity.



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Ospringe Parish Council

The Parish Council did not meet in February. The next meeting is on the 8th March.

The January report contained an error regarding the dates of the Annual meetings. The Annual Parish Meeting is on the 10th May and the Parish Council Annual Meeting 24th May both at Champion Hall

There have been reports of nuisance Motor Bikes in the area, both on and off the road. These can be reported to the NHW office on 01795 419 212 or Freephone 0808 100 3308

A special Spring Rubbish Collection for the residents in Ospringe Parish

Time for a Spring Clean? Why not take advantage of a special Saturday collection of unwanted household items on April 22nd. Arranged by Ospringe Parish Council, there will be

a free pick up of anything you want to get rid of. All we ask is that you ring our Parish Clerk on 01795 410086 so a route through the Parish can be organised.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The children really enjoyed the activities during Science Week in the last week of the term which ended with a sound and light show at the School Valentine's Disco.

What a lot of freshly cooked pancakes were consumed on Shrove Tuesday and such fun was had by all the children in the pancake races.



Our next event will be a

Family Games Evening

to be held on Saturday 4th March in the School Hall - 6.00pm to 8.30pm.

Tickets are on sale now, just £1.00 each! Come along to join in the fun for all the family.

Our Spring Jumble Sale

will be on Saturday 25th March in the School Hall starting at 1pm.

If you have jumble, books, toys, bric-a-brac & linen, please bring it to the School Hall after school on Friday 24th March. Any help to sort jumble and to sell on Saturday will be welcomed. Please contact me if you need any items collected.

Second Hand school uniform is always available, either at Eastling Village Hall during the Pop-in or contact me at school with your requirements.

Chocolates for Chocoholics brochures are now available to order your Mother's Day and Easter gifts. A range will be available to purchase at the Pop-in in Eastling Village Hall on Wednesdays during March.

The Easter competition this year will be to decorate a polystyrene egg (supplied) and entries should be brought to school on Thursday 30th March. The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 2.30pm, all pre-school children will be most welcome, and the Easter Egg raffle to be drawn at 3pm on 30th March.

Future dates for your diaries:

Indoor Boot Fair

Saturday 20th May - Eastling Village Hall. Please phone to book your table.

Friday 23rd May - Swimming Pool Party - Faversham Pool.

Saturday 23rd September -

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in aid of Youth Worker and FOES.

The Eastling School 'Circus' Summer Fete - Sunday 9th July from 2pm to 5pm.

Leaver's/End of Term Disco & Social - Tuesday 25th July.

Details of all events to follow.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 01795 890519.

Coffee Pop-In 9 - 11am

Every Wednesday (during term time) in Eastling Village Hall Everyone welcome, plenty of toys for toddlers to play with.

1st and 29th March: Home-made cakes for sale.

15th March: TRAIDCRAFT Stall and Book and Video sale

Jill has second hand Eastling school uniform available to buy each week plus 'Chocolates for Chocoholics' brochures for orders and stock for sale.

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

Thank you to all who had a table at our Indoor Boot Fair and to villagers who came along to purchase items. We raised £32.50 towards the playgroup's insurance premium.

We will be having an Easter Raffle to be drawn on Monday 27th March. Lots of prizes including Easter Eggs and Wine. Tickets on sale from 1st March 5 for 50p. Please support us to raise the final amount needed for our insurance. During the month, the children will be making Mother's day cards and gifts, and Easter cards. Of course, there will be still lots of time to enjoy free play as well as other creative activities.

Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager.
01795 890519



Family Quiz

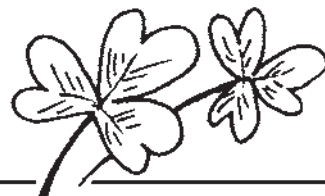
Saturday 13th May
7pm in Eastling Village Hall

Please come and support us on our second QUIZ NIGHT, the first one was a great success. This is to raise funds for a Parish Youth Worker. Adults £3.00, children £1.50. Bring your own food and drink. Lots of Prizes, fun and games for all the family.

Telephone 890865 to book your table.

Jill and Caroline look forward to seeing you all again.

March



2006

Diary

Date	Event	Time	Venue
1st	Cakes at Pop-In	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
2nd	Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2pm	Champion Hall
3rd	Lent Lunches begin	12 - 2pm	Alexander Centre
3rd	World Day of Prayer Service	2pm	United Church, Preston Street
4th	Family Games evening	6pm	Eastling School Hall
8th	Eastling Parish Council	6pm	Eastling Village Hall
8th	Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Champion Hall
9th	Local History Society	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
10th	Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
13th	Gardeners' Club	7.45pm	Champion Hall
15th	Deadline for April Good News		Pinks Farm, Eastling
15th	Fair trade + Books & Videos	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
16th	Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2pm	Champion Hall
20th	Neame Cup Final	7.45pm	Lower Hardres
21st	W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
24th	Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
25th	Jumble Sale	1pm	Eastling School Hall
28th	Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
29th	Cakes at Pop-In	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
29th	Mothers' Union	2pm	Parish Room, Ospringe Church
30th	Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2pm	Champion Hall
30th	Eastling Gardeners' Club	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
APRIL 1st	Wit and Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
3rd - 30th	Maison Dieu Exhibition		Fleur de Lis Gallery
14th	Maison Dieu re-opens	2-5pm	Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays
22nd	Spring Rubbish Collection		for Ospringe Parish
MAY 1st	Bluebell Walk	starts from 11am	Eastling Village Hall
May 20th	Indoor Boot Fair		Eastling Village Hall

Having a Party?
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Eastling
Gardeners' Club

Meets on Thursday, 30th March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall for a talk by Mr. J. Miller on 'Vegetables from Scratch'

Free to members, non-members £2.50

Memorial Lilies at Easter

If anyone would like to contribute towards the Memorial Lilies in our churches on Easter Day, 16th April, would they contact the names below with their donation and the names they would like commemorated. It would be helpful if we know as early as possible how much money we have to spend. It is best if we can buy in good time as the price increases in Holy Week.

A list of names will be displayed in each Church.

Ospringe -	Norma Curling	01795 532630.
Eastling -	Pippa West	01795 890273.
Stalisfield -	Vera Eckley	01795 890116.



Painter's Forstal with Ospringe Women's Institute

21st March, 2.15pm Champion Hall

Travels with my Chicken

- a talk by Martin Gurdon

Competition: *Any Feather*

plus Flower of the Month.

Charing and District Local History Society

On 9th March Dr Frank Andrews

will give a talk on:

Scandal in Sandwich:

The 1880 election bribery case.

A real life 'Eatanswill' in Kent.

The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing. Everyone who is interested will be welcome when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members of the society pay £2.00.



Bay of Santa Cruz, Madeira

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

March dates:-

Monday 13th - An illustrated talk on

Madeira by Mrs Marian Bellerby in the Champion hall. 7.45pm for 8pm.

Monday 20th - Final round Neame Cup

Quiz at Lower Hardres Village Hall,

7.45pm for 8pm. Teams in the final:

Painter's Forstal and Minster & Monkton.

Forthcoming Events:

Monday 10th April -

Spring Show - schedules available.

Saturday 16th April -

Teas at Copton Ash.

Saturday 3rd June -

Annual Coffee Morning.

Saturday 10th or 17th June -

Annual Outing.

Saturday 22nd July - Summer Show. Further details from Faversham 533608.



Wit and
Wisdom

Saturday 1st April, 7.30pm

Eastling Village Hall

We shall be organising another Wit and Wisdom evening on Saturday 1st April in the village hall at Eastling, in aid of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. To be sure of your place give me a ring on 890242 to book a table of six at £3.00 per head. Please bring your own refreshments.

Norman Neaves



The Maison Dieu, Ospringe

The Maison Dieu 2006 season opens on Good Friday 14th April and closes on Sunday 29th October. Opening hours are 2 - 5pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Admission is free for Faversham Society and English Heritage members: for others - £1 for adults, 80p concessions and 50p children. Children from Ospringe schools are also admitted free.

An exhibition,

'The Maison Dieu, Ospringe'

will be on view at the Fleur de Lis Gallery, Preston Street, Faversham from 3rd - 30th April. Do try and visit and learn more about your local museum.

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