

## Eastling Puppet Club

The club continues to have a very lively group of puppeteers performing skits and songs.

We are planning a trip to the Regional Puppet Ministry Festival in Guildford on May 21st. We will be competing in the skit competition, and also be able to see how other clubs do it.

There will be demonstrations on all aspects of puppetry, including ventriloquism! This will be a special experience for us.

The club is open to young people aged 9-15. It meets fortnightly on Saturdays or Sundays in Eastling Village Hall. Enquiries to Angela Cheeseman 890629.



*I washed mine last night,  
and now I can't do a thing with it!*

## PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

Many thanks to parents and relatives who sponsored the playgroup children's obstacle course on Friday April 15th. We have now raised enough to cover our insurance for the coming year.

We are continuing to look at a colour and letter each week, as well as lots of other activities. We hope to have our outside play area available for use after half term, which is from 30th May to 4th June.

Any enquiries to  
Jill Seaman, 01795 890519



## Young People's Craft Club

6th & 20th May

6.15 to 7.15pm

in the Champion Hall,  
Painter's Forstal.

50p per session -  
all young people invited.



## Painter's Forstal Easter Surprise

The afternoon was a great success and the weather, although not too brilliant, allowed the teams to tour the village and play games in Lorenden Park.

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A new twist to the quiz was to spot 12 items that shouldn't really be in people's gardens. Whilst waiting for the results, parents enjoyed a cup of tea & biscuits and a deserved sit down and the young people decorated hard boiled eggs and cards. The Faversham News photographer took numerous pictures which can be seen at their office in West Street.

## S Club

Eastling Village Hall

Sunday 15th May

10 - 11am

All young people welcome

## Youngstyle

Eastling Church

Sunday 22nd May

10 - 10.30am

All ages welcome

Ospringe  
Church

## Sunday School

meets during the  
11am Family Communion  
on 22nd May.

## Family Service

Sunday 15th May  
11am.

## Right on Cue.....

Keith Neaves has lent the Snooker Club a small snooker table, which will enable the smaller children to play snooker before moving up to the full size table. Would you please thank Keith through the pages of the church news for his generosity and assure him that we will look after it.

**Eastling Snooker Club** is open on Mondays: 7.00 - 8.30pm youngsters under 16 years old (Snooker and Table Tennis). Adults 8.30 - until 10.00pm. Cost : Youngsters 50p per game of Snooker, Table Tennis free... Adults £1.00 per game of Snooker, Table Tennis not available.

Would you please contact Tony Stephens on 01795 890010, if you are interested in playing.

# Good News

## Parish Magazine

### May 2005

## Whitehill Chapel Anniversary Concert

featuring

*The Choir from  
Sittingbourne  
Salvation Army*



Thursday 2nd June,  
7.30pm

Champion Hall

All welcome

Free entrance, retiring collection.



## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

Raffle, plant, cake, book  
and Bric-a-brac stalls.

Plus much more for your enjoyment.

All very welcome.

Further details from 533608.

Saturday 21st May

10am - 12 noon

74 London Road,  
Faversham.

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## Secret Gardens of Faversham

in 2005 will be open on Saturday  
and Sunday 4th & 5th June,  
and 30th & 31st July.

Admission to all the properties is by  
programme, which includes  
information on each garden and a  
location map The programmes are  
available from the Fleur de Lis  
Heritage Centre.

## Eastling Gardeners' Club Bring & Buy Plant Sale

Saturday, 21st May

10.30am -12.30pm

Eastling Village Hall

Proceeds shared between  
Eastling Church and the Club.

# Stalisfield Highlights

## QUIZ PARTY

You are invited to our  
traditional late SPRING QUIZ  
to be thrown on

**Friday 13th May** in  
Stalisfield's Historic Hut at  
7.30pm for a prompt start.

As ever, the prizes will be  
unbelievable.

Make sure that you don't miss the  
best party in town by  
booking your space with  
Ian on (01795) 890475.

We are following our popular  
formula of £2 per person, bring  
your own nibbles and tipples.

We will supply hilarity.

Gather your friends to make a  
table of up to six, or just make  
a date to turn up for potluck.



## JUMBLE SALE

We will be holding a Jumble Sale on

**Saturday 21st May**  
at 2.00pm

**in the hut at Stalisfield.**

Clothing, bric-a-brac, books, toys  
and garden plants  
will be on sale.

You are invited to contribute items  
anytime in advance by telephoning  
Ian on (01795) 890475 or Roy on  
(01223) 712893 to arrange collection  
or simply leave your item in the hut  
porch which will be open for that  
purpose on Friday 20th.

We will not be advertising the event  
outside the immediate area covered  
by the GOOD NEWS.

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



## Growing into Christ

*We have been called by Jesus to follow him, and so we have dropped what we are doing, picked up our rucksacks (some heavier than others) and changed our direction in life, but it does not end there. Following Jesus is more than walking in his footsteps or his shadow, further than being called to be 'more like Christ'. It means growing into Christ.*

*How do we meet the challenge of truly growing into Christ? A focus for this is the Eucharist, where in a special way we are united with Christ. He comes into us and we move into him and become one. So spiritual growth can continue. St. Paul uses two analogies in his first letter to the Corinthians to help us understand what this means. In chapter 12 he describes us as the body of Christ with many parts; and in chapter 13 he illustrates growth from childhood to adulthood.*

*We cannot grow into Christ alone; we need unity with others and with God. Just as the body has many parts, we each have gifts to offer and we cannot discover and use these independently without support from others. But equally we must also have time alone with God to learn how Jesus wants us to use them.*

*We can be childish about our faith. We can get obsessed with things that really do not matter, such as what others might think of us, or who is right on a particular issue. We can put our own dignity and pride first, deciding what we want to achieve rather than what God is asking of us. We need to move from individual to unity, ignorance to understanding, impetuosity to wisdom, and from child to adult. So it is as we grow into the full stature of Christ.*

*Taken from the "Parish Pump"*

Prayer from Christian Aid partner the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness

**Christian Aid**  
We believe in life before death

For our incapacity to feel the sufferings of others,  
And our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,  
God, forgive us.  
For the self-righteousness which denies guilt,  
And the self-interest which strangles compassion,  
God, forgive us.  
For those who live their lives in careless unconcern  
Who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,  
We ask your mercy.  
For our failings in community, our lack of understanding,  
We ask your mercy.  
For our lack of forgiveness, openness, sensitivity,  
God, forgive us.  
For the times we were too eager to be better than others,  
When we are too rushed to care,  
When we are too tired to bother,  
When we don't really listen,  
When we are too quick to act from motives other than love,  
God, forgive us.

## Oasis

No Oasis on 1st May as most of us will be supporting the Faversham Bike Ride and the open air service at 9.45am on the Rec. But....

In June we are beginning a new series all about God.

The first one is  
**God, The Trinity**  
in Ospringe Church on  
Sunday 5th June  
at 11am.  
All ages very welcome.

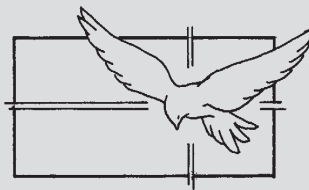


Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal  
Sunday 1st May  
Cooked breakfast served from 10am  
**Family People's Choice**  
starts at 10.40am  
Guest Speaker:  
Mrs Angela Cheeseman  
All ages welcome

## Sunday Freestyle

8th May, 10.30am  
Eastling Church  
Breakfast from 10am  
All welcome

## Prayer Pointers May 2005



<u>Sundays</u>	For an infilling of the Holy Spirit.
<u>Mondays</u>	Those who no longer worship with us.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	Work among children and teenagers in the benefice.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Local Councillors.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For all Members of Parliament.
<u>Fridays</u>	For wise leadership in different situations.
<u>Saturdays</u>	The work of Christian Aid.

## CHOIR NOTES

Eureka! The music and words for "I watch the sunrise" have been found and one bride and her Mum are delighted. It was one I had previously searched for for Pat and Norman Pollard so I hope you are both able to hear the Choir sing it soon. Choir Practices have started after the Easter break and it is good to be singing heartily. Vicky Brenchley was in the community production of "Annie" and it was wonderful; the team are to be congratulated. Vicky has been working on her Pale Blue Voice for Life with Carolynne and soon she and Lauren will be working through the Dark Blue Voice for Life. This complements the work they do at school. Thank you to Carolynne for her work and enthusiasm.



## Volunteer Drivers Transport Scheme

Swale CVS (Council for Voluntary Service) and Volunteer Centre operate a transport scheme which is run by volunteer drivers who take people who are unable to use public transport, due to age or disability, to wherever they may need to go. This may be hospitals, doctors, dentists, opticians etc.. More volunteer drivers are urgently needed because on some days the service is unable to help those who need it due to the lack of volunteer drivers. All volunteers are paid 35p per mile to cover mileage and wear & tear on their vehicle. Anyone who would like to help should contact: Swale CVS, Central House, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME10 4NT Tel: 01795 473828

## FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

Last time I wrote, we were under snow and since then we have begun to enjoy the Spring and rebirth of the countryside. Did you see those wonderful carpets of crocuses in flower beds of the Recreation Ground? That was a splendid initiative. When we went to see "Annie" at the Marlowe we walked through Westgate Gardens. The trees were in blossom and the flower beds were sparkling, purple and blue and orange and yellow polyanthers with the daffodils nodding their heads too. The grass was that lovely green and the bowers were well trimmed. It was an oasis of beauty and calm. The journey I often take to Church to practice the organ, either along Water Lane or the longer route along Newnham Bottom, is full of signs of Spring. The waxy flowers of the magnolia trees in Water Lane and by the south east end of the church are a picture. God's messages in nature are just wonderful! My husband is arranging for the new Cathedral Assistant Organist, Robert Patterson, to give us a fund-raising Organ Concert at Ospringe. Watch this space! God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

## Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle

Faversham Choral Society and soloists present this unique work for chorus, soloists, 2 Pianos and Harmonium.  
Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Hall  
7.30pm on Saturday 7th May 2005  
Tickets: £8  
from: Wyn's Flowers and Fleur de Lis  
Heritage Centre in Preston Street, or  
Tel. 01795 539669

## Concerts in Churches King's Singers

St Mary of Charity, Faversham  
Thursday 26th May

The concert starts at 7:30pm.  
Doors open at 6:45pm.  
Refreshments will be available.  
Ticket prices £25 - £21 - £17 - £13 - £9  
Phone (24hr) 01449 738829  
Online <www.concertsinchurches.com>  
In person - Faversham Tourist Information  
Centre, Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, 13  
Preston Street.

## MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Our February M.U. meeting had to be cancelled because of the severe weather conditions making it too dangerous under foot and we did not want anyone to fall. As you can imagine, for this first meeting with my Branch Leader's hat on, I had geared myself up with all my notes prepared, bible readings and prayers and ready to introduce that month's speaker, Vicky Shepherd. All ready for the off! What happens? Snow - meeting cancelled! 'Okay,' I thought, 'next month.' On Sunday March 13th there were three commissions at Ospringe Church from Brenda Lawson, our Diocesan President: Carol Marshall - Deanery President Carol Dolman - New member and Secretary Brenda Cardwell - Branch Leader. The service was well supported by M.U. members from around the diocese. Our M.U. meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month, all will be welcomed with love. On 30th March we were welcomed at June Akhurst's home, always a wonderful

warm and loving welcome. Thanks again, June, I don't know why I was so anxious! One of our subjects for discussion was MAKE POVERTY HISTORY, something dear to all our hearts. One way we could help bring it to the attention of our politicians was to stamp and sign campaign postcards, in the shape of a football, and send them to Mr Blair telling him to use his leadership of the G8 to create real change for the world's poor. Our speaker was Revd. Jacqui Henry, who spoke about 'Women in the Bible'. I'm ashamed to say these women were unknown to me and most of us. The purpose of the talk was for us to read and find them in our bibles. Jacqui will give me a list of the women she spoke about. She really made us think. We look forward to next month when Brenda Lawson, our Diocesan President, will talk to us. A big thank you from me for all your support. God Bless. Brenda Cardwell, Branch Leader.



# Free Trade or Fair Trade?

Free trade means that governments may not interfere in the market place, and all traders – from rich and poor countries alike – must face each other in open competition. This gives the poorest no chance. To begin to make a decent living for their families they need some help from their government to support their industries – that is they need trade justice, not free trade.

This is why Christian Aid is campaigning for trade justice, not free trade. The campaign is informed by the biblical vision of a just world where the needs of the poorest people are met. To compete in today's global marketplace poor farmers and traders need special help from their governments until they are strong enough to manage without it.

To find out more go to [www.caweeek.org](http://www.caweeek.org) or call 08080 006 006.



**What?** A week of fundraising, prayer and action for the world's poorest people.

**Why?** Because poverty is a scandal, and because we believe in life before death.

**Who?** A movement of 4,000 local organisers, 20,000 supporting churches and 300,000 dedicated collectors.

**How?** Through the UK's biggest house-to-house collection, millions taking action for trade justice, a national advertising campaign, and thousands of special events and church services.

We believe in life before death. We have a vision of how the world can be without poverty. By giving and by taking action for trade justice, you can help make that vision a reality this Christian Aid Week.

## Making poverty history: the trade justice campaign

The UK government is committed to making 2005 a year when poverty is on the international agenda. To tackle poverty it must address the injustices in world trade. Christian Aid Week this year asks churches to call for trade justice.

Louisa Elias Mahachele works on a sugar plantation in Mozambique, earning enough to feed her family. Her job is one of thousands that have been created since the Mozambique government helped its sugar industry by attracting investment to it. It set the price for imported sugar, most of which comes from rich countries where it is subsidised. This set price means that the locally produced sugar is able to compete with imports.



'There are many women working at the sugar plantation. Before the sugar factory opened, we were very poor... Now things are better, we can all earn money and buy food from the markets.'

Louisa Mahachele

But Mozambique is an exception. Other poor countries are prevented from helping vulnerable industries and farmers. Rich countries and international institutions that lend poor countries money force governments to accept free-trade policies.

How you can take action for trade justice this Christian Aid Week 2005:

Poverty on the agenda  
Important international meetings in 2005 will give our government an excellent opportunity to take a lead for trade justice.

July: G8 Summit meeting in the UK  
The meeting of the world's richest eight nations returns to the UK in July. The UK government wants the agenda to address poverty in Africa.

July-December: The UK holds the presidency of the EU.  
December: ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation.

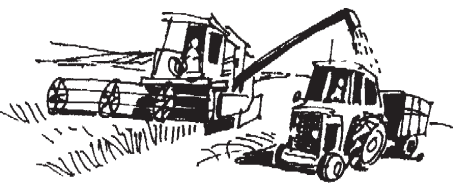


The Big Vote for trade justice  
Imagine the impact if every household in the UK and Ireland voted to ask their governments to do something about global poverty. This Christian Aid Week we are giving people the chance to help shape the world: by giving, and by taking a very simple action, to vote for trade justice.

## Agricultural Christian Fellowship

With the farming year now underway, did you know that the Agricultural Christian Fellowship (ACF) is open to all Christians from all branches of agriculture, horticulture and related activities in the U.K?

ACF helps its members to help one another and to promote evangelism in the countryside. It was instrumental in the foundation of Farm Crisis Network, which helps farmers and farming families in trouble. The ACF has local groups in some areas of the country and is seeking to develop more in other areas. For more info: 0116 255 1700 or email [acf@uccf.org.uk](mailto:acf@uccf.org.uk), or visit the website: [www.agriculturalchristianfellowship.org.uk](http://www.agriculturalchristianfellowship.org.uk)



My paper recently informed me that "the Seven Deadly Sins are out of date" and should be replaced. "They were temporary after all" it goes on to say "and have been replaced, according to the outcome of a poll for the BBC's Heaven and Earth Show by Cruelty, Adultery, Bigotry, Dishonesty, Hypocrisy, Greed and Selfishness.

Stuff and nonsense, I thought, but then ....who says they're written in stone? Surely only the Ten Commandments meet that test. And where did they come from anyway, given that we already had those petrified laws to guide our errant ways?

The Seven Deadly Sins were devised in the 6th Century by Pope Gregory the Great and were the vices he thought most at odds with divine love. They were a modified form of Evagrius of Pontus's eight evil thoughts (Gluttony, Lust, Avarice, Sadness, Anger, Sloth, Vainglory, and Pride; in order of increasing fixation with the self). Gregory changed them a bit, combining Vainglory with Pride, Sloth with Sadness, and adding Envy.

And guess what? The Church modified them further. In the seventeenth century, Sadness (which was not thought to be all that great a sin after all) was removed and Sloth reinstated. Does that sound a bit like the reader poll with added authority?

In the 20th Century, Mahatma Gandhi devised a list of the seven traits he considered to be the most spiritually perilous to humanity:-

- \* Wealth without Work
- \* Pleasure without Conscience
- \* Science without Humanity
- \* Knowledge without Character

## Seven Deadly Sins

by Mark Fagg

- \* Politics without Principle
- \* Commerce without Morality
- \* Worship without Sacrifice

More revisionism, or an attempt to make an outmoded concept relevant to modern people?

Deadly (or Capital) Sins were so called because, in the eyes of the medieval church, they could have a fatal effect on an individual's spiritual health and merited damnation, whereas venial sins could be forgiven without the need for the sacrament of Confession. But what is their relevance today?

Part of the issue facing modern people is revealed at the end of the Times article. It seems that more than half of us admit to committing each of the deadly sins with, for example, a massive 80% admitting Anger. So the problem is not so much that the sins have changed, but that they are things "we all do". And many of them are. But does that make them less sinful? And whatever happened to the concept of deadliness?

Sin can be defined as turning away from divine love to the material world and certainly modern attitudes would seem to reflect that definition. The only commandment now seems to be "Enrich thyself, but don't get caught".

However, in sin, the image of God, reflected in His creation of human nature, is defaced and disfigured. Sin makes us incapable of understanding spiritual ideas clearly and so in sinning, or in the acceptance of sin, we separate ourselves from God.

Perhaps then, on reflection, my first reaction to the Times article was wrong. All sin is deadly to our spiritual wellbeing. The Seven Deadly Sins are intended to point out to us serious sins from which many others spring, and the emphasis should change a little over time. After all, the new list contains some direct correspondence (Greed & Avarice) and much that re-expresses the old sins in ways which are more meaningful for modern people (Dishonesty is often driven by Greed and Envy, Hypocrisy by Pride, Adultery by Lust). Perhaps we should be grateful that people still accept that there is such a thing as sin, and spread the Gospel that God redeems us from it through His grace and through salvation by Jesus on the cross.

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**The Citizens Advice Bureau in Swale**  
has appointed a new 60+ project worker.



Charlotte Frost aims to help everyone in the 60+ group to be aware of available benefits.

“ Many people 60 and over are unaware of the benefits they are entitled to and complicated forms put people off. The aim of this new project is to make those people, 60 and over, aware of the benefits available to them and help them make a claim.” says Charlotte Frost

The Citizens Advice Bureau thinks there could be over 300 pensioners in Swale who should be getting Pension Credit but aren't. From April all single people over the age of 60 should have an income of at least £109.45 a week. Couples over 60 should have at least £167.05 a week. If you don't or you know someone who doesn't, then you can get in touch with Charlotte on 0784 5231 209 or visit the Citizens Advice Bureau, 43 Stone Street, Faversham, Tel 01795 536 996.

**CAB comes to Eastling**

Faversham Citizens Advice Bureau in Stone Street, normally open for drop in 10am - 2.30pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, will be closed for renovation between 16th May and 1st June, but the service will be available to anyone needing help in the Carpenters Arms, Eastling on Tuesdays 17th & 24th May between 1.30 and 3pm.

**Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.**

Contact numbers:  
Swale NHW office 0808 100 3308 (free)  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)  
NHW liaison officer 01795 584143  
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055  
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999  
Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

**Bogus Fire Checks.**

Police are warning people to be on guard against bogus phone callers offering to book fire safety checks at their homes. The callers say they can check home security and compile a list of valuables so that, in the event of a burglary or fire, it is possible to check what has been lost.



Kent Fire & Rescue do carry out fire safety checks at the home owners request but these will be by pre-arranged appointment. The fire officer will always be in uniform, carry official ID and arrive in an official vehicle. The Kent Fire & Rescue Service want to alert people to this latest scam being used to gain access to their homes. They urge people to be vigilant.

If you receive a call of this nature make sure you do not give out any personal information and you contact the local police station immediately.

**Arson.**

Last month some sheds were set alight on the Ospringe allotments, Water Lane and a farm outbuilding was set alight in the Whitehill area of Brogdale Road. These events may be linked and may constitute arson which is a very serious threat as fire can spread rapidly and may affect residential areas and so endanger life, even if this was not the original intention of the perpetrators. A reminder - if you have smoke alarms they should be tested regularly, if you don't have alarms, consider fitting some.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch messages are also posted on the village notice boards (at the Village Hall and the Parish notice board in The Street). Anyone in Eastling wishing to receive alert information by e-mail please send a message to eastlingnhw@tesco.net

**Debt is an ever-increasing problem in this country... so why not... Make sense of your finances: have a budget!**

Whether you are struggling with money or not, every one of us as Christians needs to be budgeting. Otherwise we will be wasting some of God's precious resources. It doesn't matter if we think we have no need to because we can "afford" something. John Wesley said that the word "afford" was the word he hated most in the English language because we use it to "justify the unjustifiable".

A budget is a first step towards being in control of your finances. It will also help you to see exactly where your money goes.

**Why do you need to budget?**

Making a budget helps you to:  
get rid of stress by monitoring your spending habits;  
know whether you are in control of your finances;  
know how much money you have coming in each month, and how much you have to spend;  
cut back on unnecessary spending; and save money.

**How to create a budget**

Budgeting is not difficult, although it may take a bit of work. You do not need to be a maths genius to do it! Be honest. Don't try to skip certain items or underestimate your spending. Be consistent and accurate. Making a budget involves keeping regular records of what you are spending.

**Follow the steps below:**

- Work out your income (including benefits). Make sure you are taking your net income that is, your income after tax and National Insurance have been taken off.
- List your regular spending. This includes things like Council Tax, mortgage, rent, heating and insurance.
- Add up what you are spending on normal day-to-day living expenses – this includes things like shopping for food, clothes and entertainment.
- Record what you spend on occasional items – such as birthday and Christmas presents, holidays and so on. You don't buy these items regularly but it is helpful to put an amount on one side for them every month.
- Make sure that you work out your income and spending for the same period – usually a month.
- Add up your income and then add up your spending. If the spending is more than the income, it may mean that you need help with your finances. It is important to adjust your budget as your income and expenses change.

For further help please visit [www.creditaction.org.uk](http://www.creditaction.org.uk) for details of the new guide "Thinking about money".

By Keith Tondeur of Credit Action

**Ospringe Parish Council met on the 12th April at Champion Hall.**

The Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee has donated two benches for Lorenden Park. A meeting has been held with the company that are making the benches, and it is hoped that they can be installed soon. These benches will add to the enjoyment of visitors to the Park. Jean Newman our local Kent County Councillor attended the meeting. Jean is retiring this year after 10 years as a Kent County councillor, 20 years as a Swale councillor. Jean was also a member of the Parish Council for twenty years. The Parish Council recorded their thanks for her good work on behalf of local residents over the years. In turn Jean thanked the Council for their work and gave her best wishes for future success. The Parish Council has approved funding for maintenance and improvements to the Champion Hall. The detail of the work and costs is being worked on and will be announced in the near future.

Guidance for the work of Parish Councils, "Code for the Future" has recently been published. This guidance provides a code of conduct for councils. The Parish Council will consider this at the next meeting. Councillor Prescott of Swale Borough Council attended the meeting. The Parish Council took the opportunity to discuss the re-cycling of newspapers in Painter's Forstal. The kerb-side collection service is at full capacity, but it may be possible to site a collection point in the Village. The Parish Council will review this proposal, and at the same time ask SBC to give consideration to other re-cycling facilities. The Annual Parish Meeting takes place at Champion Hall at 7:30 on the 11th May. The Parish Council next meets at 7:30 on 25th May, at Champion Hall. Members of the Public are welcome to attend.

**EASTLING ANNUAL MEETINGS**

**HALL:** As Chairman of the Trustees of Eastling Village Hall, Dr Julia Bailey reported a strong financial position for 2004/5 despite the completion of hall improvements. With a helpful grant of £500 contributed by Cllr Jean Newman from Kent County Council, plus a further £2000 from the Parish Council, the hall Trustees had funded the £1,310 balance to resurface the car park. Members of the short mat bowls club undertook internal alterations to remove the sliding screens and replace them with curtaining allowing use of 3 mats for bowling instead of the previous two. A small marquee was purchased and a larger marquee is planned to enhance party and wedding facilities. Bookings for the hall continue to keep at a good level with the hall in use every weekday evening by a club or group. Successful fundraising events included the August Barbecue. Income for the paper recycling provided over £400. The Trustees were sorry to receive the resignation of Mary Eagleton who is moving out of the village. Mary has supported the hall since her childhood, fundraising, operating the booking service and organising the snooker club. Dr Bailey paid tribute to Mrs Eagleton's tremendous

contribution, and that of her husband Roger, who has maintained the hall electrical systems. Mary was thanked for donating framed photos of three generations of the Lords Harris which will be displayed in the hall. The Chairman thanked everyone who helped with cleaning, maintenance and gardening ovrk at the Hall and welcomed Mrs Rachel Wilson as a parish representative to serve with the Trustess. Mr Tony Stephens has been co-opted onto the Trustees to run the booking service and host the snooker club meetings on Monday nights. The Treasurer, Mr Alan Willson, outlined the financial report showing a healthy balance with all bills paid. **PARISH COUNCIL:** Hugh Robertson MP attended Eastling for the Annual Parish Meeting and parishioners welcomed his comments on local concerns such as proposed building plans for the south east, hare coursing and road noise from the M2. Chairman Mr John Payne, said a draft Village Design Statement has sent to Swale and expressed his thanks to Dr Bailey for her work on the project. The proposed bus shelter at the Glebe Cottages has been dropped. Various hedgerows in the parish have been planted or cut down ready for replanting. There have been three offers to

**All hands needed.....**

Derek Macey and the Lorenden Trust are organising a working party on the 15th May. This is to help clear an area of vegetation and return it to chalk meadow. Chalk meadows are a valuable part of the countryside, encouraging butterflies and other wildlife. Unfortunately there seem to be less and less of them in the County these days. This is our opportunity to make a local contribution to the restoration of Kent's historic countryside, adding to our gem at Lorenden. Meet at Pawley Farm at 9:30am. Some refreshments will be provided at the end of the work.





Services in our Benefice

<b>1st May Rogation Sunday</b>		
1 Peter 3. 13 - end, John 14. 15 - 21		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Recreation Ground	9.45 a.m.	Open Air Service
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Breakfast followed by
	10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

<b>Tuesday 3rd May</b>		
Whitehill Chapel	2.00 p.m.	Holy Communion

<b>5th May Ascension Day</b>		
Ospringe	3 p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)

<b>8th May Sunday after Ascension</b>		
1 Peter 4. 12 - 14; 5. 6 - 11, John 17. 1 - 11		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

<b>15th May Pentecost</b>		
Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 20. 19 - 23		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club in Village Hall
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tanners Street		7 p.m.
Churches Together in Faversham Christian Aid Service		

<b>22nd May Trinity Sunday</b>		
2 Corinthians 13. 11 - end, Matthew 28. 16 - end		
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice

<b>29th May 1st Sunday after Trinity</b>		
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Benefice Service

<b>5th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity</b>		
Romans 4. 13 - end, Matthew 9 9 - 13, 18 - 26		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Breakfast followed by
	10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis - New Series
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

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

|                                  |                                            |                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Priest in Charge                 | Reverend Penny Fenton                      | (01795 536366) |
|                                  | 9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX       |                |
| Reader                           | Mr. Hugh Perks                             | (01795 890603) |
|                                  | Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. |                |
| Reader                           | Mr. Norman Fowler                          | (01795 890412) |
|                                  | 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.                 |                |
| Methodist Minister               | Reverend Chris Esgate                      | (01795 532461) |
|                                  | Chris@Esgate.plus.com                      |                |
| <b><u>Churchwardens</u></b>      |                                            |                |
| <b>Ospringe</b>                  | Miss C. Brightman                          | (01795 531960) |
|                                  | Mr. P. Larter                              | (01795 531044) |
| <b>Eastling</b>                  | Mr S. Youle                                | (01795 890368) |
|                                  | Mrs. A. Smith                              | (01795 890469) |
| <b>Stalisfield with Otterden</b> |                                            |                |
| Joint Warden                     | Mrs. J. Baker                              | (01622 858332) |
|                                  | Mrs S. Gaind                               | (01622 858551) |
| <b>Whitehill</b>                 |                                            |                |
| Steward                          | Miss. B. Richards                          | (01795 532756) |

**Contacting the Church's staff**  
For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 536366. If you would like the parish staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

**June 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 May 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

From the Registers

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| <b>Baptism</b>                          |  |
| HARRY PHILIP Hartman                    |  |
| at Ospringe on 10th April 2005          |  |
| <b>Wedding</b>                          |  |
| David John NEAT and Amanda Jane HOBBS   |  |
| at Ospringe on 7th April 2005           |  |
| <b>Funeral</b>                          |  |
| Rachel WHITE                            |  |
| Cremation at Bobbing on 31st March 2005 |  |
| Lillian Kathleen TURNER                 |  |
| Cremation at Barham on 7th April 2005   |  |
| William Henry (Bill) MATTHEWS           |  |
| Cremation at Charing on 14th April 2005 |  |
| Thelma WRIGHT                           |  |
| Cremation at Barham on 21st April 2005  |  |
| <b>Interment of Ashes</b>               |  |
| Cyril Lawrence COOK                     |  |
| at Ospringe on 3rd April 2005           |  |

STOP PRESS:  
Archbishop to attend  
Papal Inauguration

Wednesday 20 April 2005

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, is to attend the solemn inauguration of the new pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI on Sunday 24th April in St Peter's Square in Rome. Dr Williams will become the first serving Archbishop of Canterbury to attend such an occasion, at least since the Reformation. The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity has indicated its 'great delight' that Dr Williams will be attending.

Dr Williams has confirmed that he will, again, be wearing the ring presented to his predecessor, Archbishop Michael Ramsey, by Pope Paul VI and a pectoral cross presented to him by Pope John Paul II.

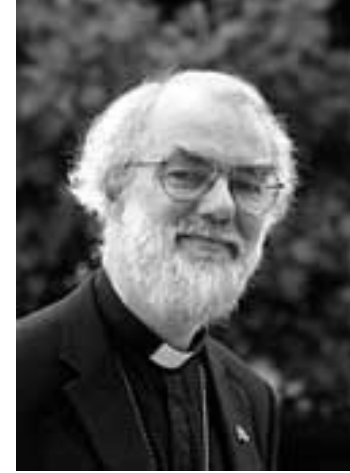
Dr Williams will travel to Rome on Saturday; he will be accompanied by the Revd Andrew Norman, Archbishop's Secretary for International and Ecumenical Affairs and by the Revd Jonathan Jennings, Archbishop's Press Secretary.

On 15th May  
the Church celebrates  
Pentecost / Whit Sunday.

On Ascension Day the sequence of events that began at Easter was completed. Christ ascended to his Father in heaven, and now it was the turn of the Holy Spirit to come down to earth (the story is found in Acts 2: 1 – 8). Pentecost is the feast on which the Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. With his enabling power, the Church was soon off to a flying start, an incredibly dramatic expansion in its earliest, formative period.

So no wonder Pentecost Sunday is a major feast in the Christian year. In fact, in many Christian traditions, Pentecost comes second in importance only to Easter itself. Pentecost is sometimes called 'Whitsun' (literally, 'white Sunday') on account of the tradition of the clergy wearing white robes on this day.

Greetings and  
prayers for new  
Pope  
From the Church of  
England website: 19th  
April 2005



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams has offered his best wishes and prayers for Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger on his election as successor to Pope John Paul II. Dr Williams said: "We wish Pope Benedict XVI every blessing in the immense responsibilities he is about to assume on behalf of Roman Catholics round the world. "His election is also of great significance to Christians everywhere. I look forward to meeting him and to working together to build on the legacy of his predecessor, as we seek to build shared understanding between our churches in the service of the Gospel and the goal of Christian unity. "He is a theologian of great stature, who has written some profound reflections on the nature of God and the church. His choice of the name Benedict suggests he wants to connect his vision of the church to the monastic spirit of service and contemplation."

The new Pope elected 19th April 2005

**A Pope with uncompromising views**  
By Peter Gould  
BBC correspondent in Vatican City  
Around the world, a billion Catholics are now wondering where their new Pope will take them. As a young priest Pope Benedict was regarded as progressive. For those who believe in the traditional values of the Church, the election of Joseph Ratzinger is a blessing. They know they can rely on him to hold the line against those with an agenda for change. But those who want to reform the Church may be less happy, as they see him as a man in the mould of John Paul II.



Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected pope. He chose the name Pope Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker".

The Holy Spirit is of major importance to Christian thought and life. When we read through the book of Acts, we find evidence of his presence everywhere – guiding, encouraging, and empowering the apostles. In more recent times, the rise of the charismatic movement within the worldwide church has led to an increased awareness of the powerful role of the Spirit in each of our Christian lives. Pentecost falls on the fiftieth day after Easter, when, according to Luke's account, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem, who were gathered there on Jesus' instructions. ("Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised.")

Even so, the Holy Spirit's arrival astounded everyone. The disciples certainly did not expect a sound like a mighty rushing wind from heaven, tongues of fire coming to rest on their heads, and the gift of being able to praise God in languages unknown to them. Luke's description of Pentecost focuses on the impact of the event on people: the disciples were empowered to preach the gospel, and to break down the barriers of language separating them and their audiences. Theologically, the coming of the Spirit thus occupies a significant role in the scheme of salvation, in that it can be seen as a reversal of the 'tower of Babel' (Genesis 11: 1 –32).



## Open Gardens Canterbury Cathedral Precincts

Saturday 4th June 11.30am - 5.30pm  
Sunday 5th June 2.00pm - 5.30pm

Five gardens will be open as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

**Archdeaconry**, 29 The Precincts. 1/4 acre of medieval walled garden , mixed planting of roses, shrubs & grasses and very old mulberry tree.

**The Deanery** (The Dean) Large garden of over 1 acre with small orchard and 'wild' area, lawns, herba- ceous border and vegetable garden.

**15 The Precincts** Large walled garden bounded on one side by the City Wall. Large herba- ceous bank. A little more formal, in keeping with the historical house.

**19 The Precincts** Small enclosed garden with a view dominated by the Cathedral.

## St Nicholas - at - Wade Open Gardens

4th and 5th June  
11am - 5pm

13 village gardens open with stalls selling plants, cakes, preserves, books, bric-a-brac etc. St Nicholas Court Gardens and Underground Chapel Entry fee: £2.50, proceeds for Church facilities. Contact number 01843 847210

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## A rose named Salvation...

The Salvation Army has had a rose named after it. Rosa Salvation is due to be unveiled at the Chelsea Flower Show on 23rd May, and will appear in the Salvation Army/Buildbase garden. It was bred by Harkness Roses, and the Salvation Army will receive a percentage of proceeds from sales of the new plant. The money will be used to fund projects in the UK and abroad.

In both quality and profusion of bloom, this new rose is a rising star for the future. Its prettily formed urn-shaped flowers are glowing amber infused with apricot, and they release a rich, fruity perfume. 'Salvation' is an ideal choice for planting out, as well as a delight to cut for indoor decoration.

Flower-bearing is in clusters, usually between 3 and 7 blooms per stem, and repeat blooming is recurrent for as long as the growing season continues. Growth is compact, sturdy and bushy, ideal for general planting in groups, for bedding

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### 22 The Precincts

Front garden planted to attract birds and insects. Back garden a very small walled 'secret garden'.

Enter the Precincts by main Christchurch gate. No access for cars, please use park and ride and public car parks. Gardens will be signed wthin the Precincts. Some wheelchair limitation. Cost: Precincts pass holders £3 - Combined Cathedral and garden ticket £7.50 - Concessions £6.50. Homemade teas and plant sale at no 29 in aid of overseas charity.

### FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The first week of the Summer term started with brilliant sunshine, unfortunately it didn't last for long. Let's hope the warm dry weather returns for our coming events. It's not too late to purchase your summer bedding plants. I can take orders up to May 3rd. The delivery date for orders placed during April will be on Tuesday 17th May. Please arrange to collect your order from the school playground at 3.20pm. There will be a range of bedding plants for sale at the school fete.

The **Murder/Mystery evening** will held on Saturday 14th May in the School Hall - 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets available now - £5.00 each including food. Do come along for a great evening while trying to identify the murderer while enjoy- ing drinks and snacks, followed by a delicious hot supper. Our **Swimming Pool Party** (including BBQ) at Faversham Pool is on Friday 24th June. Tickets will be on sale soon. The **Summer Fete** will be on Sunday 3rd July. Lots of new attractions this year. There ils still some advertising space available in the programme. Please contact me for further details.

The Summer term will conclude with the Family Disco and BBQ on Friday 22nd July. Watch out for more details of these events next month. Jill Seaman FOES Publicity, Tel 01795 890519

and for borders. This is an excellent colour to combine among the pinks and blues of summer flower borders.h80cm x w60cm \*Price Per Rose: £7.95\* It can be ordered from Harkness Roses new catalogue due out soon or from our web- site <[www.roses.co.uk](http://www.roses.co.uk)> after it has been updated lin ate April. Meanwhile, an order can be placed by telephoning our local rates number 0845 331 3143

## Jazz Police with Ivan from Hullabaloo at Godwins Garden, Stalisfield Green (next to The Plough) Sunday June 5th 2.30-5.30pm

Homemade refreshments available  
Tickets £4 each. Tel. 01795 890376 or 890230

Jazz, jump, jive and admire the flowers at a fundraiser for The National Society for Epilepsy and Rethink Carers Support Group (Canterbury)



# May



## 2005

6th Young People's Craft Club  
7th Race Night  
11th Uniform Sale at Pop-In  
11th Annual Parish Meeting  
12th Afternoon Club  
13th Quiz Party  
14th Murder/Mystery evening  
15th - 21st Christian Aid Week  
15th Deadline for June Good News  
15th Painter's Forstal Clear Up  
16th Hall Trustees Meeting  
17th CAB in Eastling  
17th W.I.  
18th Christian Aid at Pop -In  
20th Young People's Craft Club  
20th Wine and Whisky  
21st Coffee Morning 10am  
21st Plant Sale  
21st Jumble Sale  
24th CAB in Eastling  
25th Parish Council  
26th Afternoon Club  
26th King's Singers Concert  
31st Magazine Folding  
JUNE 2nd Anniversary Concert  
5th Jazz Police in Concert  
11th Barn Dance  
18th Summer Fair

6.15pm Champion Hall  
Ospringe School  
9 - 11am Eastling Village Hall  
7.30pm Whitehill Chapel  
2pm Champion Hall  
7.30pm Stalisfield Hut  
7pm Eastling School

9.30am Pawley Farm  
7.30pm Eastling Village Hall  
1.30 - 3pm Carpenters Arms  
2.15pm Champion Hall  
9 - 11am Eastling Village Hall  
6.15pm Champion Hall  
Eastling Village Hall  
74 London Road, Faversham.  
10.30am Eastling Village Hall  
2pm Stalisfield Hut  
1.30 - 3pm Carpenters Arms  
7.30pm Whitehill Chapel  
2pm Champion Hall  
7.30pm St. Mary of Charity  
2pm Usual Venues  
7.30pm Whitehill Chapel  
2.30pm Godwins, Stalisfield  
7.30pm Painter's Farm  
Ospringe School

24th Eastling Pool Party at Faversham Pools  
25th Ospringe in Bloom Allotments judging  
JULY 3rd Eastling School Fete  
24th Ospringe in BloomGardens judging  
AUGUST 21st Painter's Forstal Fete  
SEPTEMBER 20th Ospringe in Bloom Awards  
OCTOBER 8th Autumn Feast Painter's Forstal  
NOVEMBER 12th Craft Fayre Painter's Forstal

Painter's Forstal Village  
Committee

## BARN DANCE

Saturday 11th June  
7.30pm at

Painter's Farm, Painter's Forstal  
by kind permission of  
Miss Doris Knowler.

## LIVE MUSIC by Watershed Dance Band.

Tickets £5.50 each or £18 for family of 2 adults & 2 children under 16yrs. (Bring your own drink & supper)  
Tickets now available from 532756, or other committee members.

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe

## Women's Institute

May 17th - Resolutions Meeting  
Competition - A pretty scarf, plus  
flower of the month.

2.15pm in Champion Hall.

Ospringe Church needs an  
Honorary Treasurer.

**Can you help?**  
Please contact the Priest in  
Charge or Church Wardens

## Afternoon Club

Activities for May 2005

12th Board Games

26th Board Games

2pm Champion Hall,  
Painter's Forstal.



## Coffee Pop-In

Open each Wednesday  
during term time, 9 -11am.  
Totally free - all welcome.

## Pop-In Specials:

11th May

Eastling School Uniform Sale

18th May

Cake Stall in aid of  
Christian Aid



## Painter's Forstal Fete

August 21st, Lorenden Meadow, 2pm.  
We would appreciate some more offers of help and would thank those who have already come forward. Please ring 01795 532756 if you can help in any way.

## BLT

Come along at 7.00pm on  
Wednesdays to Bums, Legs &  
Tums at Eastling Village Hall.  
£3.00 per class.

This low impact class works on improving muscular strength and endurance which helps to shape and tone those specific areas.

It includes standing and floor work finished off with a relaxation stretch. It is suitable for all levels. If you need more info contact Leigh on 890 149

## Wine and Whisky

On Friday 20th May West Tickham

Hunt are holding an exclusive

***fine wine and  
malt whisky***

tutored testing, in aid of Hunt funds. Experts from London Wine Merchants Justerini & Brooks will be on hand to guide testers on worldwide Chardonney and Bordeaux Blend as well as a selection of Malt Whiskies from Scottish Distillaries. Admission to the event, which takes place in Eastling Village Hall, is by ticket only. Tickets costing £8 can be booked on 01795 890242. All welcome.

The Circuit Tour and

**Bring & Buy Auction** at Whitehill Chapel on April 9th raised £481 for Christian Aid. Thank you to those who contributed and came to buy.

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## Thanks

The Wine and Wisdom held in the village hall on Saturday 2nd April proved very successful and, as a result, £190 has been deposited in the Senior Citizens account. Well done to everyone who attended or helped.

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## Advertise your events....

*"Are you aware that the Faversham Website [www.faversham.org](http://www.faversham.org) provides a free What's On listing of all events in the Faversham area? Event organisers can add their events online using the form provided.*

*If you would like to add any events then go to [www.faversham.org/whatson](http://www.faversham.org/whatson) and click on 'add event' button and take it from there."*