



Holiday Club
for 5 - 11
Year Olds

Monday 14th- Friday 18th April
10am-12pm
Fun, Craft and Games
£2 a day or £7 for the week
Contact Joy Faulkner on
07999 807519 or
eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.co.uk

FRIDAY GROUPS

for school years 7+
Eastling Angels
and
Boys' Cell Group

Groups run 7-8pm
on alternating Fridays -
please contact Joy Faulkner for
more information, or if you can
help, on 07999 807 519

S Club

Eastling Village Hall
Sunday 16th March, 10am.
All primary school aged
children welcome

Y - Generation

Club for Year 7+
Eastling Village Hall
Sunday Nights 6.30-8pm
Contact Joy on
07999 807 519



Craft Club

14th and 28th March
6.15 - 7.15pm
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.
50p a session.
Contact number 532756.

The Fluorescent "Bible in Space" Show

On Saturday night February 9th, the Puppet Club gave a performance with its luminous puppets in Eastling Village Hall. It featured two bible stories transported into the future as space adventures: "The Good Alien" (the Good Samaritan), and "Donald and the Daleks" (Daniel and the Lions).

The fluorescent puppets looked very striking as they glowed in the dark. The 13 performers wore black, including black hoods, so they were invisible. They gave a lively representation of characters ranging from the Daleks and a space pirate, to a friendly alien and human space adventurers.

There was an excellent turnout of people of all ages, from toddlers to grandparents. Thank you all for your



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support and generosity. A total of £44 was raised for Youth Work in our villages. Thank you too for all who helped in the production, especially Arch and Leigh Dyson, Steve Youle, Nigel Bickerdike, Pim Baxter, and Joy Faulkner. Also to Helen Davis, who made all the luminous Daleks, planets and rockets.

We are doing a further, shorter, show at the Mothers' Day service in Stalisfield church on March 2nd.

Come and see us then!
Angela Cheeseman

The Sunday school teacher asked his class: "Do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the ark?"
'No,' replied one logical youngster. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

Mouse Makes

Mary talked to Jesus by the empty tomb.
Read: John 20:10-18

Cleopas walked with Jesus on the Emmaus road.
Read: Luke:24:13-35

Thomas saw Jesus and touched his wounds.
Read: John 20:24-29

Peter ate with Jesus by the Sea of Galilee.
Read: John 21:1-14

Thank you Jesus for being my Saviour and my friend.
Amen

Jesus is alive!

Colour this picture then carefully cut out. Glue onto card to make an Easter greetings card or a window hanging.

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Follow the Easter story in St. Matthew's Gospel

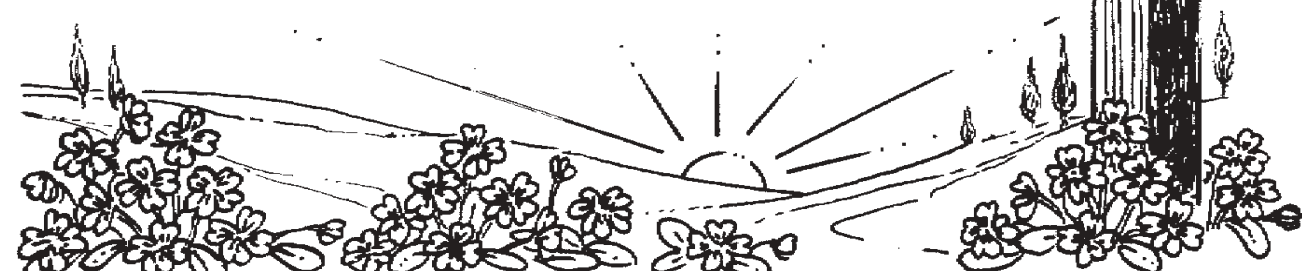
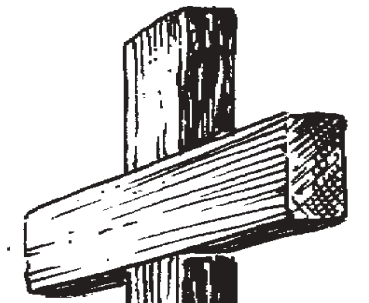
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Chapter 26: Maundy Thursday

Chapter 27: Good Friday

Chapter 28: Easter Day

Easter...
Christ is risen!



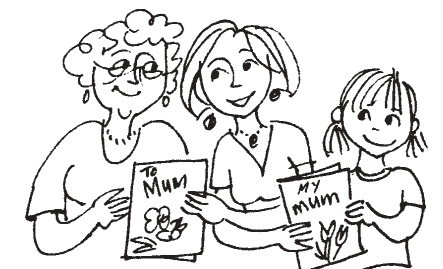
Good News Parish Magazine March 2008

the big Hope

Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage
24th March
12 noon at Canterbury Cathedral



www.canterbury.
anglican.org/
eastermonday



Mothering Sunday

2nd March
Special Services
10am Stalisfield Church
10.40am Whitehill Chapel

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

The Art of Conversation - Has it died?!

When did you last have a really good conversation? Was it a really good conversation in its truest sense? Taken from the Latin conversation is meant to be open-hearted, open-ended. In contrast to a 'discussion', conversation means that we talk with openness where our opinions can be changed. We do not have a pre-set agenda, and we allow the course of the conversation to journey down various cul-de-sacs, diversions and dead ends, without any concern. The novelist, Rebecca West, describes the wrong sort of conversation as being an 'intersecting monologue'. One half of the conversation allows the other to respond while they 'take breath'. West defines a good conversation as being an 'improvised concerto' where both parties have an equal contribution to make and listen in turn, which is essential to the development of the conversation.

So often, in our world today we substitute the realities of conversation with the technological efficacy of communication with a text, or email. We all know that a phone conversation or conversation over a meal takes on a very different form and generally is refreshing. Yes, we do have better forms of communication which mean we can keep in touch with relatives and friends, and no-one can deny that it is not a good thing. But emails and texts do not truly allow for any deeper building of friendships and relationships.

If we turn to encounters within the Bible, we see how conversation with God is important to discern the future. If we look at the story of Moses in Exodus, Moses shares his desperation and sense of failure with God; he also negotiates a change of plan. More importantly, as we journey in the final days of Lent towards Easter, we hear of how often Jesus talks to those who hold his fate in their hands. We hear him talking to God in the Garden of Gethsemane, and on the Cross. We hear how Jesus talks to Pontius Pilate about the meaning of his (Jesus') life and death; to the disciples in the 'farewell discourses' at the Last Supper. We hear how he talks to the two disciples after his resurrection on the road to Emmaus.

It is during Lent that we have an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God, by 'conversing' with Him, as we journey with Christ to the Cross. An opportunity for us to do that will be to reflect upon the Easter story in Stalisfield Church from Thursday 20th March to Sunday 23rd March (Easter Sunday). We will be building a labyrinth for anyone to make this journey, and as you travel in prayer you can 'talk to God'. The church will be open from 10am -4pm so that you will be free to make the journey in your own time. Do come and experience it, it is something that should not be missed. Caroline Pinchbeck

Prayer Pointers March 2008



<u>Sundays</u>	For Mothers everywhere.
<u>Mondays</u>	Give thanks for the Easter hope.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For Hospital Chaplains.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Give thanks for forgiveness.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For those trying to stop smoking.
<u>Fridays</u>	Give thanks for the lives of those close to us who have died.
<u>Saturdays</u>	Give praise to Jesus, our Saviour, Redeemer and Friend.

Thank You

Former Rector, The Rev. Paul Mayerson, wants to thank all those who sent greetings on his 80th birthday in February. Almost every card and email was prefaced with, "a little bird told me." All he can say is that a giant flock must have been carrying the message dropping bits and bobs from Stalisfield to Afghanistan.

Paul and Joan have recently moved to a continuing care retirement community in New Hampshire, USA where they are enjoying redress from the responsibilities of home ownership and being able to take part in the many activities and programs available. They send greetings to their many friends in the old benefice of Eastling with Ospringe and Stalisfield with Otterden.

The Servant-girl

Mk14:53-72, Mk.14:50, Isaiah 53:3



It was all kicking off in the courtyard, the courtyard of the house of Caiaphas, where I work.

They dragged in the man from Nazareth, took him into the house to face the whole Council - and those bought to give evidence. I know half of them, they'd say anything for a few pieces of silver.

He had no-one to defend him, to speak or stand up for him. Even his followers had forsaken him and fled. His face full of sorrow, but somehow, not for himself. As I passed, he looked straight at me, and I knew that sorrow was for me.

I wanted to stay with him, but I had fires to feed in the courtyard. And that's when I noticed him, the one who'd been there that day in the Temple, the one who had been with Jesus. I was sure it was him, Peter, I think was his name, here, now, just when his master needed him.

But he denied it. He denied being one of them. He denied knowing Jesus.

And then the cock crowed.

I remembered those eyes, and I know why Peter wept.

Daphne Kitching

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 names they would like commemorated. It would be helpful if we know as early as possible how much money we have to spend as the price per lily goes up during Holy Week.

A list of names will be displayed in each Church.
Eastling - Pippa West 01795 890273 or Janet Wood 890352.
Stalisfield - Mary Dowling 01795 890669



Study day on STEM CELLS

Saturday 12th April 2008,
9.00 -16.00, Canterbury
Christ Church University.

Chaired by Baroness Greenfield. Keynote presentations on the science of stem cell research (Dr. Ruth McKernan, Pfizer), the governance of stem cell research (Prof. Vivienne Nathanson, BMA), ethical issues in stem cell research (Ms Claire Foster, policy advisor to the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England). Fee for day including lunch and coffee/tea: £35. Applications by 21st March. Further details from Flavia Jolliffe, 01795 890160.

No Smoking Day - Wednesday 12th March

Smoking hurts your health, your appearance and your bank balance. But stopping can be a real challenge - three in every four smokers want to stop... but still they smoke. So if you smoke, but would like to stop, why not use 12th March to begin? The No Smoking Day charity can offer would-be quitters support and information to help them. Whether you're ready to quit for good, or you just want to rise to the challenge for a smoke-free week and raise money for a good cause, visit www.nosmokingday.org.uk.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:
Parish/Village Warden 07794 010394
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

There has been a spate of motor cars being damaged within the Swale area over the last few weeks so please be extra vigilant when leaving your cars.

Three stray dogs have been found within the last few weeks in the Eastling Parish, together with a couple in the Otterden area. None of these dogs had a name tag or were micro chipped and no dogs have been reported lost. It can only be assumed that these dogs, all cross lurcher breeds, have been deliberately left in the area. If you do find a stray dog you can either give me or the Sittingbourne dog warden a ring and the necessary arrangements will be made.

Don't forget to keep your sheds locked and machinery safely put away and Spring will be enjoyed by all. Have a good month, Alan.

Make time for The Passion!

This coming Holy Week, do tune in to watch a major forthcoming BBC television series - The Passion. The series, which starts on Palm Sunday 16th March, will be scheduled in peak time on BBC1. It tells the story of the last week of Jesus' life, his trial and crucifixion. The last episode, to be broadcast on Easter Sunday 23rd March, dramatises his post-resurrection appearances. The Passion has been made by award-winning drama producer Nigel Stafford-Clark, who was responsible for Bleak House and Warriors. The cast includes James Nesbitt as Pilate and Paul Nicholls as Judas Iscariot. The part of Jesus is played by Joseph Mawle, who at 33 is the same age as Jesus during the events of the Passion.

The Churches' Media Council has launched a website to provide resources and information about the series. Visit www.churchesmedia.council.org.uk/passion.

Sunday Freestyle

Eastling Church, 9th March, 10.30am
Theme: Matthew 6.21
Speaker: Revd. Angela Cheeseman
Breakfast from 10am. All welcome

Parish Council Clerk wanted for Eastling.

Unfortunately our Clerk for several years, Mike Thomas, has had to resign for health reasons. The Council wish to appoint a new Clerk to deal with correspondence and to administer the bi-monthly meetings. It is envisaged that up to 15 hours work per month may be required. There are no set hours each week. Office facilities, including broadband links, are available at the Village Hall.

The job requires computer literacy, and clerical skills in letter writing and minute taking. Hourly payments will be in accordance with the national agreement covering Parish Clerks.

Anyone interested should contact the Chairman of the Council, Peter Cheeseman on 01795 890629, or e-mail PeterCheeseman1@aol.com.

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GODSPELL

St. Mary of Charity
Parish Church
Friday, 28th March
at 7.30 p.m and

Saturday, 29th March at
2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Adults £5, Children
(11 and under) £3.

For tickets phone 530421, email:
godsPELL@stmaryofcharity.org



Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 7th March 2008
Davington Church, 2pm.

God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding, written by the Christian women of Guyana.

All welcome.



Temporary Road Closure Newnham Lane

Southern Gas Networks intend to lay a new gas supply and it will be necessary to temporarily close Newnham Lane, Newnham outside Roseley whilst the works are in progress. The temporary closure will be in operation during Tuesday 25th March 2008 for 5 working days. The road will be reopened as soon as works are complete. Access will be available up to the point of closure or via a signed diversion route. For further information regarding these works, the contact for Southern Gas Networks is Tony Hayes on 01233 614474.

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Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

2nd March Mothering Sunday

2 Corinthians 1. 3 - 7, Luke 2. 33 - 35

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service

9th March Lent 5

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

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle

16th March Palm Sunday

Philippians 2. 5 - 11, Matthew 27, 11 - 54

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club in Village Hall
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

20th March Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11. 23 - 26, John 13. 1 - 17, 31b - 35

Eastling	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
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21st March Good Friday

Eastling	12 noon	Readings and Hymns
Eastling	1 p.m.	Vigil

23rd March Easter Day

Acts 10. 34 - 43, Matthew 28. 1 - 10

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

30th March 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2. 14a, 22 - 32, John 20. 19 - end

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Benefice Communion (CW)

6th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2. 14a, 36 - 41, Luke 24. 13 - 35

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

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

### From the Registers

#### Wedding

Hannah Louise LEE and John Leslie MATTHEWS  
16th February 2008 at Eastling

Priest in Charge  
Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)  
The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling  
Faversham ME13 0AS  
<caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

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

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

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

#### Churchwardens

Eastling  
Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)  
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden  
Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)  
Mr M. Beckenham (01795 892079)

#### Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Weddings or Baptisms please phone 01795 890487. 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.

#### Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings 2008

Eastling 11am 6th April  
Stalisfield 11am 13th April

Meetings are in respective churches and open to all parishioners and church members.

#### Services at Whitehill Chapel

2nd March 10 a.m. Brunch  
10.40 a.m. Mothering Sunday People's Choice  
5th March 2.15pm Holy Communion  
23rd March 11 a.m. Easter Day People's Choice

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals at Whitehill, please contact Revd. D. Hodgson on 01795 532461

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As you all can see it's lambing time again and the fields are once more beginning to fill with ewes and lambs.

In the fields at and around Arnold's Oak you will see not only young lambs, but also newly born ones and even occasionally a lamb being born. Ewes are quite secretive about giving birth so they often hide away in a corner for the big event !

On our farm we lamb outside. Some farmers bring the ewes inside for lambing and then turn them out later. There are lots differing views about the best system to use. We have used this method for many years, believing that this is the most natural and least stressful way for the ewes. Not so for the shepherd however, who spends his whole time during lambing moving from field to field !

This "extensive" farming practice does mean that we can't be everywhere at once and therefore we are always extremely grateful to anyone who lets us know about a ewe or lamb which they think might have a problem.

Sometimes, however well intentioned, intervention produces unintended consequences. Our biggest problem is people bringing

## Lambing

lambs to us or even worse, as happened last year, taking them home and putting them in their aga! If lambs are handled a lot and moved from their mothers, the ewes will often reject them and refuse to take them back. This means they either become an orphan lamb we have to rear by hand or, worse, actually die.

Please do let us know if you are concerned at all. Don't worry about bothering us unnecessarily, we would rather go out than leave one of our flock in difficulty.

Another problem is lambs who appear to be 'abandoned' and bleat constantly. It is, I know, very heart wrenching - it's meant to be. They want their mum to come back! Some have lovely mothers who respond immediately. Others have mothers who have had lambs for years and simply aren't worried. They know where their baby is, they just feel no need to stop eating! The lamb doesn't know this and keeps on shouting. Occasionally however, the lamb really has been abandoned.

So, how do you tell if it is in trouble? If it appears to have been abandoned, but eventually stops shouting and just lays down by itself then it probably



needs help as it may be an unlucky lamb whose mother really has got fed up with it.

With lambs you see laying alone in the field looking weak, if it will let you touch it then that is a sign that it probably needs help. It could have become unwell. Lambs, like small children, can deteriorate rapidly. A good test [for those who want to do this] is to put your finger into the lamb's mouth. If it is cold to the touch it needs urgent help. [I am obliged to say: please wash your hands when you have done this!]

Once again, thanks for your interest. We hope that you all gain some pleasure in sharing with us the experience of being a part of this life cycle.

Tish Neaves  
01795 890 515/704, mobile:  
07875356294, email: tish@legal  
supportservices.wanadoo.co.uk.

The third installment of Audrey Keen's working life with Granville Wheler:

#### My Stable Diary

Granville Wheler seemed most happy between the years 1965 and 1985. His principle interest at that time being the design and completion of his steps, an idea which evolved in the late 1950's. These are an impressive flight of steps which can be seen to this day, towards the gate entrance to Otterden Place.

After this, his main occupation and interest was his railway. The railway was an idea conceived through his fascination for horse drawn railway wagons and the steam era. He had built a short railway track, no more than a quarter of a mile, which was part of his life's dream of having the south side of the estate filled with railway track. But this was impractical and, of course, never happened. The idea had been to transport timber, once cut into trunks, by the horse and wagon waiting on the line. That was the idea!

The horse he certainly did have - a handsome and gentle Suffolk Punch named Count



Granville Wheler leading Count

Seething, or Count for short, and it was my job, joy and privilege to look after Count. I worked with Count from 1976 until 1987, he died a week after the great storm of that year. He was never replaced. Indeed, it would have been impossible to replace Count. He was unique, a wonderful animal and for Granville, from that time onward, the dream of horse drawn railways died. Solace was found in books and dreams of train and horses and what might have been.

'And as I walk again, between  
The beech trees and the larch,  
I am so thankful that the year  
Has reached this month of March.'  
AIKeen

The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent

#### Annual Spring Art Show

Sutton Valence School

Saturday 5th April from 1 - 8pm and Sunday  
6th April 10am - 4.30pm

Artists from across the weald will be exhibiting and offering their work for sale. Tickets are £3.50 with refreshments, from Robert Taylor 01233 756379, Dudley Russell 01233 756426, or on the door.

## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The rain just held off long enough for some exciting pancake races and lots of fresh pancakes were consumed on Shrove Tuesday! A total of £34 was raised.

The Valentine's disco was well attended by all ages of school children. There was a great dancing competition which finally ended in a draw, so the bar of chocolate prize had to be halved!

Don't forget to look out all those unwanted books, toys, bric-a-brac and clothes for our **Jumble Sale**, to be held on Saturday 8th March in Eastling Village Hall, doors open at 1pm. Offers of help to sort or sell will be gratefully received.

The Eastling School **Easter Egg Hunt** is on Thursday 20th March during the afternoon. All pre-school children are invited to join in. We will also be drawing the Easter Raffle at the end of the day. Tickets will be on sale from 12th March.

Future dates for your diary:

**Swimming Pool Party** - Friday 13th June - Faversham Pool

**Summer Fete** - Please note change of date, now Sunday 6th July.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity

[Jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk), 01795 890252



## Eastling Short Mat Bowls

Our league game on 24th January at home, was against Borden, a very strong team with several county players in the side. But, with home advantage, we came out on top - a far different story with our last three games away. Going twice to Hornhill (Milsted) to play their two teams, being beaten and only gaining six points; it was the same when we visited Teynham. Roy held his own in the singles for a draw, with Des Briggs and Brian Searly winning on their mat. So we did better than we thought. Some teams have come away with nothing. Our next game was at home against Newington Greens. I'm pleased to say we won by 51 to 44 and gained a further nine points on the league table.

To see how local clubs are performing in the Swale League go to <[www.swalecvs.co.uk/bowls.htm](http://www.swalecvs.co.uk/bowls.htm)>

The Eastling club meets in the village hall on Wednesday and Friday afternoons 2.30 - 4.30pm, and Friday evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm. The sessions are open to all players, new members are welcome, no previous experience necessary, just come along and try your hand. For further details please contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162.

**PUDDLEDUCKS** Parent & Toddler Group at Champion Hall, Painters Forstal.

Why don't you bring your toddler/pre-school child to the Parent & Toddler group on Tuesday and Friday from 9.45am to 11.25am. Plenty of play equipment plus some craft activities. Only £1.50 a session which includes a snack and drink as well as free tea or coffee for parents!

There may be occasions when I can't open the hall - please phone me to check.

Jill Seaman 01795 890519

Mobile 07803 141426

## Valentine's Chocolate Raffle

Many thanks to everyone for their help and support in the raffle. You gave us 42 prizes for the draw on 13th February and we raised £160 towards the Youth Work in our parishes.

Thank you.



## NEEDED TECHNICAL CREW

Various music and performance groups organised by the church in Eastling Village are looking for volunteers to help with live and recorded sound projects. No skill required as training will be given. Would suit someone aspiring to break into performance and media world. Contact 890 149

## The Russian Choir "Lyra"

will give a concert in Stalisfield Church on Saturday 26th April at 8pm.

The visit of this vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg will coincide with our celebration of Rogationtide weekend on 26th/27th April 2008.

Concert tickets cost £11 (to include a glass of wine) and are available from Revd. Caroline or Jane Baker, 01622 858332,

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey on 01795 890401



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## Afternoon Club

Members enjoyed a happy meeting over lunch at The Alma on Thursday 7th February.

March activities:

13th Board Games

27th Bingo

Meetings are held in the

Champion Hall and start at 2pm.

New members welcome.

## Eastling

### Gardeners' Club

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 27th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Janet Bryant will give a talk 'A Fresh Look at Herbaceous Plants'.

### Painter's Forstal with Ospringle W.I.

Tuesday 18th March

2.15pm in the Champion Hall

New members welcome to hear Major Sands talk about *The Salvation Army*.

Competition - three Easter biscuits, plus flower of the month.

## FITNESS & DANCE CLASSES @ Eastling Village Hall

### WEDNESDAYS

**7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS**

*helps to tone & shape these specific areas.*

**8.00pm FIT DANCE**

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### THURSDAYS

**9.15am FITNESS PILATES**

*A blend of Pilates & dance exercises. Helps to develop muscle tone, balance, flexibility & relaxation.*

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Fun & Funky

**FREESTYLE DANCE IDTA**

4.15pm Juniors School Years 3-6

5.15pm Seniors School Years 7-11

Classes £4.00 each or £7.00 for a double class on Wednesdays. For more info contact Leigh on 890149 [leigh.fitness@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.fitness@btinternet.com) [www.milesdanceandfitness.com](http://www.milesdanceandfitness.com)

## Wit and Wisdom

Saturday 12th April

**7.30pm in Eastling Village Hall**

We are holding another Wit and Wisdom in aid of Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. Usual arrangement; tables of 6 at £3 per head, bring your own refreshments.

Book your tables by phoning Norman on 890242.

# Happy Easter



## Coffee Pop-In

Open to all, free of charge, on Wednesdays 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall.

Homemade Cakes and Traidcraft goods for sale on 5th March.



## Quiz Night

Proceeds to Age Concern

Saturday 10th May

Eastling Village Hall

Tickets: £5 for adults

£2.50 for children

Take your own food & drink. Phone 890865 to book.

## Otterden WI

Our January meeting was themed around "Foods of the world", which involved us trying lots of different cuisines from Sushi to Kenyan stew. Welcome and thank you to our new members who attended. We all had a great evening and left feeling rather full.

We had an interesting and informative talk on Gardening, specifically designing and planting tubs and containers at our February meeting. I hope everyone left feeling inspired to brighten up their gardens.

Our next meeting is on the 27th March at 7.30pm in The Harrow Hotel, when we will have a talk and demonstration on reflexology.

April's meeting is on Tuesday 29th. We have a fantastic guy coming to speak about "Food for Free". We will be having a walk around Otterden on Sunday 4th May to see if we can identify any of the food!

New members are always welcome, so come and join our fun informal meetings. For more information contact Emma Norwood 01795 892138. (Committee meeting 6.30pm before meetings)

## Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 13th March at 8pm, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali, Bishop of Rochester

will give a talk on

CONVICTION and CONFLICT: JEWS, CHRISTIANS and MUSLIMS in HISTORY and TODAY.

A rare opportunity to hear an important talk of great relevance to contemporary events.

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 £2.

*Cast off those winter blues...*

The Trustees of Eastling Village Hall invite you to join them for a **SPRING SUPPER**

in Eastling Village Hall on **Saturday 29th March**

7pm for 7.30pm

Make up a table with your friends (funds raised in aid of the Hall)

Call Sue on 890254 to book

Tickets £10 each

Three course meal

Beer, wine and soft drinks on sale. (Does anybody fancy 'doing a turn' for some after dinner entertainment?)

## Jumble Sale Saturday 8th March

Eastling Village Hall Doors open at 1pm.

Books, toys, bric-a-brac and clothes plus offers of help to sort or sell would be gratefully received.

Call Jill at Eastling School on 01795 890252

## Diary

## March 2008

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 5th Cakes at Pop-In               | 9 - 11am      | Eastling Village Hall |
| 8th Jumble Sale                   | 1pm           | Eastling Village Hall |
| 12th Parish Council               | 6pm           | Eastling Village Hall |
| 13th Afternoon Club (Board games) | 2pm           | Champion Hall         |
| 13th Local History Society        | 8pm           | Charing Parish Hall   |
| 14th Craft Club                   | 6.15pm        | Champion Hall         |
| 15th Deadline for March Good News |               | Pinks Farm            |
| 16th S Club                       | 10am          | Eastling Village Hall |
| 18th Painter's Forstal W.I.       | 2.15pm        | Champion Hall         |
| 20th Easter Egg Hunt              |               | Eastling School       |
| 20th - 23rd Labyrinth             | 10am - 4pm    | Stalisfield Church    |
| 26th Magazine Folding             | 2pm           | Pinks Farm            |
| 27th Afternoon Club (Bingo)       | 2pm           | Champion Hall         |
| 27th Otterden W.I.                | 7.30pm        | Harrow Hotel          |
| 27th Gardeners' Club              | 7.30pm        | Eastling Village Hall |
| 28th Craft Club                   | 6.15pm        | Champion Hall         |
| 29th Spring Supper                | 7.30pm        | Eastling Village Hall |
| APRIL 5th/6th Spring Art Show     |               | Sutton Valence School |
| 12th Wit & Wisdom                 | 7.30pm        | Eastling Village Hall |
| 14-18th Holiday Club              | 10am - 12noon | Eastling Village Hall |
| 26th Russian Choir Concert        | 8pm           | Stalisfield Church    |
| 27th Plant Fair                   |               | Belmont Gardens       |
| MAY 5th Bluebell Walk and Bistro  | from          | Eastling Village Hall |
| 10th Quiz Night                   | 7.30pm        | Eastling Village Hall |
| JULY 6th Summer Fete              |               | Eastling School       |



## Deadline for 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, 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](mailto:h.f.harlow@btconnect.com)

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