

Children welcome in church....

3rd in Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m. Sunday School
	11.00 a.m. Family Service
10th in Ospringe Church	11.00 a.m. Sunday School
17th in Eastling Village Hall in Ospringe Church	10.00 a.m. S Club
	11.00 a.m. Family Service
24th in Eastling Church in Ospringe Church	10.00 a.m. Young Style
	11.00 a.m. Sunday School



Ghoulish Laughter for Halloween

I used to be a were wolf
but I'm alright now-ow-owwww!

What do ghosts take for a bad cold?
Coffin drops.

What is special about a song that's
sung by a ghost?
It has a haunting melody.

How did the ghost get inside the
house at halloween?
It used skeleton keys.

How can the ghost of a Viking be
understood?
It uses Norse code.



Club 8 to 13

Champion Hall
15th and 29th November
6.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.
(50p per session)
All are welcome

Fish Tail

There was a fish who played a tune
Through the months of May and June
On ivory keys by night light lunar.
He was, of course, a piano tuna.

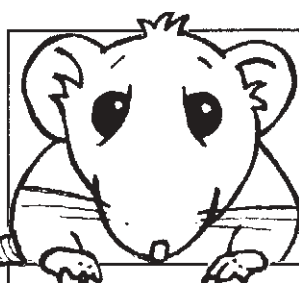
Some doubters ask how can it be
That a fish could play a tune at sea.
To those of you where doubt still lingers
He used, of course, his fish fingers.

One day a man called Rodney sailed
To try to catch our fish but failed.
Thinking tuna was a kind of cod.
He was not, of course, a fishing Rod.

One day alas our fish fell foul
Of nets cast by a monk in cowl.
He caught dinner for his prior
He was, of course, a fish friar.

And thus it was despite his skill
Our fish ended up as belly-fill.
Conservation is beyond man
Except, of course for those who can.

Punny Innitt



MOUSE HOLE

Bible Words

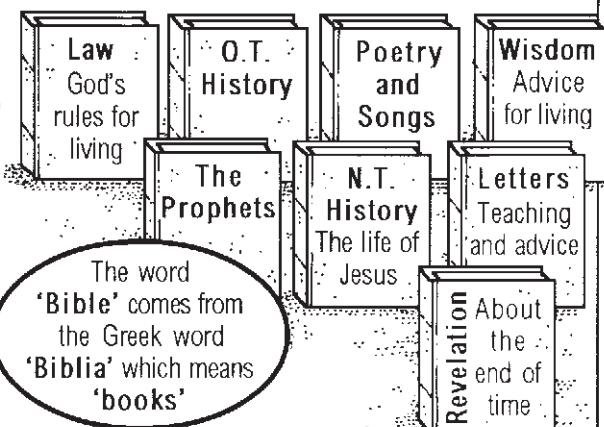
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in **bold** type on this
page are also hidden in
the word square...
Can you find them?

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

The **Bible** is a collection
of books that took over
2,000 years to write!
The books were written
by many different people,
all helped and inspired by
God. The Bible has books about:

There are
66 books in the Bible.
How many do you know?
Test your family and
friends.



The word
'Bible' comes from
the Greek word
'Biblia' which means
'books'

God speaks to us today as we read the Bible.
The Bible encourages us, corrects us and shows
us how to live... it also describes itself as:



...but most of all the **Bible** teaches us about
God and how we can be friends with him.

Good News

Parish Magazine

November 2002



Great ideas for Christmas presents that can help Stalisfield Church!

At only £4.00 for a pack of ten,
or £10.00 for any three packs,
these postcards and greetings
cards of Stalisfield St Mary,
beautifully drawn by Hugh Perks,
are a delightful and useful gift for
Christmas - or to use as thank
you notes after Christmas! The
greetings cards are the external
view as shown above, but the
packs of postcards have 5 exter-
nal views of the church and 5
internal views.

All proceeds go towards
Stalisfield Church.

Order by ringing Kate Jamieson
on 01233 712422.

Autumn Bazaar at the Alexander Centre on Saturday, 9th November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Items for the usual stalls would be much appreciated. Stalls will include
Bottle, Bric-a-brac, Books, Cakes, Bathroom, Handicraft and Raffle.
Please come and support us and pick up a bargain.
Proceeds to Ospringe Church for internal redecorations.

Craft Days at 19 Ospringe Road Wednesday, 20th and Thursday, 21st November

10.30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

By kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Thompson.
Christmas gifts and decorations with a difference.

Handmade cards for all occasions.

Plenty of variety of other handmade gifts.

'Seeing is believing.'

Light refreshments will be available all day, on both days.

There will be a raffle.

Proceeds to Ospringe Church and
Pilgrims' Hospice, Canterbury.

Please come and support us. All are welcome.

Friends of Eastling School

CHRISTMAS

SHOPPING EVENING
Thursday, 14th November
in Eastling Village Hall
from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Everyone Welcome.

Ospringe School Association
invite you to their

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, 30th November
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

* Crafts * Refreshments *
Games * Music
* Father Christmas *
stalls and lots, lots more



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

Remembrance Sunday, 10th November 2002

At 11.00 a.m. on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, after four and a quarter years of war, the guns at last fell silent on the battlefields of Europe as Germany admitted defeat and signed an armistice.

The Royal British Legion is the UK’s leading ex-Service charity protecting the welfare, interests and memory of ex-Service people and their families and dependants. 2001 was the Legion’s 80th anniversary year. It was founded in 1921.

Here is just one story out of many thousands...

Stephen's sacrifice

"Twenty years ago, 28,000 troops served in the Falklands War. Very few could have imagined the horrors they would see..."

During the battle for Goose Green in May 1982, 18-year-old Stephen Anstee witnessed the horrific death of his best friend; killed instantly by a sniper's bullet. A few days later, he desperately attempted to save another friend's life following a mortar attack. The event echoed scenes from a horror film.

The troops who returned from the Falklands were given eight weeks leave to rest. For young men like Stephen, this spelled disaster as it gave him time to dwell on the appalling scenes he'd witnessed. He continued to serve but his psychological problems deepened. He experienced terrible depression, aggressive outbursts, feelings of guilt for surviving and haunting nightmares. In one of these nightmares, which he still has to this day, he re-lives having to kill a young Argentine soldier with his bare hands.

In 1986, Stephen's problems were compounded when he was medically discharged after breaking his back in a training exercise. His life fell apart and in 1992 his marriage began to break down. He left the family home and ended up living rough in the woods, relying on his Army training for survival.

We became aware of Stephen's desperate plight in 1996. The first priority was to put a roof over his head, so we helped him obtain housing in the Legion Village in Maidstone. Our Disability Co-ordinator, Michael Halstead, then untangled seven years of income tax problems, which resulted in significant arrears being written off. He also submitted a War Disability Pension application for Stephen, which after a two-year battle was successful. Michael spent time with Stephen, building a sense of trust, as he suspected Stephen might be suffering from symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Slowly, Stephen opened up to Michael and he agreed to see a specialist who diagnosed long-standing symptoms of PTSD.



Stephen's emotional problems and deteriorating back condition had made employment increasingly difficult over the years. He had also become very isolated and withdrawn.

In 2001, however, Stephen was introduced to SAMA82 (South Atlantic Medals Association), which reunited Stephen with friends he had not seen in years. SAMA82 quickly recognised that Stephen was uniquely placed to help fellow PTSD sufferers, so they offered him the position of South East Welfare Co-ordinator, and Stephen was delighted to accept. We are currently supporting Stephen with relevant mentoring and training. He is also planning to re-marry in September.

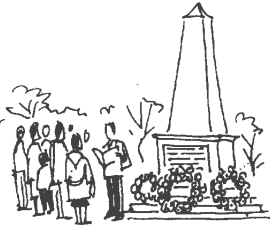
Stephen's life is back on track, but there are thousands of others who can't see any way out of the pain and suffering they're going through. They need you right now.

Prayer Pointers November 2002



<u>Sundays</u>	For a greater trust in God.
<u>Mondays</u>	For those we love who are not believers.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For those who produce and deliver the “Good News”.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	For local health services.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For the work of Cruse and other bereavement counselling services.
<u>Fridays</u>	For The United Nations.
<u>Saturdays</u>	For World Peace.

Father, we remember before you the needs of those who suffer because of war. We know you need no reminder of their trouble: your compassion is the same whether we remember them or not. It is we who need to remember them. We remember them before you now. We remember them because you are their father as well as ours.



O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, your Son ministered to those in need: remember for good all who suffer through the wars of men and nations by loss of home or faculties, by loss of friends and loved ones, by loss of happiness, security or freedom. Look upon our world, still torn apart by violence and fighting, and grant success to those who work for peace: through him who reconciled men with God, and men with men, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHOIR REPORT

The Choir will continue to meet on Wednesdays, from 6 p.m. to 7p.m. except during half-term week, Wednesday, 30th October. Now we are practising Christmas Carols. We are preparing for the Christmas Celebration on Saturday, 14th December, as well as all the Christmas Services and our Carol Singing at the Cottage Hospital and Carnalea. It is good to meet and practise in our warm Parish Room with the cold outside!

What a busy month we have had! We have enjoyed singing John Rutter's "For the beauty of the earth" and his "All things bright and beautiful". We have also enjoyed learning part of Maurice Greene's "Thou visiteth the earth" and the harvest hymns, "Come, ye thankful people, come", "To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise", "For the beauty of the earth" to three different tunes and a descant as well as "We plough the fields and scatter".

Carolynne and I plan to sing with the R.S.C.M. Choirs in the Cathedral on Saturday, 2nd November. We have been to a rehearsal with St. Dunstan's, Canterbury and were made very welcome. It is the seventy-fifth birthday of the R.S.C.M. and the music is innovative and inspiring.

Carolynne, Jacqui, Mark and I were also inspired by the speakers at the Diocesan Music Resources Day on 5th October. Geoff Weaver had us singing across the traditions and we harmonised too. Carolynne is going to try that with the Choir.

FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

Ospringe Church was full of beautiful sound on Friday, 27th September, 2002. We welcomed the Canterbury Cathedral Organist, Dr. David Flood, and our own lovely Soprano, Gill Wilson. Our magnificent team of Bell Ringers greeted our visitors with a peal of bells. Next day they won the County Six Bells Competition at Bethersden! Congratulations! Do look at the bell and plaque they were given and the Cup they won for the Canterbury District earlier in the year. 27th September was one of those early, bright autumnal evenings and our visitors came from Deal, Whitstable, Rochester and Sittingbourne, as well as many local Ospringe and Faversham friends.

David opened his recital with Vierne's Carillon de Westminster and we listened to the Big Ben chimes ringing out from the pedal board! He continued with Bach's Fantasia in G, Pachelbel's Canon in D, Gigout's Toccata in B Minor, César Franck's Prelude, Fugue and Variation. Then from these sublime pieces he changed to quite the opposite, by special request from Michael Croucher, he played Lefébure-

Wély's Sortie in E Flat, followed by the grand Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March in No. 4 (not the ‘Land of Hope and Glory’ one). He finished with the sparkling Widor's Toccata from his Symphony No.5. Gill sparkled too, as she sang, "With verdure clad" from Haydn's "Creation" and Mozart's, "Exultate Jubilate". For seventy-five minutes Ospringe Church resounded to this wonderful music played on our lovely 1870 Organ.

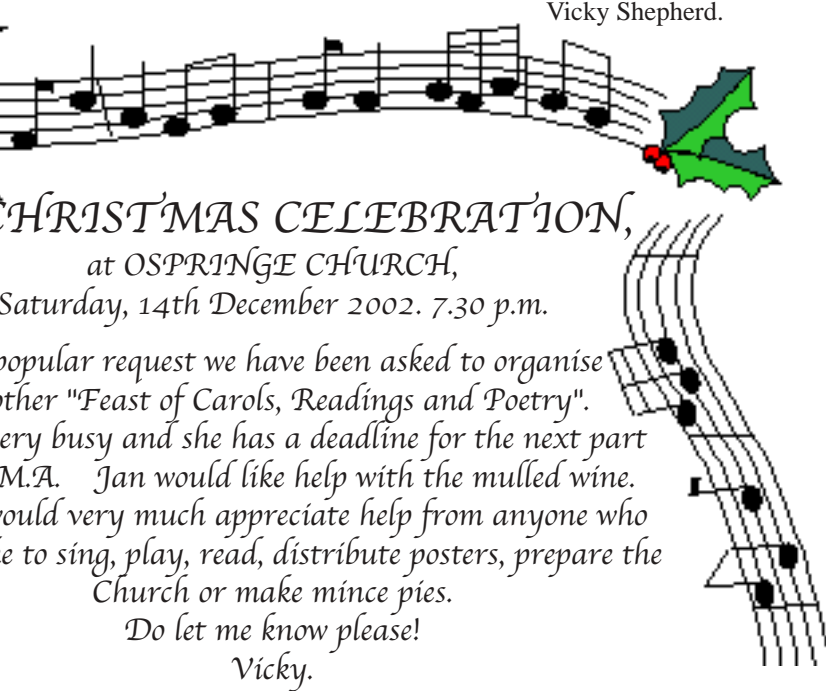

David was presented with Apple and Pear Juice, pies, fruit, jam and chutney, all made in Ospringe. Anne Turner, Derek Macey and John Moor made the presentations.

After the concert friends and visitors enjoyed chatting with David and Gill. They also enjoyed Ospringe Apple and Pear Juice and homemade canapés. Thank you to Carolynne and our M.U. for helping me with these.

A big “THANK YOU” to all who helped and supported us for the ORGAN CONCERT. £310 was added to the Organ Fund.

Thank you.

Vicky Shepherd.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION,
at OSPRINGE CHURCH,
Saturday, 14th December 2002. 7.30 p.m.

By popular request we have been asked to organise another "Feast of Carols, Readings and Poetry". Gill is very busy and she has a deadline for the next part of her M.A. Jan would like help with the mulled wine. I, too, would very much appreciate help from anyone who would like to sing, play, read, distribute posters, prepare the Church or make mince pies. Do let me know please!

Vicky.



Ring the Bell, Bang the Drum Ospringe Bellringers are the county's finest!

Clare Larter writes -

In June we reported that the Ospringe tower bellringers won the local Canterbury District six-bell striking competition. We are pleased to report that the Ospringe team went forward to the county final, held at Bethersden on 28th September. Ospringe were placed first, beating competition from Edenbridge, Tunstall, Willesborough and Chelsfield.

This is the first time Ospringe has won the county competition. The team members who took part were Eileen Palin, Clare Larter, Peter Saddleton, Philip Larter, Nick Bucknall and Stuart Palin. These people are all regular ringers for church services at Ospringe.

Ospringe Harvest Festival and Dedication of the Choir Pew Runners, 13th October, 2002.

A big "Thank You" to all who came and joined in the Celebration. It was good to have so many friends with us. The Church looked magnificent, thanks to Norma and her flower arrangers. When I went in on Saturday to practise I was stunned. Stella led some wonderful prayers and made sure we had a cuppa afterwards. Penny prepared a great Service. The youngsters sang "All Things Bright and Beautiful" before going out to special Sunday School time with Alison, and we loved Mark's skill on the keyboard. It was good to have Roger Bois singing part of "Thou Visiteth The Earth", and next year we will learn part two.

Thank you to everyone. Vicky.



Jan, who stitched the Choir Pew Runners

Have you ever wondered who organises and arranges the floral displays at a flower festival? Norma Curling has kindly written the following piece for the magazine.

Ospringe Flower Festival

When Sally asked if there could be a Flower Festival in 2002, my first thoughts were, "Who are we going to get to do the arrangements, what is going to be the theme and who will pay?" We have a very talented, small band of flower arrangers, but we could not possibly mount the whole festival ourselves. Fortunately, in Faversham, we have a Flower Club, full of clever arrangers. They are willing to loan their skills to exhibitions and festivals, despite being involved with their own churches.

Once they had agreed to help, my thoughts turned to a title. We have done all the obvious ones in past, and these are repeated in the many local church festivals, which all

take place during the summer months. The Flower Club members have attended many demonstrations, visited exhibitions and practised the continental styles. So I thought, "Why don't we give them the chance to show them off?" As a result we ended up with "Flowers a la mode", showing flower arranging from Georgian times until today.

On the day before the festival, the church was open all day as flower arrangers came and went. The style of the arrangements was certainly different from usual. Who paid? All the people who arranged flowers were generous and the rest came out of the Flower Fund, which is now very low.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

The Revd. Pat Pollard welcomed the Revd. Tony Oehring to our September meeting.

He commenced by reading a passage from the Bible, Isaiah Chapter 61. He told us how he started his ministry at Parkwood, Gillingham in 1990. Parkwood, at that time, was one of the largest housing estates in Europe and had a population of 14,000. As there was no church building there, his first task as Vicar was to establish a congregation, because it is the people who are the Church!

In the beginning a small handful of people came together to worship in the local school hall, and as the congregation continued to grow a Church was built - not the most expensive of buildings!

The Revd. Oehring explained what attracted him to Faversham and St. Mary of Charity. He told us how he wants to make the Church more accessible to people and he outlined some of his ideas.

We would like to thank him for coming and talking to us. We were encouraged to hear that you do not require a building to establish a congregation.

Carol Marshall.



After a few weeks rest, I suddenly realised that Harvest Festival was upon us. My small band of helpers was depleted, as several members had very good reasons to be in other churches on the Saturday. However, we managed, and the church certainly reflected "Harvest Festival". In fact Penny gave us the final accolade, when she said it felt as if we had had two flower festivals this year.

Which brings me to the tailpiece. Some of us have been arranging the flowers for decades and we are getting long in the tooth. We badly need more arrangers. If you feel you would like to help but you feel you have not got the skills, why not consider joining the Faversham Flower Club to learn how to "do the flowers"?

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

I can hardly believe that Christmas is less than two months away, and that it is time for what has become our annual shoebox appeal. By now, most of you will be familiar with the purpose of this, which is to provide gifts at Christmas to our poor and needy neighbours in Eastern Europe. I am therefore, appealing to you once again, as you prepare for Christmas, to please fill a box for someone, of either sex, adult or young person, child or small baby, by putting in things that you and your family would be happy to receive. For these people, your gift may well be the only gift they will receive this Christmas. I know that all our gifts are very much appreciated and gratefully received - not just in the gifts themselves, but also because of the love and concern that comes with them. The response to this appeal has grown steadily over the years. Each year we gain and attract new supporters, which is wonderful. I hope and pray we shall all give generously once more.

Quotes:

Prejudice is a great time saver. It enables you to form opinions without bothering to get the facts. anon

God answers knee-mail.

Beat the Christmas rush, come to church this Sunday!

British Humanitarian Aid

We have recently been celebrating with our Harvest Festivals throughout the benefice and B.H.A. has received many gifts of food and money from our harvest offerings. Tony and Valerie Budell wish to convey their heartfelt thanks for supporting them in this way. I would like to thank Lorraine Hanney who organised a food collection throughout the year with very good results. Thanks also to everyone who has contributed during the year. My garage doesn't remain empty for long - I no longer have a collection completed when, almost immediately, we start filling up again - no room for the car, that's for sure. However, the great thing is that the aid keeps coming - it will always be needed, so I hope we can keep it up.

I will, as in other years, be happy to receive the boxes and, if you need any more information, please just give me a call on 01795 532171.

*God Bless, with love,
Pam.*

Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.

Yesterday is history.. Tomorrow a mystery.. Today is a gift.. That's why it's called the present! So why not savour every moment.....this is not a dress rehearsal!



Items for Boxes.

Toiletries - men, women, boys, girls
Socks, tights, scarves, gloves
Make up, fashion jewellery
Hair accessories
Sweets, choc bars, crisps etc.
Soft toys, other small toys/games
Crayons, felt tip pens, paper for drawing
Baby goods, clothes etc.

Faversham Counselling Service

The Faversham Counselling Service (FCS) was set up in 1993, to provide professional help and support for people suffering from anxiety, fear or depression. It also helps those who, at times, have difficulty coping with ordinary day to day problems. A listening ear can be just the thing to help one see one's way through.

The service was set up following a Parish initiative in recognising a need that was not being met.

People can just ring or be referred by their GP – many are. Some come because they have heard about the service from friends, some come because they see an advertisement. The service is totally

confidential and valued very highly by those who use it.

Up to now all the counsellors have been providing this help, free to those who cannot pay and at an agreed fee for those who can pay. The ethos of FCS is never to refuse help to those who cannot pay. However, it costs a great deal of money to train counsellors, to provide supervision and to keep the service up and running. We have a very hard-working and dedicated band of people, who give unstintingly of their time and skill. Although we receive a small grant from Kent County Council the resources of FCS are very slender.

Would anybody be able to Gift Aid a small amount each month, which could be put towards a Bursary, to help those unable to pay and to enable counsellors to, at least, be reimbursed for their expenses? Would you be able to offer help in fund-raising, or do you know someone who could help with this aspect of the work?

This is such a worthwhile gift to our community, I believe that it deserves all the help and support we can give. Do think about it and consider what you might be able to do. The wonderful staff members, who keep the service going so brilliantly, deserve all our support.

Ring Mark Harlow, Director of FCS, on 01795 890338, or ring the service on 01795 591019 if you would like to discuss anything in confidence with a member of staff.

Hilary Galer.

Look, and you shall see....

*The man whispered,
"God, speak to me"
And a meadowlark sang.
But the man did not hear.*

*So the man yelled
"God, speak to me"
And the thunder rolled
across the sky.
But the man did not listen.*

*The man looked around and
said, "God, let me see you."
And a star shone brightly.
But the man did not see.*

*And, the man shouted, "God, show
me a miracle" And a baby was born.
But the man did not notice.*

*So, the man cried out in despair,
"Touch me, God, and let me know
you are here!" So God reached down
and touched the man.
But the man brushed the butterfly
away and walked on.*

*The good news is that you are loved,
and God hears you. Don't miss out
on God's blessing because it isn't
packaged the way that you expect.*

Eastling Primary School

If you've ever wondered how education has changed over the years, have a look at the Eastling School website (www.eastling.kent.sch.uk) . Like many schools in the Kent region, the school has provided details of its current work with children, but it is within the history and archive sections that a more general interest lies. Eastling is a Victorian school, built in 1880 and has been able to chart its own history through the intervening decades and different head teachers. Former pupils have added their insights into life in a village school and their memories of happy school days within the orchards and horticultural past of rural Kent. The site is seeking further information from people with stories to tell to add to its impressively collated history. Some passages from the school log book and discipline record are also given, which add colour and interest to current discussions on discipline in schools. For example, in the early 1900s the log book records instances of graffiti on local cottages, as well as charting the passing farming year through the attendances of pupils.

More details on the school are available from:
Dave Walsh, Headteacher
Eastling Primary School, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling,
Faversham Kent ME13 0BA
01795 890252 www.Eastling.kent.sch.uk
Head@Eastling.kent.sch.uk



A Big Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make the Harvest Auction on Friday 18th October a huge success. Whether they gave items, bought items or helped on the days leading up to the event and on the evening itself. It was a wonderful night. Thank you.
Tony and Mary

Goodies under the Gavel

Children at Eastling Primary school had experience of big business and charity this week as part of their Harvest Festival. Goods brought in to the school were sold off in an auction in front of both children and parents with groups of 'lots ' for all, ranging from sweets through to bottles of wine. "It was a bit manic" reported Mr. Walsh "but the total raised was near to £100 and all the money is being sent to a good cause." Children enjoyed the event and brought in their spending money to buy harvest items for themselves. Most popular was the Dutch auction of chocolate bars. Rosie Davis (aged 10) said that the she had enjoyed the whole event, as everyone had been involved. Her sister, Holly (aged 7) agreed, adding that eating the produce was definitely the best bit for her. All the children were seen leaving school happily laden with goods they had successfully purchased. Mrs. Green, the Class 2 teacher explained that the children had decided to support the Thandigudi Goddwill Children's home in South India after she had told them about the project." I was very pleased that they could convince the other children in school to support the village within the school council. When I was a trainee teacher, a group of us had the opportunity of visiting the children there and all vowed to try and help once we were appointed." More details from Dave Walsh, Headteacher

Donations towards the Good News

The Good News is delivered, free of charge, to, we hope, every home in the benefice. We produce 1320 copies each month, this will rise to over 1330 when the new houses in Painter's Forstal are occupied. Most of the cost of production is met by our advertising fees. Please use our advertisers' services and products - and please tell them where you saw their advertisement. However, we do have a slight shortfall and donations towards the cost of printing will be very helpful. If you enjoy receiving this magazine and would like to contribute, please send your donation to our Treasurer, Mr. Reg Tumber, 8 Briton Road, Faversham. ME13 8QH. Please make cheques payable to *Good News Church Magazine*. Thank you.

December 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 November to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA 01795 890338 . Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@talk21.com

Thank you to Elizabeth and Gordon Brown, who have been our Good News Editors for much of this year. We are sorry that you are standing down from the role, but are very grateful for all the work accomplished. Thank you both.

Diary

4th	Afternoon Club	2.30 p.m.	Champion Hall
5th	Eastling Fireworks Night	7.30 p.m.	Carpenters Arms
9th	Autumn Bazaar	9.30 a.m.	Alexander Centre
10th	Christmas Choir Practices start	5 p.m.	Eastling Church
11th	Gardeners' Club	7.45 p.m.	Champion Hall
11th	Eastling Parish Council	8 p.m.	Village Hall
13th	Ospringe Parish Council	7.30 p.m.	Whitehill Chapel
14th	Christmas Shopping Evening	7 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
14th	Charing History Society	8 p.m.	Charing Parish Hall
15th	Deadline for news for December Good News		
15th	Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
16th	Jumble Sale	1.30 p.m.	Eastling School Hall
16th	Wine and Wisdom	7.30 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
16th	Christmas Oratorio	7.30 p.m.	St. Paul's Church, Cant.
18th	Afternoon Club	2.30 p.m.	Champion Hall
20th & 21st	Craft Days	10.30 a.m. - 7 p.m.	19 Ospringe Road
22nd	Wine Tasting	7.30 p.m.	Eastling School Hall
23rd	Paint Up	9 a.m.	onwards Champion Hall
26th	Magazine Folding	2 p.m.	Usual Venues
29th	Women's Institute A.G.M	2.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
29th	Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
30th	Christmas Fair	11 a.m.	Ospringe School
DECEMBER			
4th	Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch	12.30 p.m.	
11th	Eastling Gardeners' Club	7.30 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
13th	Stalisfield Footlights		Stalisfield Village Hall
14th	Stalisfield Over 60's Christmas Tea	4 p.m.	
14th	Christmas Celebration	7.30 p.m.	Ospringe Church
15th	Carols by Candlelight	6.30 p.m.	Whitehill Chapel



'...we feel it's important that the Church should keep up with modern technology!'

Services in our Benefice

3rd November 4th Sunday before Advent

1 Thessalonians 2. 9 - 13, Matthew 24. 1 - 14.		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s) Younger Children during the service
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Tuesday 5th November

Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion
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10th November Remembrance Sunday

1 Thessalonians 4. 13 - end, Matthew 25. 1 - 13		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Newstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School

17th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11, Matthew 25. 14 - 30		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service with Baptism

24th November Christ the King

Ephesians 1. 15 - end, Matthew 25. 31 - end		
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Sunday Young Style
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School

1st December Advent Sunday

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW) followed by Baptism
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s) Younger Children during the service
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service and dedication of 'Brenda's Cupboard'.
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366) 9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX
Curate	Reverend Patricia Pollard (01795 535407) 7 Arthur Salmon Close, Faversham.
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) esgate@bluecarrots.com

Churchwardens

Ospringe	Mr. G. Shepherd	
	Mr. P. Larter	(01795 531044)
Eastling	Mr S. Youle	(01795 890368)
	Mrs. A. Smith	(01795 890469)
Stalisfield with Otterden		
	Mrs. J. West	(01795 890285)
	Mrs. H. Galer	(01795 890780)
Whitehill		
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 clergy to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

From the Registers

Baptisms

22nd September 2002 at Ospringe
TYLER HUNTER Griffiths

6th October 2002 at Stalisfield
GEORGINA ELLEN MARGARET Fennell

Weddings

Blessing of Marriage
28th September 2002 at Eastling
Paul and Siobhan LETFORD

Funerals

8th October 2002 Burial at Love Lane
Henry Thomas PEPPER

11th October 2002 Cremation at Charing
Catherine Margaret (Kitty) McLENNAN

21st October 2002
Cremation at Robin Hood Lane
Alice BILES

23rd October 2002
Funeral at Ospringe, with burial at Love Lane
Valerie SMALL

Harvest Festival at Whitehill Chapel

During the Harvest Festival Service and Sale of Produce, £100 was raised for the British Humanitarian Aid fund, and was forwarded together with several tins of food. Thank you to all who gave the produce and who donated so generously during the sale.

Harvest Supper

Forty-seven friends and family sat down to a supper of baked potato, salad and cold ham, followed by apple pie and cream. Everyone who came expressed their enjoyment of the evening. The committee would love to see more members of Ospringe Parish take part in these events.

Thank You

During the recent house to house collection, £233.44 was raised for the National Children's Home

Sunday, December 1st
11 a.m. Family service and dedication of "Brenda's Cupboard"

Everyone will be welcome to sing '**Carols by Candlelight**' on Sunday 15th December at 6.30 p.m.

Painting Session

We are trying to organise a painting session to improve the woodwork in the hall. If you can use a paintbrush and give an hour or two on 23rd November you will be very welcome from 9 a.m. onwards. Tea will be provided!

OSPRINGE

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Ospringe Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2002 at 7.30 p.m. in Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal.

As usual, all residents are welcome to attend the meeting and will have the opportunity of raising any matters concerning the parish. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council





Eastling Village Hall

From the meeting of the Trustees of Eastling Village Hall, held on 15th October:

The financial report shows an excess of income over expenditure for the year, thanks to the fundraising events. Suggestions for future events include a Silent Auction, Police Band Concert, Concert of 60's music, Concert by local group. These ideas are to be discussed at future meetings

The re-edging work on the car park is expected to begin on 16th October.

Mrs. Parry has received an initial favourable response from KCC for a contribution towards the maintenance costs of the car park, due to its extensive use by parents dropping off and collecting children from the School. Negotiations are in progress.

Mrs. Parry is to ask Swale council for an extra bin for recycling cardboard, as the present one is often overflowing.

Mrs. Joliffe is to follow up the suggestion that a local artist might provide some artwork/murals in the Hall.

It was agreed to hold a garden-ing morning on Sunday 10th November.

Mr. Piles reported on a very successful session on 9th October, when twenty-six children from the school had attended the Hall, to be introduced to Short Mat Bowling.

The next meeting will be on 21st January 2003.

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.

Eastling Parish Council NOVEMBER MEETING

Eastling Parish Council's next Meeting is in Eastling Village Hall on Monday, 11 November at 8 p.m.. Villagers may attend to hear the proceedings, and there will be the usual period at the beginning of the Meeting for residents to raise matters of interest or concern. Among the topics on the Agenda, will be the results of the recent poll, on whether the Parish Council should go ahead with a project to provide a village green, on the field bounded by The Street, Kettle Hill Road and the Church Path.



Job Vacancy

- 2 days a week
(9.00am - 5.30pm, days to be arranged)
Office Work, Book Keeping,
Good Telephone Manner and
Computer Skills required
£5.00 per hour
Tel: 01795 890609, 0800 0852029
or send CV to 1 Meesons Close, Eastling.

Dog Sitter Required

Do you have an hour a day to spend with our two gorgeous girls?
Exercise not required, just your company during school term time only.
Days, times and wages negotiable.
TEL: Sue on OTTERDEN
01795 890612 after 7pm.

DOG SITTER WANTED

for Aran, Bobby and Zoe.
Mature, fit person to take care of 3 very friendly dogs 2 afternoons a week (Weds/Thurs) and occasional other days.
Your home or mine. Dog-walking not required - but availability at short notice is essential.
Please phone Diane on 890816 as soon as possible.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

A reminder of forthcoming events for your diaries:

The **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING** will be on Thursday 14th November in Eastling Village Hall from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.. Don't miss out on the chance to get your Christmas shopping off to a flying start by coming along to make your purchases from the interesting range of stalls.

Orders for **CHRISTMAS TREES** will be taken at the Shopping Evening and from School from 1st December. All trees will be ready for collection on 13th or 20th December.



Our **WINE TASTING** evening is on Friday 22nd November in the School Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. This is a good opportunity to sample a range of wines all available from local retailers. It is also hoped to have a range of cheeses on sale. The event is open to all over 18!!

The children will have the opportunity of making their own Christmas purchases for family and friends, or indeed themselves, at their own Shopping afternoon in early December. Details of all events will be advertised at school and in the local paper.

Jill Seaman, tel: 01795 890519

Ospringe School Association

So far this half of term has gone very quickly and all the new children have settled in well. The Ospringe Children's Centre was formally opened on 18th October. The playgroup is already in attendance and the after school club will be starting soon. Just before half term Ospringe hosted (at Queen Elizabeth's School as our hall was not big enough) a primary school choir festival. Hopefully a report of this will appear in next month's magazine. The School Association is already planning for the **Christmas Fair on 30th November**, there will be all the usual stalls, with accompanying carols, refreshments and, of course, Father Christmas. Hope to see you there. Events planned for the New Year include a family bingo night, a wine and wisdom, race night and fashion show.

Jill Fagg

Whitstable Choral Society present
Christmas Oratorio
J. S. Bach
Conductor : David Flood
Organist : Neil Wright
with
The Whitstable Ensemble
Saturday 16th November, 7.30 p.m.
St. Paul's Church, Canterbury
Ticket Prices
Adults - £ 9.00 : Under 16s - £ 4.00
Tel: 01795 890338 or 01227 275482



Afternoon Club

Following our trip to the "Winter Gardens" at Margate, it has been decided to make a further visit for the Christmas Show on Friday, 27th December. 2.30 p.m.

Tickets available at £11.00

Activities for November:

4th and 18th - Board Games

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Christmas Party

This will be held on Wednesday, 11th December in Eastling Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. Gardeners and non-gardeners are invited. Come along and start the festive season early with good wine and homemade nibbles.

Membership of the club costs £5 with free entry to meetings - otherwise the cost per meeting is £2.

Painter's Forstal and Ospringe Women's Institute

The Annual General Meeting will take place in the Champion Hall at 2.15 p.m. on 29th November.

Competitions - A favourite recipe & Flower of the month.

OSPRINGE 200 CLUB DRAW

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 31st draw in October were:

1st :-17 2nd :-52 3rd :-3

Thank you Carol and Stuart for organising this monthly draw.

Charing & District Local History Society

Thursday, 14th November at 8 p.m. at the Parish Hall, Charing. (Doors open at 7.45 p.m.)

Dr. Paul Cullen will give a talk on "Kentish Place Names"

An exploration of this fascinating topic, with a special look at local place names.

Everyone who is interested will be welcomed. Non-members of the society will be charged £1.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The meeting for November is on Monday, 11th in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal at 7.45 p.m. The speaker will be a member of the National Trust.

Suttons seed catalogues are now available from either

John or Noreen.

Further details from

01795 533608.



Wine and Wisdom

Saturday, 16th November
7.30 p.m.

Eastling Village Hall

The price of £4.00 per head for a table of six will include your wine and nibbles.

Should you fancy anything a bit more substantial, please feel free to bring your own. The proceeds will go towards the village hall funds and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. You can book your table by phoning me, Norman Neaves, on 01795 890242.

Eastling Village Fireworks Night

at the Carpenters Arms
at 7.30 p.m.

on Tuesday 5th November.
£10.00 for a family, £5.00 for an adult.

Ticket includes: Bar-B-Q,
Mulled wine, Soft Drinks
and a

Magnificent Fireworks Display.
Come and support the village
for a family fun night.

This is a NON-profit making
event organised by the Social
Committee.



Eastling Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December 2002

Are you interested in joining our village choir for this service?

We will start rehearsals on Sunday 10th November from 5 - 6 p.m. in Eastling Church. All singers over 10 years old welcomed. Further details to appear in the November issue.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch

The Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday, 4th December at 12.30 for one o'clock. We shall try and get invitations out to everyone by 10th November but, if other years are anything to go by, we are bound to miss someone out. So please, if you have not received your invite by the 10th, give us a ring on 890242 so we can put this matter right.

STALISFIELD/ OTTERDEN OVER 60'S.

The annual Christmas tea, organized by Brenda Newman, will take place on Saturday, 14th December in the Stalisfield Village Hall at 4 o'clock. Invitations will be sent out in the coming weeks.

STALISFIELD FOOTLIGHTS.

We are happy to announce that the Stalisfield theatre season will open on Friday, 13th December with the West End (of Stalisfield) production of "The Best of Times and the Worst of Times"

staged by the professionally acclaimed Time of Our Lives Music Theatre

Reserve the date in your diary for the performance, which simply must not be missed.

Tickets are priced to just cover cost and we anticipate a full house. The box office normally opens four weeks in advance of the show but, as this is a pre-Christmas production, we will accept immediate bookings with an added "early bird" bonus of a

free entry in the draw to be held on the night. To reserve your seat, simply telephone Ian McKay on 01795 890475. The £6 per person admission includes light refreshments in the interval.

We are, unfortunately, unable to process credit card transactions, but will happily accept personal cheques.

Friday 13th will never be so good again!

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP at Painter's Forstal

The second half of Autumn Term starts on Monday 4th November with the children making Firework pictures, and continues with the lead up to the celebration of Christmas. We will be holding an Open Morning and a Christmas Raffle towards the end of the term - details in next month's magazine.

Our **Jumble Sale** will be held in Eastling School Hall on **Saturday 16th November** starting at 1.30pm, and we will be very grateful to receive any jumble, books, toys and bric-a-brac at any time up to 15th November. Please phone me to arrange collection of any items, or bring them along to Playgroup.

We are still collecting any drink cans for recycling - all proceeds to the playgroup. These can be brought to Eastling School or to playgroup.

We are very pleased to welcome any children between the ages of 2 and 5 years to the Playgroup on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 11.25am at a cost of £3.00 per session. Please contact me for further details.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890519