Sunday 17th March 10am in Eastling Village Hall Open to all primary school aged children

Young Style

Why you should NOT share your Easter egg with the doa

This is good news for any chocoholic: DON'T share your Easter chocolate with your dog. It could kill it - quite

Expensive brands of chocolate and cocoa-rich chocolate have high levels of theobromine

in them. It is a chemical compound which is harmless to humans, but lethal to dogs. Even a 30g bar of dark chocolate can contain more than 700mg of theobromine, enough to kill a small dog such as a cocker spaniel. Toxicity symptoms

include vomiting,

hyperactivity, salivation,

increase in heart rate and fits.

JESUS IS ALIVE!

For an angel of

heaven, rolled

aside the stone,

and sat on it

down from



...rumours that we would be giving

out Easter eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!



March 2013

Good News

Parish Magazine

Maundy Thursday

28th March Holy Communion 7.30pm at Stalisfield Church



Good Friday

29th March Meditation and Vigil 12 noon at Eastling Church Vivaldi's Gloria 7.30pm at Boughton Church



Easter Day

31st March

Easter Communion

10am at Eastling 10am at Stalisfield 10am at Throwley

What love is this?

(Jn 19:25, 1 Jn 4:18)

Love to watch,

Love to care. Love that for a lifetime

Is there.

Is there.

Never withdrawn.

Poured out through the years.

Standing through danger, Casting out fear.

Love as near perfect,

Reflecting its source,

The love of a mother Of course,

Of course.

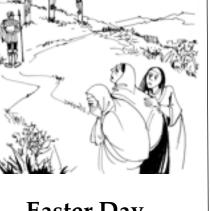
The love of a mother,

Of course.

Near the cross of Jesus stood

his mother...

By Daphne Kitching



M*****thering **₩**Sunday



contribute towards the cost of Memorial Lilies on Easter Day in Eastling or Stalisfield Churches, contact us, with the name(s) you would like commemorated and your donation by Monday 25th March. The names will be displayed in a frame on the remembrance table.

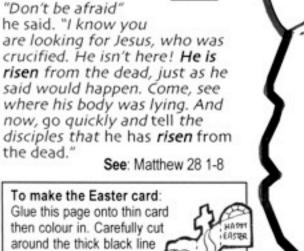
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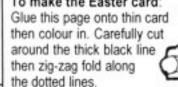
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Mothering Sunday Services

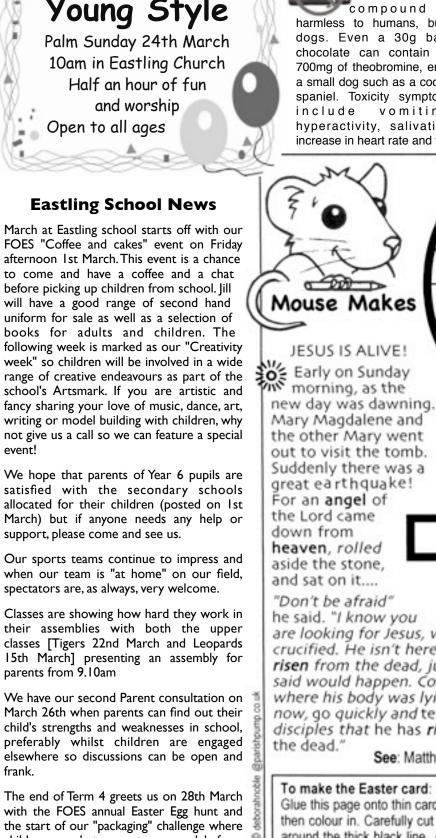
10am at Stalisfield 10.30am at Eastling

around the thick black line children need to create a model from recycled packaging over the Easter break.









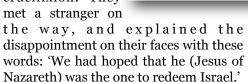
Dave Walsh, Headteacher

THE WAY I SEE IT:

Disappointment isn't necessarily the end of it.

One day I'd like to write a book entitled Seemed a Good Idea at the Time. There'd be no shortage of examples, from buving that flash car that wouldn't start on cold mornings, to fruitless wars, busted economic policies and 'Splash!' on television. There is something peculiarly awful about crushing disappointment, the death of dreams, the harsh light of reality exposing the emptiness of our hopes.

St Luke captures it well in his Gospel in the brilliant little cameo of the couple (surely Mr and Mrs Cleopas) on their sad walk back to Emmaus on the Sunday after the crucifixion: They



The stranger appeared unaware of the dramatic recent events in Jerusalem. Yet when they related the story to him, he treated them as they walked along to a master class in the Scriptures, demonstrating how the Messiah must indeed suffer before he entered into his glory.

They clearly took to the man, and invited him to stay with them for the night as it was by now getting dark. Joining them for the evening meal, he was invited as their guest to give thanks. He took the bread, broke it, and said the words of blessing. As he did so, they realised who he was - in Luke's words, 'their eyes were opened'. It was Jesus. They were in no doubt. As he 'vanished from their sight' they forgot all about tiredness or the darkness outside, and hurried the seven miles or so back to Jerusalem to share their news with the disciples. Full of it, they

> burst into the Upper Room. only to find that Simon Peter, too, had seen the risen Lord. Nevertheless, they told their story - the 'stranger' on the road, the way their hearts 'burned within them' as he explained the Scriptures, and how he had been 'made known to them in the breaking of the bread'.

The road to Emmaus, the road of disappointment and despair, had become the road to joy. In an odd kind of way, it often does. Perhaps only those who have found their hopes cruelly dashed can truly appreciate what it means to have them restored, even if in a different way. They had hoped, and their hopes appeared to have been dashed by the death of Jesus. But 'in the breaking of the bread' they had seen the truth. Jesus their Lord was alive. They had hoped, and now they could hope again.

Canon David Winter



3rd to 24th Lent - no flowers 30th March Easter flowers All welcome to help from 10.30am



Decorating St Mary's, **Eastling for** Easter.

Please come along to the church on Saturday 30th March at 10.30am to help with the communal decorating for Easter.

All donations of flowers and foliage gratefully received and everyone is welcome. Refreshments served.

If you wish to donate towards an Easter lily in remembrance of a loved one, please contact Bay on 01795 892036 or baylees@mac.com

Benefice Prayer Group

You will be welcome to join this small group as we pray for our parishes and for a new priest.

The group will meet on Thursday 7th March, 10.30am at Pinks Farm, Eastling.



Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

Read St. Luke's gospel chapter 19, verses 28 onwards.

As Iesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was shortlived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death. On this day

churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

Paul's Mad Bike Ride

Sometimes you have to drag yourself out the door, leaving behind a nice warm house and foregoing the 2nd cup of tea that you so badly want, but deep down you know that you have to put the miles in, today was one of those days.

As I left the house it was pouring with rain with big brooding dark clouds in all directions, I was already thinking about the lovely hot cup of coffee I was going to enjoy on my return, followed by a steaming hot shower.

After about 5 miles into my ride and to my amazement, the sun made a brief appearance, it was still raining but my mood was lifted and my cadence increased as a result, another 5 miles in and the dark brooding clouds had all but disappeared and the morning almost became perfect for cycling.

I was on one of my normal 25 mile loops around the North Downs but decided to take a detour and go along some bridle paths and tracks that I have never ventured along, the winter sun lighting up some of the tree clad valleys was truly stunning and my ride went from being a reluctant one to exhilarating.

The tracks and bridleways were truly muddy as a result of the melting snow but this just added to the ride, I was feeling strong and could have gone on for many more miles.

Today's ride brought home the stunning beauty of the Kentish Downs, those of us who live here are extremely lucky and I am so glad that I dragged my sorry backside out the door.

www.justgiving.com/paul-hamley For donations to Demelza Children's Hospice

www.justgiving.com/paul-hamley1 For donations to British Heart Foundation



nominations will be considered for election of two "village representatives" to serve as Trustees. Nominees must be 18 years of age or over. Nomination forms and further details are available from the Trust Secretary, Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling (tel: 890254: email sueandpeter@live.co.uk).

EASTLING

VILLAGE HALL TRUST and PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Have you ever considered getting more involved with

your local community? Would you like to have a say in

the running of Eastling Village generally. Or have you

got a comment on the way the Hall operates or

The Village Hall Trust's Annual General Meeting is at

7.30pm on Thursday 25 April 2013 in the Village Hall and

all are welcome to attend. The meeting includes a public

forum for questions and suggestions from villagers and

The Trustees' Annual General Meeting will be followed at 8pm by the Parish Council's Annual Meeting – have you got a burning issue you would like to raise or comments about how your precept is spent?

suggestions for its future?

Please turn up and support the Trustees and the Parish Council. Both groups would greatly welcome your input

Throwley:

2013 Annual Parish Meeting Monday 11th March 7.30pm in the Parish Church

Eastling Parish Council

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13th March at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. The Annual Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 25th April at 8pm in Eastling Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend any meeting. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 0779 401 0394 or 01795 890848

Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Swale Police 101

Emergency 999

There have been several reports that around the village there has been a spate of hare coursing. This mainly happens late evening but it has been seen during the day so please do not hesitate to ring 101 the police no or ring me.

There has been phone calls in the local advising people that their computers have been infected with a virus and need to be debugged. Under no circumstances allow these people access to your computer as they shall be able to steal personal information such as bank details etc. Just cut the call off and report the call.

During the small bit of snow that we had in February there was a large mound of snow built across the road in the village. Whilst the snow does bring fun for the youngsters this mound was big enough to cause a bad injury to a motorbike rider or a cyclist so please enjoy it but do not do anything which could cause an accident.

Remember that the clocks go back on Easter Saturday 31st March

Have a good month, Alan.

the Carpenters Arago 01795 890234 Wednesday 2-4-1

Continues throughout March evenings.

Quiz Night

Thursday March 7th. £2 entry per person. 8pm

Music for March

We've got three new bands playing in March and an open mic night for you all to, impress, embarrass your family, humiliate yourselves or all 3. But come anyway we're all very supportive and never take the mickey out of people!!

Friday 8th Mutton. Playing in their "dressed as lamb tour" "With ukuleles, violin, flutes, recorders, the odd bit of brass and a musical saw, we are a little orchestra with a lot of pluck and blow" Featuring Marianne from Eastling and up to 17 others at various times!!!

Saturday 9th. Open Mic.

Leave your pride at home and come for the prejudice. No refunds given!! Rotten fruit available

Friday 15th. Brad Pittance & The Pirates. Eclectic 4 piece rock covers band. "Hey Joe" "Satisfaction" "Minnie the Moocher"

Friday 22nd The Viceroys. Featuring Eastling's own James Ludlow

Mothers Day Sunday 10th Booking now, you know she deserves it.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Now booking for Sat. June 22nd.

Many thanks and best wishes, Mitch, Donna and The Dogs

Prayer

Pointers March 2013 Give thanks for our Mothers Sundays

and those who care for us. Mondays The Healing Ministry in our Benefice.

The continuing search for Tuesdays a new incumbent.

Wednesdays For people caught up in conflict.

For those affected by Thursdays natural disasters. Fridays For the departed

Saturdays The presence of the Lord

in our lives.

Services in our Churches

3rd March Lent 3

1 Corinthians 10. 1 - 13, Luke 13. 1 - 9

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

10th March Mothering Sunday

Readings for 4th Sunday in Lent: 2 Corinthians 5. 16 - 21, Luke 15. 1 - 2, 11b - 32

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 am Mothering Sunday Service
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10.30 am Sunday Freestyle

17th March Lent 5

Philippians 3. 4b - 14, John 12. 1 - 8

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

24th March Palm Sunday

Philippians 2. 5 - 11, Matthew 21. 1 - 11

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Youngstyle

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

28th March Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11. 23 - 26, John 13. 1 - 17, 31b - 35 Stalisfield 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

29th March Good Friday

Eastling 12 noon Meditation and Vigil

31st March Easter Day

Acts 10. 34 - 43, John 20. 1 - 18 or Luke 24. 1 - 12
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

7th April Easter 2

Acts 5. 27 - 32, John 20. 19 - end

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

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

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Vacant

Reader

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate

Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)

New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

Norman Fowler (01795 890412)

4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)

Weald Cottage, Eastling

Churchwardens

Eastling Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Audrey Smith (01795 890469)

Parish Administrator

Janet Payne (01795 890487) E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean West (01233 712270) Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)

Parish Administrator

Sheila Moger (01233 713212) E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

Throwley Barbara Elliott (01795 890020) Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly Study Group - 10am on 12th March at Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane.

Tuesdays: weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm

Thursdays: weekly Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm including Benefice group on 7th March.

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

A Good Friday performance of the Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi

is open to all 7.30pm on 29th March St Peter and St Paul, Boughton No tickets, retiring collection.

Women's World Day of Prayer

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" prepared by the women of France

Friday 1st March

2pm Service in Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tanners Street, Faversham All welcome

There have been several generations of butchers at Clare's Forstal, Throwley. In late 1800's the Theobald

family ran the business.

George Theobald was born in 1853 and succeeded his father, George, as the butcher in the early 1900s. Several men were employed with slaughtering, cutting and selling but George carried out most of the deliveries himself. He was a most respected person in the village and Chairman of the Parish Council. A room was built at the left hand end of the house which the Eastling saddler used as a workshop one day a week. More recently, John Barkaway bought the business in the 1950s serving a large area. In bad



People and Places from the Past

by Dorothy Murray

fixed chains on the van wheels, drove as far as possible, then walked the rest of the way, never letting a customer down. The butcher's shop closed in the 1970s.

At Clare's Forstal there was the Post Office and general shop. In 1847 Stephen Matcham was the Postmaster selling groceries and hardware such as baths, buckets and candles. His son Stephen was the baker working in the bakehouse at the back of the shop. They

were still running the business in 1878. Walter Page was the Postmaster in 1934 when the telephone number was Throwley no1. The post office closed in this building in 1941. Nearby, just behind the shop, stood a smock windmill which was demolished in 1915. The last miller, still working it in 1900, was William Foster.





SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 23rd June at 3.00 pm

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Lest we Forget

by Audrey Keen

Mrs Court was the post mistress and she lived at Oak Cottage which, in the 1950s, was a shop in Stalisfield. The kindly Mrs Court sold crisps, sweets and savings stamps, and she and my mother and Mrs Court would chat over my head as I chose sweets from the counter. In post war years, children were allowed sweets and chocolates to enjoy, to compensate for the austerity of the war years when everything was rationed. I believe rationing ended in 1953. The sun always seemed to be shining when I was young, perhaps it was just the smiles of the village people that made it seem that way as we all knew one another. My mother loved Stalisfield and she was very happy there during these lovely times. Sadly times change, but we can appreciate the memories of

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The photograph shows where Mrs Court lived, By the black car. You can just see the post office sign above the white picket fence.





BELMONT HOUSE

OPENING DAY and EASTER BUNNY HUNT Sunday 31st March 2013

Easter Bunny Hunt, 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Bring the family along to enjoy a day of fun games and activities. Search for the Easter Bunnies in our beautiful gardens to claim your chocolate prize!

Adults £5.00 & Children £2.50

House Tours at 2.15pm, 2.45pm & 3.30pm normal house tour admissions apply

Tea Rooms open from 1.30pm for afternoon tea and cakes

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH Tel: 01795 890202 www.belmont-house.org

HARDY PLANTS **SOCIETY** PLANT FAIR

Sunday 14th April 2013, 2.00pm till 5.00pm

The HPS plant fair is the perfect place to find unusual and garden worthy perennial plants for your garden. The enthusiastic Hardy Plant Society members will help you find a plant to suit your garden – be it wet or dry, clay or sandy soil.

Admission £5.00. HPS Members £4.50

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Two visits in one day!

Interested in visiting the

Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara in Gravesend and The Pilsdon at Malling Community in West Malling? come along and join us on outing which is being organised by the Bunce Ecclesiastical The date is Saturday 28th Charity. September 2013 from 10am to 6pm. For further details or to book a place please contact Jan Beckenham on 01795 892079 or via jan.beckenham@googlemail.com



Would you like to sing?

Perhaps you used to sing, but you've lost confidence? Maybe when you were young, you were told that you couldn't sing?

Singing for the Som

A gentle workshop of simple songs and chants to lift your spirits and soothe your soul. No previous experience needed just come as you are. 6 weeks from Wednesday 17th April 1.45 - 3pm

Newnham Village Hall £3.50 per session (Includes tea and biscuits) Contact Lis Bayford on 01795 886392

Cantiana Music

Painters' Forstal with Ospringe.W.I will be holding their next Craft Session on Wednesday

20th March, from 11am - 1pm at the Champion Hall, Painters Forstal, in the room adjoining the hall. Come along and join us and have a go at porcelain painting a mug, flower pot or egg cup for Easter, also try your hand at glass painting. All equipment is provided for the cost of £3. Tea/coffee and a slice of home made cake also included in the cost. For any further information



Ring Pat on 01795

patyounger@sky.com.

Eastling Short Mat Bowls

539629 or email:

Our January game with Lower Halstow was cancelled due to snow and we're trying to rearrange date. On Sunday 20th January Des Briggs played in the East Kent Singles competition at the Bysingwood

venue, He arrived at 8.30 am and helped put out all the mats, but did not have his first game until 12 noon - a straight knock out; he lost by two shots. Not a very good situation, food for thought at A.G.M.

On Friday 25th January the Eastling Cherries played away to Swalecliffe Seagulls. Both of our teams won, giving six points to Eastling. We repeated this at the return match putting us at the top of the 1st division. Then disaster struck when Whitstable Pearls came to Eastling on 7th February. Des Briggs, Bryan Searly and Roy Piles won on their mat two points, but our other team lost. We then went to Whitstable for the return match on 10th Feb, and both our teams lost, so our visit to the top was short lived. We have four more games to play in this league. With no Swale games played lately, there will be more to report on next month. With Roy playing two county games, one at Bognor Regis, and one at New Addington, Croydon. So, as they say, watch this space.

Club sessions continue in the village hall where new members will be welcome. Contact Roy on 01795 537162.



The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent

SPRING ART EXHIBITION

At Sutton Valence School

Pictures and Crafts on exhibition and for sale Saturday 23 March 11am to 6pm Sunday 24 March 10am to 5pm Entrance £1 at the door - Refreshments available All proceeds go to Rotary Charities For further information call: Bob Taylor (01233) 756379 Or Martin Selby (01622 890730) Or visit: www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk

Painters Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

Tuesday 19th March at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall. Mr Paul Harris will talk on Theatrical Landladies and Digs. Competition: A Seaside Postcard. Contact Bobbie Richards on 01795 532756





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2013 BLUEBELL WALK

You are all reminded that this year the Annual Village Bluebell Walk will take place on the Bank Holiday Monday of the 6th May. Lots of fun for all the family both for various walks around our lovely village or just enjoy the day and pop along to our all day Bistro at the village hall.

The Painters Forstal

COFFEE CLUB

27th March.

All welcome.

Join us in Whitehill Chapel,

11 am - 12.30pm.

If you have time and want to help out on the day then call Harry Kyte on 01795 890703 or email hkass@tiscali.co.uk.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on Thursday, 14th March at 7.30 p.m.in the village hall A talk by Janet Bryant on 'Climbers and Wall Shrubs'

Plants for Sale Renewal of annual membership costs £6. Non-members pay £3 per meeting.



Otterden and Stalisfield WI

Congratulations to the Murray family for the safe arrival of a bouncing baby boy. (must be something in the water!)

6th March - Easter crafts 7.30pm in Stalisfield Village Hall.

3rd April - Sabrina Leland - Italian cookery demonstration. Sabrina has kindly offered for the demonstration to be in her own kitchen; WI members please contact Kim Curtis for details 01795 890691.

Carol Morris - Otterden & Stalisfield WI publicity 01795 892038

Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 14th March 7.45 for 8pm Charing Parish Hall

How Pugin changed English Houses:

English domestic architecture before and after Pugin, focusing on parsonages in Kent and elsewhere..

Dr Timothy Brittain-Catlin Visitors welcome - £3

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With a hint of Spring in the air, a clutch of cheerful chars descended on St. Mary's on Saturday 16th February armed with feather dusters, brooms and hoovers. After several hours frenzied activity, the church looked a different place with cobwebs coaxed down, floors cleaned and pews perfectly polished.



1st World Day of Prayer Service 2pm Tanners Street Church 1st Coffee and Cakes 2.45pm Eastling School 5th Mobile Library 10.50am Glebe Cottages 6th Otterden & Stalisfield WI 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall 7th Benefice Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm 11th Throwley Parish Meeting 7.30pm Throwley Church 12th Monthly Study Group 10am Garden Cottage 13th Eastling Parish Council 6.30pm Eastling Village Hall 14th Gardeners' Club 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall 14th Local History Society 7.45pm Charing Parish Hall 15th Deadline for April Good News See below 17th S Club Eastling Village Hall 19th Mobile Library 10.50am Glebe Cottages 19th P.Forstal & Ospringe WI 2.15pm Champion Hall 20th Craft Club 11am Champion Hall 26th Magazine Folding 2pm Pinks Farm 27th Coffee Club Whitehill Chapel 29th Vivaldi's Gloria 7.30pm Boughton Church 30th Church flower decorating 10.30am Eastling Church 31st Easter Bunny Hunt 1.30pm Belmont House MAY 6th Bluebell Walk from Eastling Village Hall JUNE 23rd Musical Afternoon 3pm Stalisfield Church

Deadline for the April *Good News* will be 15th March

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

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