

## Eastling School News

Our village school is working happily in this lovely Summer term when all our facilities and space really come to the fore! Although we have a good take up of places for September 2017, we think we can still fit in a few additional children to our new intake class. If you know of anyone still looking for a place (or unhappy with the place they've been allocated!) then please let them know about our wonderful village school

As always we start our May celebrations by the ever popular village bluebell walk. This year we also celebrate T we also celebrate Japanese children's day with a Japanese quest telling the children all about these far Eastern celebrations. Our farming heritage is not forgotten either with the Tigers class visiting the "Dancing sheep" of the Living Land exhibition on May 4th and Cubs finding out how food comes from "Farm to fork" at Tescos on May 9th.

Our Friends group (FOES) are now planning towards their annual fete (July 2nd) with the first non-uniform day on May 5th, when students are invited to 'swap' unwanted gifts for the excitement of coming to school in casual attire. If any of you have suitable gifts around your home that you'd like to donate to the school fete, please let FOES have them through any contacts you have with the school or indeed just dropping them off to our school office.

Term 5 actually closes on Thursday 25th May, whilst staff spend the next day collaborating on pupil annual reports. This gives us plenty of time to push in a few sporting activities to our programme, such as the Year 5 swimming sessions, area football tournament, netball competition and possibly even involvement in the Faversham 2K cross country on the 14th May. Dave Walsh, Head Teacher



Good News

# Parish Magazine

May 2017

25th May: Ascension Day

40 days after Easter comes

Ascension Day.

which the Risen Christ appeared

again and again to His disciples,

These are the 40 days during

following His death and



'While the Lord blessed them, he parted from them and was . carried up into heaven. . Luke 24:5

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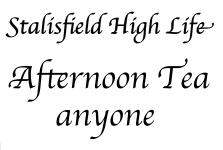
resurrection. The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of his disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

found in Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20

*Jesus Christ's post-resurrection appearances can be* 

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE THROWI **1PM TO 4PM CREAM TEAS, STALLS THROWLEY ARMS BAR** & ACTIVITIES FOR **ALL THE FAMILY** 7PM TO 11.30PM **BAR & LIVE MUSIC** 

#### The news magazine for the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews



Sunday 14th May,

3 - 5 pm



How about coming along to Stalisfield village hall for an afternoon tea with a glass of fizz. Home made cakes, scones with clotted cream, sandwiches, and the chance to relax with friends. Tea, coffee and squash Will also be available. Open to all Stalisfield and Otterden resídents.

Contact Anna Ethelston for further details anna.sheehan@btínternet.com\_



# **Canon's Column**

As I sit down to write my second last column for the Good news Magazine, we have just heard that there will be an election on June 8<sup>th</sup>. It almost seems as if we have had a full plate of election rhetoric over the last three years with the last UK general election, the EU referendum, and the universal coverage of the American presidential election process. Fortunately, a parliamentary election campaign only lasts six weeks.

As we face another bout of political sound bites, speeches and manoeuvrings, I am drawn back to think of a book I bought in early March by Andy Andrews, How to Kill 11 Million People. It is a short book about the process of half truths, lies, fabrications, and telling people in different places what they want to hear or about their fears coming true, in order to accomplish their own political goals. The author's analysis of how the Nazi hierarchy used the German populations fears and prejudices, aided by half truths and well thought out lies, to accomplish their goals of extermination of 11 million people between 1934 and 1945. As I read his analysis and saw the implications of his argument, I thought about how topical the book was. It described some of the tactics we saw in the US presidential election campaign and some of the fear raising projections from both sides in

the EU referendum debate. When I checked the date of publication, I found that it was not that current a book: it was published on 2011.

As I read this little book, I was drawn to look again at one I had read in 2014, On *God's Side*, by Jim Wallis (published 2013). The subtitle on the cover and on the title page is *What Religion Forgets* and Politics Hasn't Learned about Serving the Common Good. These two books discuss the two great themes that should drive our political process, speaking and dealing in the TRUTH, and working for the COMMON GOOD of all.

What are we supposed to do with this election that is before us? How are Christians to respond to the events and the values presented to us in the modern micro-media world?

I would suggest that we begin by looking at where we are and what our values are. Jim Wallis quotes the American president, Abraham Lincoln, as he was dealing with the anguish of their civil war, "My concern is not whether God is on our side, my greatest concern is to be on God's side." Part of being on God's side is dealing in truth and being concerned about the common good for all people. I would suggest to you that what we need to do is to examine every statement, every

speech and every candidate to see what values lie behind what is said and done in this election campaign.

All religions have some form of what has been called the Golden Rule: So whatever you wish that others would do to you do also to them. (Matthew 7.12) Never impose on others what you would not choose for yourself. (Confucius) Wish for your brother, what you wish for yourself. (Quran) (Three examples amongst many.) This would appear to be a basic and universal value. It could be used as a testing gauge for political statements as we try to assess the best way forward for our country. It would be even more effective if we challenged candidates to explain how their positions and statements live up to this universal standard.

Blessings Canon Donald Lawton

Thank You and Farewell

The 10am Communion service at Eastling on Sunday 4th June will the last taken by our Rector. Canon Donald Lawton, before he and Norma leave us to return to Canada.

We would like to send them off with our thanks and good wishes and invite as many as possible to come to the service and/or join us afterwards in Easting village hall for drinks and nibbles.

If you would like to contribute to a collection for Donald and Norma, please see your church warden, or call Andrew Baxter on 01795 890598, by 14th May.

# Eastling Church Flower Rota

#### May 2017

May 7th & 14th - Fiona & Catherine 21st & 28th - Sue Chandler June 4th - Dorothy and Marion

#### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden: 07794 010394

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

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Again whilst it has been quiet in our

area, Faversham and local villages

have not been so lucky, so please be

vigilant and report any strange

vehicles or persons acting suspiciously

A reminder to keep your dogs under

strict control in the vicinity of sheep or

any other livestock, remember

livestock can be very aggressive if a

dog or persons approach them.

Have a good month and take care,

I was meeting a friend in a

restaurant and as I went in, I

noticed two pretty girls looking

carefully at me. 'Nine,' I heard

one whisper as I passed. Feeling

pleased with myself, I swaggered •

over to my buddy and told him a .

Swale Police 101

Emergency

within our area.

Nine

German.'

Alan

or 01795 890848















#### Nine Days of Praver -Conversations in the 'in-between'

May 26th – June 3rd 2017

Using the provocative and striking artwork of Canterbury based Christian artist Caleb Simmons, we wait and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Nine Days of Praver this year focuses on

nine Biblical stories in which people find themselves in an 'in-between' place. The familiar characters find themselves in the middle spaces between despair and thanksgiving; between endings and beginnings; between the known and the unknown; between seeing and knowing. How do they journey through the in-between? How do we?

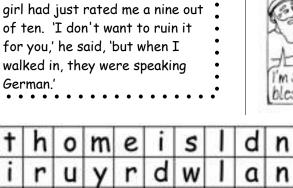
These stories and their images will be the springboards for our Novena prayer through the nine days. The daily pocket prayer images and Daily Waiting liturgies invite us to be ready for unexpected grace, and to receive the Holy Spirit afresh.

As usual, the Pocket Prayers – small booklets for personal and group use – are being produced free of charge for all parishes. A Large Print edition of the Pocket Prayers is available to down load at https:// www.canterburydiocese.org/media/novena/novena2017 largeprint.pdf.

If there is interest, we could gather daily for the 20 minute daily prayer service. This would be a good inter-church opportunity to pray together for the coming interregnum as well. If you are interested please let Canon Lawton know and we will schedule this at a mutually convenient time.







# Esau and Jacob Word Search

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home	food
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important	son
	Isaac
arms	blessing
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# Services in our Churches The High Downs Benefice

<b>30th</b> 2	<i>April</i>	Easter 3
Acts 2. 14, 36-41	, 1 Peter 1	. 17-23, Luke 24. 13-35
Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10 am Benefice ChoralMorning Prayer

# 7th May Easter 4

Genesis 7. 1-24, Acts 2. 42 - end, John 10. 1-10		
Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)

# 14th May Easter 5

Genesis 8. 1-19, Acts 7. 55 - end, John 14. 1-14		
Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 am	CaféStyle
Throwley	10 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Otterden	3 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

# 21st May Easter 6

Genesis 8. 20 - 9	0. 17, Acts	17. 22 - 31, John 14. 15-21
Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 am	Morning Praver (BCP)

Eastling	10 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 am	Holy Communion (CW)

# 28th May Sunday after Ascension

Ezekiel 36. 24 - 28, Acts 1. 6 - 14, John 17. 1-11 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Holy Communion (BCP) Throwley

4th June Pentecost

Numbers 11. 24 - 30, Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 20. 19 - 23 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Combined service with all three parishes



Rector	Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487) The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS		
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Stalisfield with Otterden			
	Jean West	(01233 712270)	
Parish Administrator			
	Sheila Moger	(01233 713212)	
E mail: samhawksnest@aol.com			
Throwley	Dene Martin Email: throwleychurchwa	rden@mail.com	

# From The Registers

Funerals

Joyce Cooper 28th March 2017 Burial at Eastling

Jack Edwards 3rd April 2017 Cremation at Charing

# Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 9th & 23rd May at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Tuesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Weekly study group, 10.45am, New House Farm, Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.



PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup> CHANGE ATTITUDES, FIND A CURE, JOIN US.

# JOIN US

# **Faversham Working Age Group**

Every first Thursday of the month:

- Starting Thursday 4 May 2017
- 3 5 pm Creek Creative Studios, 1 Abbey St, Faversham

Join us for a friendly and informal social gathering for people affected by Parkinson's. Partners, family and friends welcome.

Free (except the purchase of your own drink)

Please let us know if you'd like to join us, contact: Jackie Russell jackier58@me.com or 01795 890898

We're the Parkinson's support and research charity. Help us find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's.

# **Eastling Short Mat Bowls**

We are still looking for new players, male or female. Come along to Eastling village hall any Friday, either 2.30 - 4.30pm or 7.30-9.30pm. You will be very welcome.

Contact Roy on 01795 537162

Not such good news for Eastling in the Swale League as we only gained two points away to Lower Halstow, these two points



were thanks to Des Briggs and Brian Searly. This result sealed our position, for we shall be going down into the third division next season, after working our way to the top and being in this division for a good many years. Better news in the East Kent League; although in our last game, away to A.R.C.A. (Canterbury), we gained no points, Des, Byran and Roy fought well in their triples game going into the last end 10 shots each but we lost by two shots. The good news is we stay (only just) in the first division.

Our final game of the season was the long standing match against Tunstall for the Graham Barrow trophy, I would like to thank all members, Afternoon and Evening players, for turning out for this match. We had some good wins but on the evening they were just too strong for us and they retained the trophy. Our A.G.M is on 21st April and with two afternoon members retiring from the game, it looks very unlikely we shall be continuing in the Swale league, and despite appealing every month in the Good News, no new members have been forthcoming. We shall have to see what the outcome will be at the A.G.M.

Memorus of Eastling - Ruby Droscher (new Eyles) Bigamy' We had a drama once' Our wet door neighbours, Mr and Ma Beer - He went missing! He would often go up to London and she was used to that but after a fortnight, when he didn't come back. She got in louch with relatives and he waint there to she had to inform the police. This was exciting for us children When they searched the wood - this was the wood going down to Newnham The new Connect houses were opposite the wood. They had to brig in police form other areas to search. When they eventually found him, he was living in hondon, with another wife and family - so he was a bigament! Scandal in the village!



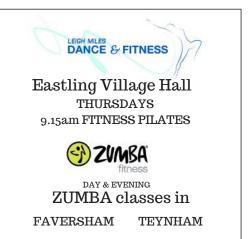


#### The Carpenters Arms Eating and Drinking house

in Eastling is now fully operational under award winning publicans Marc Perkins and Carl Ringsell. Come in and check out the fabulous new new menu, including 'Pie and Pint' Tuesday evening special for £10. A brand new courtyard will be up and running in the next 3 weeks. Stay tuned for up coming bands and events in the summer.

We are looking for kitchen assistants for during the week and weekends, If interested please call 01795 890234 and ask to speak to Marc or Carl.





leigh.fitness@btinternet.com 01795 890149 or 07873 431952 www.milesdanceandfitness.com

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## **BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS**

#### **SPRING FAIR**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 11.00am – 4.00pm

A perfect way to spend a spring day and a great opportunity to get some advice on how to get your garden looking wonderful this Summer. With a superb collection of local crafters and artisans. you can expect to find some unique, quality hand-made gifts. £3 per person and free for children under 16

#### **MEET THE HEAD GARDENER**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Starting in the Orangery, Head Gardener, Graeme, will give you a brief overview of the Estate as a whole and then guide you around our beautiful gardens to see some of the many species of plants and trees. He will also tell you about some of the seasonal work involved in maintaining the gardens at Belmont. £6.00 per person. No booking required.

#### SPOON CARVING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am – 4.00pm

Phil from Badger Bushcraft will demonstrate how to get the best results from the tools. You will learn to safely and confidently perfect your techniques and, by the end of the day, take home your very own spoon! £40.00per person.

To book please email: events@belmont-house.org

#### **HERB WALK & TALK**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1.00pm – 3.00pm

This relaxing walk will introduce you to different herbs used today and historically to treat illness and maintain health. Learn the benefits of some very familiar wild plants and some lesser known. A great chance to see, smell and taste the plants in a beautiful garden setting. To book please email: events@belmont-house.org or call 01795 890228. £6.00 per person including garden entry.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 oHH

# **COME AND JOIN US** in the beautiful garden of Eastling Manor for a

#### **Garden Tea Partv** on Sunday 11th June, from 2.30pm



until 5.30pm. This event will be raising funds for the Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch

If you are able to contribute a cake, scones or sandwiches for the party we would welcome your input at a meeting at Manor Orchard (next to the Manor) on Monday 15th May at 10am. Please contact Dorothy 890144, Marion 890848 or Pam 892194 for more information or to order tickets for the Garden Party. These will be on sale from 1st May at £5.00 for

adults and £2.50 for children, to include a cream tea and entertainment.



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Dates for your diary . . . .

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May - Open from 12 - 6pm

Thursday 18th May - Boughton Monchelsea Morris Dancers from 8pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Band night with Hullabaloo from 8.30pm, free entry

**Celebrate English Wine Week with** us from 27<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> June

Bank Holiday Monday 29th May -Open from 12 - 6pm

Keep up to date by following us on Facebook, twitter or Instagram

Stalisfield Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0HY Tel: 01795 890 256 Email: info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 7.00pm Leaveland Church Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

## "Just the Two of Us"

An amazing opportunity to enjoy a very special evening of music featuring Greg Tassell - Tenor

Sarah Dacey - Soloist Soprano with

David Flood - Canterbury Cathedral Organist

From Mozart to Novello featuring both duets and solos, soprano, tenor and organ, the programme includes a delightful diversity of pieces.

Full programme available on request.

£15.00 to include drinks & canapés Admission by ticket only from Corrine by email: info@leavelandcourt.co.uk or Tel. 01233 740596 or Lyn on 01227 830158

All proceeds to Leaveland & Badlesmere Church Funds

In April we had a Bluebell Walk in Stalisfield, followed by soup and bread in the village hall.

Our meeting on Wednesday 3rd May will be in Stalisfield village hall for our AGM at 7.30pm, followed by the ever popular Bingo.

Also in May, on Tuesday 23rd, we will be having an afternoon visit to Hendricks of Hythe Chocolatier, which will be a hands on workshop.

For information about our very friendly group please contact; Lesley Andrews (01795 890581) or Stephanie Culver (01795 890748).



# Stalisfield Life Saving EMERGENCY!

As we are lucky enough to have a defibrillator outside Stalisfield village hall, Andrew Saunders has kindly offered to run a FREE course covering cardiac

resuscitation and chocking as well as the operation of the

defibrillator. This isn't a certified course but will give us all confidence if we ever needed to use it. Thursday 8th July 10am - 12 noon. Please contact Tracy Dove to put your name down as numbers are limited. tracy.dove@dovetailpolymers. com



### THROWLEY WALKERS

Fortnightly Wednesday and Friday Walks Short walks to suit busy

people.

Please email me for details annhutt52@gmail.com



#### **Eastling Gardeners' Club**

#### Summer Outing on Thursday 8th June to **Godinton House Gardens** Godinton Lane, Ashford TN23 3BP $\pounds_4$ for members, $\pounds_5$ for non-member Meet at Godinton House at 6 pm or 5.25pm in Eastling village hall car park for car sharing. Wine and nibbles afterwards

at The Old Rectory Any enquiries please phone Clive on 890160

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rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or

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# EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

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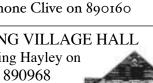


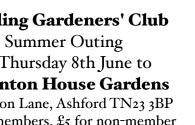
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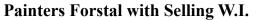
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FROM THE EDITOR If you would like to advertise in the June 2017 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th May to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: goodnewsmagazine@me.com







Tuesday 16th May, 2pm in Eastling Village Hall.

This month we will discuss the 2 resolutions Alleviating Loneliness and *Plastic Soup* (plastic items getting into the sea and harming the marine life.). There is no speaker this month to allow plenty of time for debate so that we can give our delegate to the ACM, which this year is in Liverpool, our considered vote.

Also please put the Fashion Show date in your diaries: June 27th

at M&Co, Preston Street, Faversham, at 6pm and entry is £2. The more people who attend, the more money we will raise for our chosen charity.



Any information ring me on 01795 890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk Barbara (president)



#### WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdavs Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Village Hall Alternate Wednesdays Throwley Walkers Email: annhutt52@gmail.com Alternate Wednesdays Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 892194 Thursdays Fitness Pilates 9.15am Eastling Village Hall Throwley Walkers Call 07948 038993 Alternate Fridays Short Mat Bowls 2.30pm & 7.30pm Eastling Hall Fridays

Bluebell Walk	10am	Eastling Village Hall	
Spring Fair	11am	Belmont House & Gardens	
Ott/den & S/field W.I. AGM	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall	
Parkinson's Support Group	3pm	Creek Creative, Faversham	
CaféStyle	10am	Eastling Village Hall	
Afternoon tea	3pm	Stalisfield Village Hall	
Deadline for June Good Ne	ews	See below	
Tea party meeting	10am	Manor Orchard, Eastling	
Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	Eastling Village Hall	
Music Evening	7pm	Leaveland Church	
Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. outing to Hythe			
Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm	
E 3rd Throwley Fête	1pm	Throwley Forstal	
Garden Tea Party	2.30pm	Eastling Manor	
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