

Eastling and Painter's Forstal Playgroups

Our Coffee Morning will be held in Eastling Village Hall on Thursday, 8th November starting at 9.30am. The children will take part in the Sponsored Obstacle Course during the morning and there will be a prize for the child who collects the most money. The raffle will be drawn at 11am; tickets on sale now. Please support this fundraising event.

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Club 8 -13

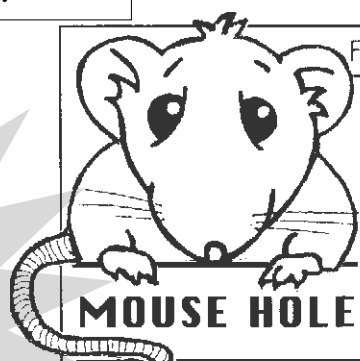
November 9th
Craft and Games
November 23rd
Craft and Games
6.15pm in the
Champion Hall
Cost 50p per person.

Sunday Schools

Painter's Forstal meets in the Champion Hall at 10.35 for 10.40am on Sundays 4th November and 2nd December.
Ospringe meets during the 11am Communion service on 11th November and taking part in the Family Communion on 25th November at 11am.
Eastling meets in the village hall at 9.50am on Sundays 4th & 18th, and bringing toys to Toy Service on 25th November.

Sunday Newstyle

11th November, 10.30am
Eastling Church
Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.

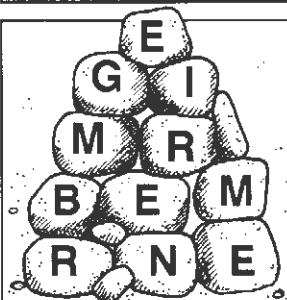


MOUSE HOLE

Remember others...

Save your empty sweetie tubes and use them to save pennies or other coins.

You can decorate them however you like but when full, give them to your church or send them on to a charity.



Rearrange the letters on the stones to make a word, then see how many other words you can make.

From my home in the church I learn about all sorts of things...

In Bible times, the people of God never forgot the many things that God had done for them.

In remembrance of these times God's people would hold special festivals and celebrations of remembering and thanks...

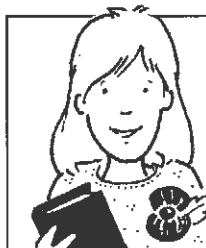
Read Exodus 12 verses 1-14



...sometimes large piles of stones were built as monuments to remember what God had done...

Read Joshua 4 verses 1-9

...and for over 2,000 years God's people recorded what had happened to them and what they had learnt about God. All these books have now been put into one book, *The Bible*, so that we can read them too.

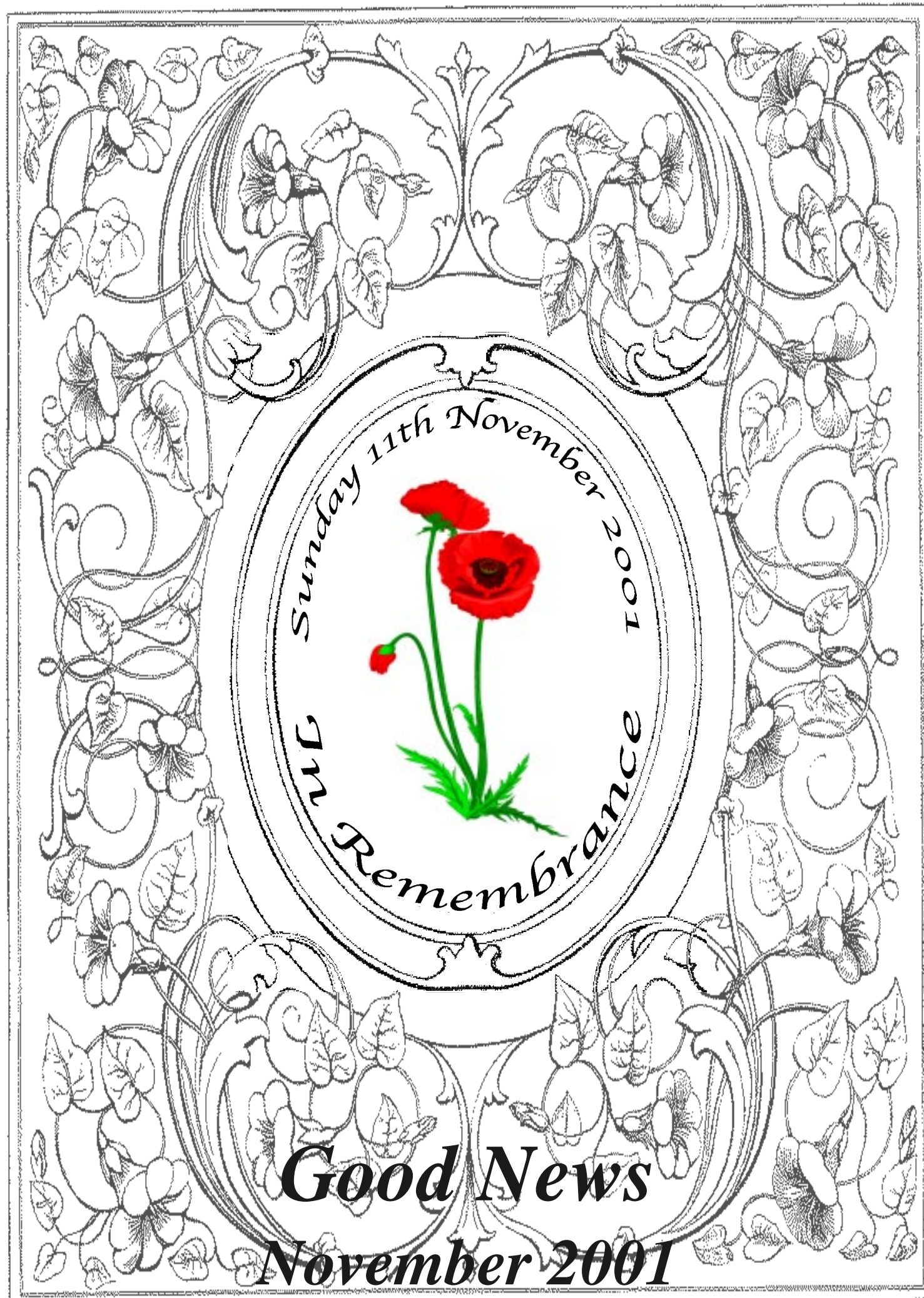


Lord, help us to remember and to give thanks for all that you, and others, have done for us.
AMEN

Today we hold festivals like HARVEST and special services like REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We still build monuments to help us remember and buildings where we can meet to worship God.

Today we keep records using books, computers, cassettes and CDs, photographs and videos.



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

Message of the Month

We've got a new dog.

Little Meg had a rough start in life and was rescued by kind hearted people. They were so kind hearted and took in so many waifs and strays that 'over-dogged' was a serious understatement. There was no shortage of love or compassion but food and lodging were only just adequate and time for individuals out of the question. It wasn't a very nice place to be and we tempted to drive away. Fortunately for us and for Meg, we didn't, but we did come away with just Meg leaving the sad-eyed one in the corner, the bandy-legged one, the curly coated spaniel, the brown one and so many others.

After that it was easier to understand how those people had got into the situation they were in. Once they had started trying to do something they couldn't stop. Equally they were forced to realize that in order for their help to be on-going, they could not be the whole solution to the problem, but they had to be part of the chain of help.

The plight of rescue dogs is complicated and heart rending enough, but what about people in the in the same situation? We know about homelessness and illegal immigrants in this country, and see daily the terrible pictures of thousands of refugees. Faced with the enormity of the problem we feel powerless to help. We can't even offer a home to just one of them and certainly starting a rescue centre isn't a realistic option, but there must be some way in which we can support those who are involved in trying to find enough food, enough shelter and enough time to give these people respite on their way from an unbearable past to a tolerable future. In that way we can be part of the chain of help.

We observe Remembrance Sunday this month to honour those who lost their lives in past wars and pray for those who will lose their lives in present conflicts. Perhaps as we do this, we should spare a thought for all those who devote themselves to the humanitarian consequences of war.

Sue Perks

Like A Pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptized. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office jack-o'-lantern on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."

The worker asked her to explain that one.

The lady explained: "Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins."

"Then he cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc."

"Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside you to shine for all to see."

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with his light?



OSPRINGE CHOIR REPORT

We will continue to have short Choir Practices before the Services, 10.15 a.m. on the 1st Sunday in November, and 10.25a.m. for 10.30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We are having Choir Practices on Wednesdays, 6 to 6.45 p.m. and they are in Church in The Parish Room where it will be warmer than by the organ.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Celebration on Saturday, 15th December, yes it is THAT time of year once more! I think we will sing an arrangement of John Rutter's "Candlelight Carol" and Engelbert Humperdinck's "When at night I go to sleep", Hansel and Gretel's song. E.H. the composer, 1854 to 1921!!

We have been reading from 10 psalms in the Bible Reading Fellowship New Day-light notes. After "the thoughts" there has been a modern version. I must use these when I am working on the Psalm for the Morning Prayer to help the Choir have a fuller understanding.

The following prayer is from the Church Missionary Society Prayer Paper:-

Five African Blessings:-

*May you go with God!
May God bear you in peace like a young shoot!
May God take care of you!
May God walk you well!
May you remain with God!*

The prayer was for Sunday, 18th March, 2001.

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

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will be easy to use, provoke discussion and debate about the issues and work with the Church to inspire, encourage and reinforce godparents in fulfilling their duties.

If you feel you have any contribution you would like to make to the website - writings, stories, prayers etc. - please feel free to email them to: peter@egodparent.co.uk

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

I took my organ shoes and glasses to Canada but did not find an organ to play! On the way to Jasper from Banff we called in at Sunwapta Falls Tea Rooms, very Victorian with delicious muffins and biscuits! The honky-tonk piano had a notice, "Please play me" so I did. The group had learnt that I was an organist so egged me on! I played "Crimond", "God save", Schumann's "Merry Peasant", "Around the world I've searched for you" and "The Hills are alive with the sound of Music" and several enjoyed the sing-song! I have been amazed at how many people I have been able to share my faith with whilst journeying and it helped us all to share our Prayers for an understanding of the tragic events of September 11th.

I was on "Cloud Nine" every day! Our cousins were great and gave me letters my Mum, Dad and I had written to them when I was 9 years old! I was thrilled to spend a morning visiting Anne of Green Gables farm and the walks Anne did at Cavendish on Prince Edward Island. We walked by the Bow River in Calgary and later in Banff, the trees were in their Autumn hue of yellow, some turning to orange. The peaks, valleys, lakes, rivers and glaciers of The Rockies were wonderful and brought all my Sixth Form Geography alive. Vancouver is a beautiful city on the Pacific and at Victoria there was WELCOME TO VICTORIA as a floral bed, by the harbour! We saw the most beautiful gardens created by Mr. and Mrs. Butchart on Vancouver Island. Mr. Butchart at the turn of the last century had earned his money quarrying and the former quarry is now a colourful sunken garden, just one part of these gardens. The whole enterprise employs 50 full-time gardeners and has a staff of 200. For me it was a wonderful example of a family giving back to the world and bringing employment and delight. We walked across the swinging bridge at Capilano Canyon, went up the tallest man-made structure, the CN Tower in Toronto, and marvelled at Niagara Falls. I thank God for being able to see such beauty and magnificence and to have received such warm hospitality and friendship.

God bless,
Vicky Shepherd.

Prayer Pointers November 2001

Sundays For a desire to be used to serve others.

Mondays Those suffering from depression and their families.

Tuesdays Housegroups in the Benefice.

Wednesdays Those involved in Community Care.

Thursdays For wise decisions by World Leaders.

Fridays Those who have lost loved ones through violence.

Saturdays For world peace.



**On October 4th 2001
Ospringe School
celebrated 150 years.**

It is the oldest Primary School building in Faversham. This splendid photo is of The Archdeacon and the children burying the Time Capsule in their delightful 150th Anniversary Garden after a Celebration assembly. I felt privileged to be there. A few years ago that garden was my back garden and Penny's before us!

The Faversham Town Guides took 5 classes of Ospringe Schoolchildren on Victorian walks. Thanks to Pam Thompson and her skilful hands I was dressed as a Victorian lady of 1851, another Guide, Steve Mitchell as a Peeler and Mary Williams as another Victorian lady.

We took the Infants round Ospringe looking at the sites of our two windmills, noting the houses that the Victorians would have seen and those they built. We noted where the water used to flow in Water Lane, and the course of it by the Church. We walked to Church, went in and looked at how it would have been inside and went round the outside of the Church. They were fascinated with the graves! We had a good look at Queen Court and the barns thanks to Mr. Hadley.



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The Juniors were met where Lower Road meets Ospringe Road and walked past The Almshouses, along South Road, noting the Victorian exterior of the Youth Club, along Upper West Street then looked at The Guildhall, the Town Pump and the Victorian shelves and drawers of The Pharmacy. We walked along Middle Row noting the Victorian Police Station, now Age Concern. We went into the old playground of The National Schools, now St. Mary's Court, and bet they did not play ball there! We went past Queen's Parade of 1901 into the Baptist Church and saw the Thomas Crapper manhole covers. Do show your children how our toilets work as Thomas Crapper invented the first flush toilet!. Along St. Mary's Road we went, noting the style of houses and the special

Victorian features, then along Gatefield Lane, pointing out the Faversham yellow Stock Brick and into Newton Road with its fine Victorian mansions. By the railway station we saw the ironwork on the houses and the Victorian platforms of the Station and where the Level Crossing would have been. We went in The Alexander Centre and admired the stairway and ceiling and one group was able to sit in the Victorian Parlour which is now the Mayor's Parlour. It was lovely to be able to take the children and the accompanying adults but I was in bed very early that day- I had forgotten how exhausting School Trips are!
Vicky Shepherd.

Cathedral Visit

The Bunce Ecclesiastical Charity recently arranged for the two top classes of Eastling Primary School to visit Canterbury Cathedral.

The trip included approximately 50 pupils with their teachers and two or three parents. On arrival at the Education Centre in the Cathedral Precincts, they were welcomed by their guides and split into 2 groups.

One group, with 2 Trustees of the Charity, were shown practical demonstrations (on model scale) of the building of the Cathedral, the work of the Stonemasons and the fixing of stained glass windows. The pupils were invited to design Coats of Arms and dress up as a Knight of earlier times. Brass rubbing was also explained and early printing methods. The second group, dressed in capes and hoods, followed the 'Monks' Trail' around the Cathedral, changing over at midday. A visit to the Archives and Book Binding department of the Library came next, finishing with 'spending' time in the Cathedral Gift Shop.

Dorothy Murray.



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**October was Luke 18. 1-8,
Widow.**

of her sermon in this issue, others might also. H. Harlow

James Montgomery again:
*Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
 Returning from his ways,
 While angels in their songs rejoice,
 And cry, 'Behold, he prays'.*

(and of course 'he' here is 'she' as well!) Can we not encourage the angels to sing more often?

And what of the power of prayer? A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian; we need prayer to *receive* from God the *spiritual stamina* for every task we are called to undertake. Sometimes those tasks - at home and beyond, are formidable.

We need prayer to lift our hearts, for otherwise the things of earth would exert too great a pull. As the widow was dependent on her judge, so too are we dependent upon our heavenly Father. In order not to lose heart, in order not to lose confidence, we must keep in contact with him. *We need to pray.*

If we rely *only* on our own stamina, self discipline and organisation, however good they may be, we shall surely fail, because we will run out of steam sooner or later.

But by making our prayer an honest and important part of our relationships with God and with others, God will not simply be the special person to whom we relate in this life, but the loving heart of our whole being for ever.

Perhaps we know someone who does not pray. It may be that God is leading us to help. Or perhaps someone has already asked us to pray for them, and we are wondering how to proceed.

Can we widen our circles of prayer? As a group, a parish, a community? *Lord teach us.*

We read in the Scriptures how faithfulness to God is always rewarded. Yet, as Christ consistently reminds us, we are not called to a faithfulness based upon self-protection. Nor are we called to slave-like obedience (brownie points in this life saved up for entry to the next!). Christ calls us to be his friends his brothers, his sisters. We are family, not hired hands. But *true* faithfulness is hard work.

It's based on love; *genuine* commitment to the other founded in a close relationship of open communication and understanding. It's based on trust.

As Christians, we are called to trust our heavenly Father - in good times and bad. God is unendingly faithful to us.

He asks only that *we* remain close to him until we see him face to face.

Amen.

The Tale of the
The Widow and the Judge

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ONE WAS ABOUT A PROUD JUDGE...

...AND A POOR WIDOW

THE WIDOW NEEDED HELP FROM THE JUDGE.

JUDGE

BUT HE WAS FAR TOO PROUD AND BUSY TO LISTEN

BUT THE WIDOW WOULD NOT GIVE UP

BANG!
 BANG!!
 KNOCK!
 KNOCK!

PLEASE COME AND SORT OUT MY LEGAL PROBLEMS

AT LAST THE JUDGE GAVE IN - AND WENT TO HELP THE WOMAN

I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU KEPT PESTERING ME!

JESUS EXPLAINED - 'GOD IS MUCH KINDER THAN THE JUDGE - WE DON'T HAVE TO PESTER GOD...'

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Social and Charity events in

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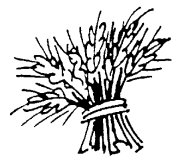
Music Evening, 15th September.

This was a most enjoyable evening, put on by the young people from the Sunday School, with a little padding from the adults.

We would like to thank Anthony Henley for compéring the evening and Alison Tracey for her hard work in arranging it. We do hope more people will support our young people in their next venture.

Harvest Festival

The sale of produce and the collection brought in £43.34p for British Humanitarian Aid.



Harvest Supper

A much smaller number than usual sat down to supper on 13th October. The food had been prepared by members of the committee.

The Champion Hall still had many of the Harvest Festival decorations and the tables picked up the autumnal colours with their orange serviettes. The meal was followed by a quiz won by Mr. & Mrs J. Clarke.

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Beechfield House, Faversham, Moves Home.

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*F*ather, through the written and spoken word, may we behold the Living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I imagine many of us are familiar with the pleas of: 'Mum, Dad,... please may I...please may I...?' until there is a temptation to give in, for the sake of peace of quiet!

Jesus spoke of persistence on more than one occasion. Remember the story of the person who knocked on his neighbour's door, at night, asking for food for unexpected visitors?

He received a negative response to his initial plea. 'Go away... I'm in bed...' Eventually, what he asked for was given.

Ask, Seek, Knock.

And here, in today's gospel passage from St. Luke, we have another example. That of the persistent widow, who keeps coming back, again and again, until the judge could stand her pestering no longer, and granted her request.

Jesus must surely have told this parable with a smile, for all its serious content.

Our persistence in prayer will not exhaust God's patience, but it will demonstrate a perseverance, to which God will respond positively. Surely this is a great encouragement (and we are all in this situation at times) to those who become disheartened when prayer is difficult, or when we feel that God has not heard.

The Gospel reading for Sunday 21st

The Persistent

I asked Penny if we could include the transcript as I have gained from her words and thought

Prayer can be difficult, but God always hears. And today's picture shows that we can never pray for anything too often. If an unbelieving judge (that was his own description) can show consideration to a suppliant, surely our loving Father will not let his children's prayers go unanswered.

James Montgomery wrote this of prayer:

*Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air.
His watchword at the gates of death,
He enters heaven with prayer.*

The old Russian monks used to pray constantly until it became as natural and as regular as breathing. Often, they used the 'Jesus' prayer'....*Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.* At times, it was just the name of Jesus. They prayed as they ate, walked, worked and knelt. They prayed themselves to sleep at nights, when they woke up in the night, and as soon as they rose in the morning.

Our busy, 21st century daily lives preclude such commitment to prayer, but we can always resolve to pray more often than we currently do: We do not need to pray in words. Here's how that writer, I mentioned, James Montgomery expressed it:

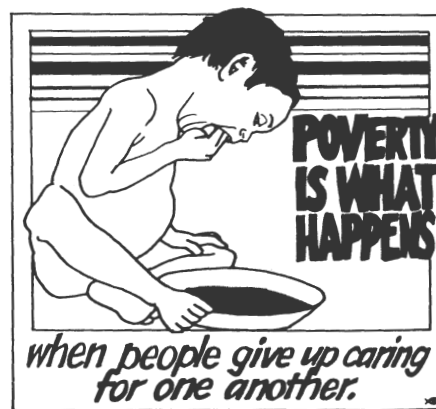
*Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed.
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.*

Yet Jesus' parable ends on a warning note. The gospel may be published world wide, many people may be drawn to belief in Christ, prayer from every point of the compass may ascend to God, but when Jesus returns, will there be universal faith? (Luke 18.8b *However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Who knows, but God alone.*)

But while there is yet still time, those of us who *do* believe can still make a difference - for it is only through his ambassadors that Christ will be made known; it is our prayers that count: yes - every one. Do we realise this when we pray? Do you think of angels that sing at our every prayer?

Helping the Orphans in India

There are many problems in India and in many other countries that we are probably unaware of. Just outside the prosperous cities and in the countryside there is unbelievable poverty and starvation. Many hundreds of young children have been orphaned and will never really look forward to anything like a life which we take for granted.



In January, I am travelling to Chennai, formerly Madras, to work as a volunteer in one of the many orphanages there. I want to be able to bring some hope and happiness into their lives and to teach them a little English. I am going with an organisation called Changing Worlds. I need to raise over £2,000 towards the cost of my trip. Any help or sponsorship you can give will be greatly appreciated. Please call me for further details of how you can support me, and help the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you.

Mark Baxter

01795 890598

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

We would like to thank Pam Clark for the interesting talk she gave on the life of Frances Ridley Havergal, who wrote the hymn *Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.* This hymn was played by Vicky at our Deanery Festival Service in September.

Frances Havergal was born in 1836, the youngest daughter of an Evangelical Minister, William Henry Havergal, who published services and wrote music for the Church, including the tune 'Consecration' often used for *Take my life.* Frances had a strict upbringing and at the age of seven was composing hymns. When she was twelve her mother died and she was sent to boarding school at Camden Hill. At fifteen year old she committed her soul to Jesus Christ. When she finished school Frances returned home for a short time, then went to live in Germany where she mastered the German language. She liked poetry and reading, but music was 'the language of heaven'. Although she never married she taught her nieces for nine years, but at 31 years old returned

home to care for her father. He died in 1870. Frances loved that countryside and nature and was overwhelmed by the beauty of the mountains whilst visiting Switzerland. She published many hymns and was inspired to write *Take my life, and let it be,* whilst visiting friends. Frances was speaking at a Temperance Meeting when she caught a chill which later turned into a fever. She died at the age of forty-three in 1879. *Ever only all for thee,* the words in the last line of this hymn sum up her life.

Pam also reported on the progress of Tony Budell's work with British Humanitarian Aid. His new project is to raise £50,000 to enable him to buy a holiday camp near the Black Sea in order that children and mothers, who have cancer related illnesses, may have rehabilitation.

We wish him every success with his mission.

Carol Marshall

BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Dear Friends,

Quite a number of you have been asking whether shoe boxes are being collected this year. The quick answer is 'Yes, please'. I think there has been some confusion as some Aid Charities are not taking them this year for differing reasons.

Tony Budell will be taking Christmas Aid as in previous years, but he will only be going to Chernigov in the Ukraine. BHA is now providing aid to four orphanages in the area, and to the Community Centre 'Arratta', which he established several years ago and for which local families now take responsibility. The setting up of the centre has been a wonderful success story, helping the families from Chernigov to become rehabilitated and to take back responsibility for themselves.

The deadline for boxes should be around the middle of December, as the Convoy will arrive in Chernigov for January 6th - Epiphany, which is when they celebrate Christmas and have their gifts. Please contact me on 532171 for further information, and of course, I will receive the boxes, as in previous years.

In these increasingly uncertain times, let us all spare a thought for those not as well off as ourselves, and to share what we have in order to make a difference.

Bless you all

with love, Pam Clark.



Services in our Benefice

4th November All Saints Sunday

Ephesians 1. 11 - 23, Luke 6. 20 - 31

Ospringle	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringle	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP) followed by Baptism

Whitehill Chapel	10.35am	Sunday School + 9's-13's
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Family Service

Tuesday 6th November

Whitehill Chapel	2.15pm	Communion Service
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11th November Remembrance Sunday

2 Thessalonians 2. 1-5, 13-17, Luke 20. 27 - 38

Eastling	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30am	Sunday Newstyle
Ospringle	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringle	11am	Sunday School

18th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

2 Thessalonians 3. 6 - 13, Luke 21. 5-19

Ospringle	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW) joined by Stalisfield
Ospringle	11am	Family Service

25th November Christ the King

Colossians 1. 11 - 20, Luke 23. 33 - 43

Stalisfield	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10am	Family Service + Baptism
Ospringle	11am	Family Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	11am	People's Choice

2nd December Advent Sunday

Romans 13. 11 - 14, Matthew 24. 36 - 44

Ospringle	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.35am	Sunday School + 9's-13's
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Family Service
Ospringle	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP) followed by Baptism

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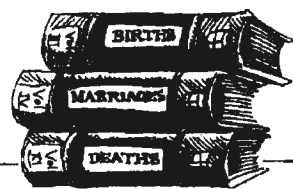
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For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 536366. If you would like the parish clergy to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make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

FROM THE EDITOR

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 November to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA (01795) 890338 (e-mail: mharlow@talk21.com)

Registers



Funerals

25th September Funeral at Ospringle followed by Cremation at Charing Arthur PARNELL

17th October 2001 Burial at Love Lane Barbara QUINNELL

18th October 2001 Cremation at Charing Mary Kate BUTCHER

19th October 2001 Funeral at Ospringle followed by Cremation at Charing Roy FIELD

Evening Buses start at end of November

Kent County Council plans for a new bus service to provide return trips into Faversham on Friday and Saturday evenings are to go ahead. The service will start on Friday 30th November and will be timed to allow visits to the cinema and other facilities in the town.

The new route includes Doddington, Newnham, Eastling and Painter's Forstal. For Eastling residents the bus will travel up Newnham Lane (from Newnham), turn into the Eastling/Faversham Road and past Meesons Close and Glebe Cottages towards Faversham. The driver will stop if hailed at any point along this route.

Fares on the new service are a maximum of £1.80 return and £1 single for adults and half price for senior citizens with a bus pass and children (15 years or under). People closer to Faversham will pay the normal daytime bus fare.

Parish Clerk Required

Eastling Parish Council is looking for a new Clerk. The present Parish Clerk, Mrs Sue Parry, kindly agreed to take on the job on a "temporary" basis - seventeen months ago! Because of pressure of her daytime work and other commitments, Sue must step down at the end of this year.

The main duties of the Parish Clerk are preparing the Agenda and taking the Minutes at Council Meetings every two months. Also dealing with and circulating incoming mail and a small amount of correspondence between Meetings. It averages out at no more than two or three hours work per week. Some secretarial and administrative skills and access to a computer and the Internet would obviously be a help.

Previously, the Parish Council has been fortunate to have people willing to act as Clerk on a voluntary basis, only claiming out-of-pocket expenses. Councillors have agreed that any future appointment will, if the applicant wishes, carry a salary, based on the number of hours worked.

For more details or an informal chat (without obligation, of course), please contact either the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sue Parry, on (01795) 890254 or the Chairman, Mr Harold Wyld, on (01795) 890413.

ACCOUNTING & BOOK-KEEPING SERVICES FRIENDLY: RELIABLE: CONFIDENTIAL

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GERRY OLSEN BA. ACCOUNTANT 01795 890231

Eastling Parish Council

The County Council is planning to circulate a leaflet giving full details, including times, shortly before the new service begins. It is also expected that details will be displayed at bus stops and on parish noticeboards.

The new evening buses are being run as a six month trial. Continuation will depend on public response, so the old adage "use it or lose it!" will certainly apply. A recent survey of Eastling residents showed a good level of interest, especially from young people and non-drivers.

Open Session

The next Meeting of Eastling Parish Council is on Monday 12 November at 8pm in Eastling Village Hall. The first 10 minutes of the Meeting will be an open session where villagers can ask questions and put forward ideas. As

far as possible, items for inclusion should be submitted beforehand to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sue Parry, at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling (phone 01795 890254).

Road repairs

Eastling Parish Council's policy of sending an updated list of local roads problems to Kent Highways Unit just after each Council Meeting seems to be paying off. Over recent months a number of "missing" signs have been replaced and potholes filled. And most villagers will have certainly noticed the repairs to the subsiding cable trenches along The Street and the Faversham/Eastling Road. Residents who wish to draw attention to any highway problems and have them added to the next list, should submit details to a Councillor or the Clerk before the Council Meeting on 12th November.

Ospringle Parish Council

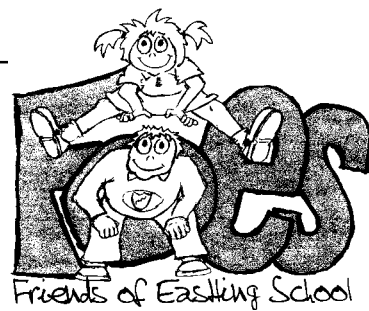
The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 7th November 2001 in Whitehill Chapel.

Diary

November 2001

7th Ospringle Parish Council	7.30pm	Champion Hall
8th Coffee Morning	9.30am	Eastling Village Hall
8th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
8th Kentish Barges - Talk	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
9th 8 - 13 Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
10th Jumble Sale	2pm	Eastling School Hall
10th Autumn Fayre	9.30am - 12.30pm	Alexander Centre
12th Gardeners' Club	7.45pm	Champion Hall
12th Eastling Parish Council	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
13th Study/discussion group	8pm	Newhouse Farm, E'ling
15th DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER GOOD NEWS		
17th Wine & Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
19th Neame Cup Quiz		away to Selling
20th W.I. A.G.M.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
21st Craft Day	10.30am - 7.30pm	19 Ospringle Road
22nd Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
23rd 8 - 13 Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
27th Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
30th New Evening Bus Service begins		Eastling - Faversham

5th Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch	1pm	Eastling Village Hall
6th Christmas Shopping Eveing		Eastling Village Hall
8th Christmas Fair	11am - 1pm	Ospringle School
14th Fashion Show		Ospringle School
14th England Swings	8pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
15th Christmas Celebration		Ospringle Church
16th Crib Service	3pm	Stalisfield Church
16th Carols by Candlelight	6.30pm	Champion Hall
23rd Nine Lessons & Carols	4pm	Eastling Church



With half term upon us already we had an excellent AGM, which we combined with the School Governor's AGM.

We had to say some fond farewells to a few of our long standing committee members Gill Willoughby, Vicky Clinch, Naomi and Colin McKay, Hanneke Kosterink, Tracey Charter and Mark Curtis. Many thanks for all the hard work these people have given to FOES to help raise money for the School. We had a very successful and interesting Fungal Foray with Professor Mansfield. Lots of people came and we collected about 30 different varieties, shapes and sizes of fungi and raised £120 for FOES.

If you have any jumble either drop it off at the School Office or we will collect it from your home if you phone us on 890252.

On **Thursday 6th December** we are holding a **Christmas Bazaar** in the evening at the Village Hall. This is a fun evening with lots of different stalls selling things suitable for Christmas gifts and stocking fillers. I will give you more details in next month's issue. See you then.
Celia Hamilton-Jones

Dates for your diary.
On **Saturday 10th November** we are holding a **Jumble Sale** in the **School Hall** starting at **2pm**.

Craft Day

Wednesday 21st November
10.30am - 7.30pm
19 Ospringle Road

by kind invitation of
Mr. & Mrs Brian Thompson.

Come and buy your Christmas presents from the lovely variety of hand-made crafts, or treat yourself to some hand-made Christmas decorations, jams & marmalade and other goodies available.

Light refreshments all day.
Come and bring a friend, or meet one there, all are welcome.
Proceeds to Ospringle Church and Cancer Charities.

Autumn Fayre

Saturday 10th November
9.30am - 12.30pm

Alexander Centre

Come and bring a friend, spoil yourself and buy a cake, or have a go on our bottle or grocery tombola. Browse around the other stalls and find the bargains.

If you are able to provide anything for sale on any stall, it will be most appreciated.
Items to 147 Athelstan Road
or Tel: 534528.



Wine and Wisdom

Saturday 17th November
The Village Hall
Eastling

Starting at 7.30pm.

Tables of six can be booked by phone on 890242. The cost will be £4.00 per person, which will include your food and wine. The proceeds will go towards the village hall funds and the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.

Painter's Forstal with Ospringle W.I.



November meeting

Annual General Meeting

2.15pm Tuesday 20th November

Champion Hall

Competition: An original idea for a gift stall.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

November meetings:

Monday 12th: Mrs Webb will talk on 'Herbs - Myths to Medicine'.

Plants will be on sale. 7.45pm in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.

Monday 19th: First round of Neame Cup Quiz away to Selling. details on 12th. Further details from Fav. 533608.



Afternoon Club

Activities for November:-

Thursday 8th: Board Games, 2pm
Champion Hall

Thursday 22nd: Board Games, 2pm
Champion Hall.

Rodney French.

Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 8th November at 8pm, Tony Farnham will give a talk, based on personal experience, on **KENTISH SAILING BARGES IN THEIR HEYDAY.**

The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing, and everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members of the Society pay £1.

Ospringle School Association

The 150th celebrations over, the school is now firmly back in the 21st century. Both children and staff had a lot of fun during the week, and the anniversary garden will make an excellent memorial to the occasion. The parents of the reception children were invited to share in a special Harvest assembly on 17th October and the School Association and Governors held a joint AGM on 29th October. Tennis club has restarted after school on a Friday and during half term the first Ospringle Tennis Open was held; full report in next month's magazine.

Future events include a **Fashion Show** on Friday 14th December details to follow and plans are well underway for the **Christmas Fair** on December 8th from 11am to 1pm.

Come and browse a range of stalls and games, meet Father Christmas and have fun!

Jill Fagg

National Children's Homes

The house to house collection in the parish of Ospringle for NCH which took place during September raised £250.19p.

A big thank you to all who so generously contributed. The money will go to improve the lives of children and young people.

THANK YOU

to everyone who supported the Wine & Wisdom at Eastling on 20th October. We made £350 profit which will go towards new equipment.

Having a Party?

Planning a Wedding?

Venue for your Club

Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at **Eastling Village Hall.**

For more information please contact Mary Eagleton on 890436.

Whitstable Choral Society

present

The Italian Job

Rossini - Petite Messe Solonelle

Vivaldi - Beatus Vir

Saturday 17th November

St. Bartholomew Church,

Herne Bay

Tickets: £9 Adults, £5 under 16's

Tel: 01795 890338 or

buy on the door.

TIME OF OUR LIVES
PROFESSIONAL MUSIC THEATRE
present their latest retro show

'England Swings!'

Friday 14th December
8pm

Stalisfield Memorial Hall

Evocative songs and comic sketches celebrating life in England.

Tickets: £5 to include a glass of wine or soft drink and light refreshments, available from 890475, 890594, 890287.

Advance Notice
CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



Sunday 16th December
6.30pm

Champion Hall.

Please note that this year it is the 3rd Sunday in December

OSPRINGE CHURCH 200 Club

You contribute £1 a month for at least one year and you could win a prize in our monthly draw. Contact Carol or Stuart Marshall on 537873 for more details. The winning numbers for the 19th draw in October were:
1st - 66, 2nd - 18, 3rd - 33.



Eastling CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 23rd December

It's that time of year again! Rehearsals for the Carol Service will begin on Sunday 11th November, at Eastling Church between 5 and 6pm. It will be wonderful to have our service so close to Christmas Day and, as usual, this will be a traditional service, with some newer pieces for choir and congregation. All singers welcome - further information from Andrew Baxter on 890598.

Eastling Senior Citizens

CHRISTMAS

LUNCH

The Senior Citizens Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 5th December, 12.30 for a 1pm lunch in Eastling Village Hall.

Invitations will soon be sent to everyone we can think of, but should we miss you out, please contact someone, or give me a ring on 890242. Transport can be arranged for anyone who requests it.

Norman Neaves.