

Children welcome in church.. in November



Nov. 7th in **Whitehill Chapel**
10.45am Family People's Choice

Activities for children in the **Ospringle** Church Parish room during part of the 11am services on the 7th - Oasis; 21st -Family Service & 28th Family Communion.

21st in **Eastling** Village Hall
10.00am S Club
28th in Eastling Church
10.00am Toy Service



Young People's Craft Club

12th 5.45 to 6.45pm
26th November
6.15 to 7.15pm
in the Champion Hall.
50p per session -
all young people invited.

Toy Service

Sunday 28th November
10am in Eastling Church
All ages welcome for this half hour service.

Please bring along clean, unbroken toys for Christmas Gifts to less fortunate children for distribution by British Humanitarian Aid. It will be helpful if you could wrap the present and mark the outside to indicate boy or girl present.



Do you play an Instrument?

Are you aged between 8 and 16 and interested in being in a **Young People's Band?**

Steve Youle and Angela Cheeseman are hoping to start one up in Eastling. Contact Angela on 01795 890629.



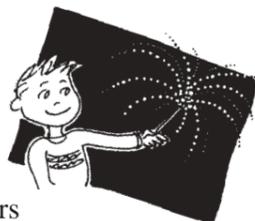
Puppet Club

The Puppet Club has been invited to perform a Nativity Play at S Club in December. Practice dates are as follows: Sunday 7th November 3pm, Sunday 21st November 3pm, Saturday 4th December 3pm and Saturday 18th December 3pm. Performance will be 9.30am on Sunday 19th December.

! Fireworks !

November 5th
7.30pm at the **Carpenters Arms Eastling.**

Adults £4, under 16's free. Tickets available now includes refreshments. Once again this is a non profit making event. Any donations will be gratefully received.



Come and join Ospringle School for another fantastic professional display by Selstar Fireworks. More tickets available this year, but numbers limited so buy early **TICKETS IN ADVANCE £4 EACH,** **£12 FAMILY OF FOUR TICKETS ON THE NIGHT £5 EACH** (if available) Preschool children free

Sparkler Area
Hot Dogs and drinks available
Light tubes and necklaces for sale
All children must be accompanied by an adult
Parking limited - Please Walk

Please do not bring your own fireworks or sparklers

Ospringle School Gates Open 6.30pm Display 7pm

Tickets available from the school (Tel 532004)

Parking limited - please walk

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



We won't forget

*14th November
Remembrance Sunday*



but we can give

and we can ask

forgiveness

A Service of
Healing and Blessing
Guest Speaker
Rev. Michael Fulljames
will speak on the theme of:
Forgiveness
All are welcome

Ospringle Church
14th November at 4.00pm

In Faversham

10.30am Civic Ceremony at the War Memorial on the corner of Stone Street and Roman Road
11am Service of Remembrance at St. Mary of Charity



**Craft Day at
19 Ospringle Road
Thursday 25th November**

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

By kind invitation of
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Thompson.
Refreshments will be available all day.
Raffle.

Christmas arrangements and
Handmade cards for all occasions.
Plenty of variety of other handmade gifts.
Proceeds to Ospringle Church and
Pilgrims' Hospice, Canterbury.
Please come and support us. All are
welcome.

Christmas Crafts Coffee Morning

in aid of Demelza House
on Friday 19th November
10am onwards at
The Tapster Wine Bar
Seed Road, Newnham
All welcome
more details from 890501

The Royal British Legion continues its vital work providing financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependants. Currently, nearly 11 million people are eligible for their support and the charity receives around 300,000 calls for help every year.

The Legion was founded in 1921 as a voice for the ex-Service community. Today it has 550,000 members. British service people are in action around the world every day of the year. They know that if they need our support - now or in the future - the Legion is always on active duty for them.

Last year alone, the Royal British Legion spent more than £54 million carrying out its welfare work among the ex-Service community. This was largely funded by the kind donations and fundraising efforts of its supporters.

Painter's Forstal
Amenities Committee

Craft Fayre

Saturday 13th November
in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal
Open at 10am,
Stall holders from 8am
Come and buy your Christmas presents or weekend cake etc.
Wood turning, glass painting
crochet/knitting, jewellery, flower
arrangements and more.
Do come along and support your
local crafts people.

Good News

Parish Magazine November 2004

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



How can we make sense of pain and suffering?

Although we are all familiar with pain and suffering in some way or another, when it strikes near us we never cease to be shocked by it.

We begin to ask questions.

Why me?

Why do some people suffer so much through sickness, misfortunes, broken relationships or unhappiness?

Why do bad things so often happen to good people?

And why doesn't God do something about it?

We see suffering as an abnormality and a wrong –this presupposes that God could and should do something about it, forgetting, perhaps, he may feel the same way.

The Bible tells us in Genesis Chapter 1 that God originally made the earth as a good place: the home in which men and women would live peacefully, and where they would live in a close and supportive relationship with him. Men and women would be responsible for the earth's resources, support each other and have all their needs met by God. Seems rather attractive doesn't it. However, God's plan for the way we live on earth was ruined when people chose to rebel and follow their own way of living rather than his. God's plan now appears thwarted and the world begins to fall into disunity and decay.

Look around today. Has much changed? We still seem to prefer to be masters of our own destiny. How often does God get a look-in to our lives? We appear to have lost touch with the one who made us. Some may say this is a good thing – we need to be independent and self-sufficient. But if the Bible record is true and God is the One who made us, what better person is there to know our needs and to help us live healthy and fulfilled lives.

When people are 'out of touch' with God, underneath all the activity and achievement, things often lack direction and meaning, leading to mistrust and insecurity. We see this in our world today. On a personal level, misunderstanding and a lack of loyalty have led to spoilt relationships and contributed to the breakdown of families and marriages. In society, we experience the increasing breakdown of law and order, despite government reassurance. Different groups distrust each other leading to racial and religious tensions, and society suffers. And internationally, tensions and wars between countries are fuelled by basic hostility, deeply ingrained in human character, towards those who belong to another section of mankind. The rise in terrorism, the conflict in Iraq and the genocide in Sudan - suffering that is all too real for us.

We have lost touch in the relationship with our planet and how it works for us. We not only misunderstand it, we abuse it. A large proportion of human suffering has come through exploiting our resources and overlooking the dangers of our myopic, self-centred actions. Global warming, pollution, famine, disease and human disasters all seem to lead to questions about our own actions and responsibility.

So, if God is all loving and still has a plan for creation, what is he planning to do about it? First, we can never understand God. God is greater than our minds and bigger than we can understand. Christians believe that when we come to God humbly, acknowledging our need, prepared to turn back to him, we may begin to understand more about suffering and how it can happen. Second, God has been doing something. Jesus came to re-unite people with God and to show them the way they should and could live with him at the centre again. He came to reverse the effects that so often our rebellion brings upon us. He began a process that is still going on.

At this time of Remembrance, let us pray for the world, to thank God for his goodness and his continuing love as he suffers and hurts with us.

Mark Harlow

Oasis

Jesus said, 'Whoever drinks of the water that I give will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' John 4: 14

Oasis is the 11a.m. service at Ospringe Church on the first Sunday in the month. It is informal and friendly in style and is usually about an hour long, with modern worship music, prayer, teaching and personal testimony.

We are following a series about **The Christian Life** and on Sunday 7th November we shall be thinking about **Prayer** and how important it is to us as Christians. Sometimes we use large screen video for the talk, but this month we shall welcome back Christine Ford as our guest speaker. All are welcome. Activity books are provided for primary school age children.

Prayer Pointers November 2004

- Sundays For a closer walk with God.
- Mondays Mothers with new babies.
- Tuesdays Those with long term illnesses.
- Wednesdays Marriage and bereavement counselling services.
- Thursdays Magistrates courts in the area.
- Fridays World peace and One World Week.
- Saturdays U.S.P.G. and similar organisations.

'How can we make sense of pain and suffering?'

is the theme for **Freestyle**, on 14th November, 10.30am in Eastling Church. All ages welcome. Join with the rest of the country at 11am as we link live to Big Ben for the two minute silence. Breakfast from 10am, refreshments after the service. If you need further details call Mark or Hilary 893038

OSPRINGE CHOIR NOTES.

At the Service on Sunday, 26th September, Lauren was presented with her Head Chorister's badge, Vicky and Alex with their Deputy Head Chorister's and Megan and Joe with their Senior's. I had great fun choosing the colours of the Ribbons and sewing them. Do ask choir members to show you them - you cannot miss them, the ribbons are brightly coloured!

By the time you read this we will have made a start on the Christmas carols! Penny has been busy in the Benefice with lots of weddings and thanks to her and the careful preparation of all the church teams, they have been "lovely weddings". Congratulations everyone. This is the long poem Shirley Austin wrote originally for Adam and Suzanne's wedding on 28th August, at St. Peter and St. Paul, Ospringe.

Let these ancient bells ring out upon these fields of green.
The Wedding is upon us unfolding scene by scene
In ancient church, mid ancient walls a hush will fill the air,
As down the aisle, the radiant bride will walk in garments fair.

So slow, the congregation will begin to take their place.
And such happiness, so many tears upon each upturned face.
Before the sacred altar, the church, so silent now,
Two young and happy lovers will take the wedding vow
And ask the Lord to bless them.
To look down from up above
And fill their lives with happiness, To fill their hearts with love.

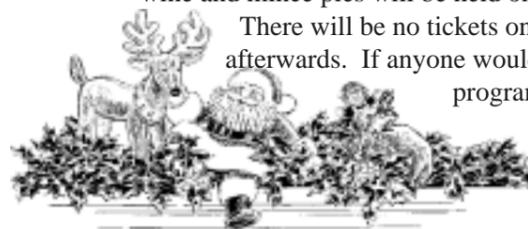
Ring out ... Sing out The Choir with voices loud and strong.
The organ proudly playing each hymn, each sacred song.
How many happy weddings has this old churchyard seen?
How many brides and bridegrooms have walked upon this green?
Yes, the wedding is upon us of Adam and Suzanne.
May God bless and keep them...always,
This woman ..and this man. God bless.

Adam thought this was longer than the Gettysburg Address, so Shirley read her shorten version and, as she said, "It was a lovely Wedding".

Advance notice of Ospringe Church's annual *Christmas Celebration.*

This year's evening of seasonal readings and music followed by mulled wine and mince pies will be held on Saturday 11th December at 7pm.

There will be no tickets on sale but donations will be invited afterwards. If anyone would like to contribute an item for the programme, please get in touch with Gill Wilson. Donations of mince pies, red wine and fruit juice will be most welcome nearer the time.



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FROM THE ORGAN LOFT.

Carolynne and I went to a fabulous and most inspiring Saturday at the Cathedral International Study Centre. I wish I could have taken you all to work with John Bell of the IONA COMMUNITY. I felt I had to agree that at times our Benefice is "a singing Church". We sang many types of songs and often in parts without realising it AND I MANAGED TOO!! John Bell was a most inspiring and charismatic leader. There were 5 Workshops to choose from and I joined in "Bridging the Gap", something I am very passionate about and learnt much and "Music of the Soul", another excellent workshop.

The workshops were led by Geoff Weaver, who is always wonderful, David Leeke, who has been to Ospringe, Colin Baker, Liz Hawkes and Jeremy Frost, the Precentor. Carolynne attended two other Workshops and we have yet to catch up with each other! Do borrow my file of notes from the day.

A Prayer from our M.U. Prayer Diary for 20th October, 2004:-

Father show us how to be a caring world,
wise in Government,
honest in promises,
good in management of resources,
and open-hearted in charitable giving.
God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

Carols in Eastling Church

The annual
Nine Lessons and Carols
will be 4pm on
Sunday 19th December.

We gather together a local choir for this service. If you can sing and would like to join us please come to practices 5-6pm in Eastling Church on Sundays starting 14th November. All ages and voice parts welcome.

Whitstable Choral Society
sing

Messiah

by

George Frideric Handel
in St. Paul's Church, Canterbury
Saturday 20th November
7.30pm.

Conductor - David Flood
Ticket Prices

Adults - £10.00: Under 16s - £6.00
Canterbury Visitor Information Centre,
Sun Street, Canterbury -
Telephone: 01227 378100
or from members.

Pilgrims Hospice Trees of Love 2004

The joy and celebration of Christmas often involves the gathering together of family and friends. This can make it a very poignant time for those who face Christmas without a loved one who has died.

"Trees of Love" provide an opportunity to remember loved ones we will not see at Christmas. A Christmas tree will stand in the garden of each of the three Pilgrims Hospices over the Christmas Season. The trees will be illuminated and will bear tags dedicated to those being remembered.

Eastling Church will also have a tree standing in the Sanctuary. If you would like to remember someone, tags will be available at service times during November and December, or from church wardens.

All donations received will go to Pilgrims Hospice.



Christmas Trees 2004 Nash's Farmhouse, Luddenham

Last year in spite of that dry summer £1645 was raised for charities including the National Kidney Research Fund and many local Parishes.

This year thanks to a fair growing season, there should be a reasonable supply available of both Norwegian and Serbian Spruce (blue tinged with a more upright habit)

As before all you have to do is visit, select and reserve a tree for collection nearer Christmas. The trees are growing and won't be cut or dug until collected so they will remain fresher for longer. Trees will be available for selection from mid November.

Due to the likely demand this year do come early to avoid disappointment but please contact us in advance of your visit.

Tel: 01795 532 596



Book Review

Face to Face with Cancer – comfort and practical advice for sufferers and carers

By Marion Stroud £7.99 ISBN 0745948545

Here's a book to guide you through the various tests, diagnoses and treatments on offer, as well as an explanation of the medical hierarchy concerned. The various options facing anyone living with cancer are also explored. Marion Stroud also considers diet, exercise and relaxation, as well as listing agencies that can provide cancer sufferers with help and support.

But the book doesn't stop there – it goes on to face honestly the emotional impact of fear, anxiety and anger. The author, a trained physiotherapist, helps readers to understand the different emotional stages they will have to work through, and how to talk honestly and lead their lives to the full.

Marion Stroud uses her personal family experience, along with the experiences of many others in their practical and very approachable book about cancer.

Mothers' Union News

Our meeting at the end of September took place at June Akhurst's house, where we were made very comfortable in her newly refurbished sitting room, and which looks very nice indeed.

Our talk was given by Martin Reed of the Swale Road Safety Association which is a voluntary organisation concerned with all aspects of Road Safety in the Swale Borough and beyond. Martin was accompanied by two colleagues and together they answered a number of questions on a variety of road safety concerns, voiced by our members. There was also a machine on which those of us who drive, could test our reactions on thinking and breaking distances, in different and potential accident situations - the results were not too spectacular!! Hope we do better in the real life scenario!

The organisation is available to give talks and demonstrations to all kinds of groups all around the county. The telephone number can be obtained from Carol Marshall, our branch leader.

Our thoughts and prayers were very much concerned with Pat Pollard's recent illness, and we all join in wishing Pat a full and speedy recovery - not forgetting Norman, doing a brilliant job in caring for her.

God Bless

Pam Bell.

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Thank You

This is just to say a very big 'thank you' to all who supported my Coffee Morning on 24th September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Including donations from people who couldn't come, I raised an amazing £107.80. It was a beautiful sunny morning and everybody seemed to be enjoying their coffee and a good chat.

Many thanks

Alison Tracey.

National Children's Home Collection

I would like to thank the two helpers in this year's door to door collection.

From Ospringe parish we have sent in £274.34p. Thank you for your generous support.

N.B. If you have an uncollected envelope and would still like to contribute, it can be left at Huda, Eastling Road, and will be forwarded to N.C.H.

Bobbie Richards



British Humanitarian Aid Christmas Shoe Boxes.

It's coming to that time of year again - how quickly it seems to come round! I have already been approached by a number of people, asking if I will be collecting the boxes this year - and the answer is of course - yes. I am very happy to receive boxes at my home and, if the boxes need to be collected, Colin and I would be ready to do that.

As you may have read in the October issue of Good News, the aid we all contribute to stretches further and further, with BHA helping 22 orphan-ages and 4 community centres. It is great to be able to reach out, even in a limited way, and to know that we are helping to make a difference to so many lives.

Anyone requiring further information about the Charity, or about the boxes, please ring me on 532171.

Thank you all so very much for your continuing support, and for the harvest gifts which have been so generously donated.

God Bless

Pam Bell.

The homeless still need our voluntary help

The plight of homeless people in our own country seems to have slipped off the media agenda recently, but homelessness is still growing. Government figures, quoted in a recent report by Crisis, recorded 200,000 accepted as homeless by local authorities in 2003, 25 per cent more than in 1997.

Many such people find it difficult to pinpoint the exact point at which they became homeless. When they finally walked out on a violent partner and were sleeping on a sister's sofa? When they had that last row with a parent or step-parent and found some space on the floor at a mate's house? Or was it when they were evicted after losing their job? What is certain is that the longer they exist in this kind of limbo, the more likely it is that their self-esteem and health will be affected.

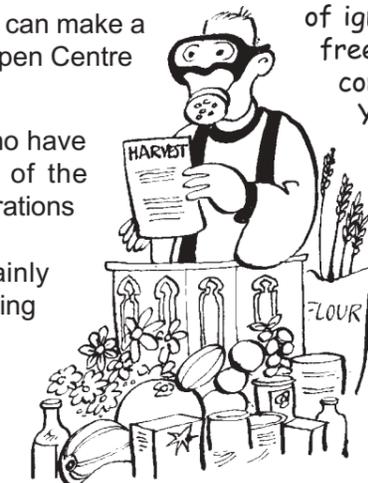
Local authorities have a 'primary duty of care' to certain groups of homeless persons. But those who are defined as 'non- priority' – single people without dependants who are not considered 'vulnerable' – are only eligible for advice.

This is where the voluntary agencies can make a vital contribution. The Canterbury Open Centre is one example

There are several in our benefice who have already helped the centre. Some of the produce from Eastling's harvest decorations was taken there.

If you have any spare clothes, mainly men's, sleeping bags or other bedding or food you too can help.

Canterbury Open Centre
Palmer's Buildings
13 Station Road East
Canterbury CT1 2RB
Tel: 01227 464904



"I'd like to begin my harvest sermon by saying a huge thankyou for the anonymous donation of the very ripe gorgonzola cheese..."

We thank you, Father,

for your gift of perfect love, for Jesus Christ. We thank you for all who have accepted your gift and in whom light shines. For those who seek to improve the plight of the homeless and the badly housed; for the young people sharing their learning and energy freely through voluntary service at home and abroad; for all organisations helping to relieve suffering and distress in stricken lands; for missionaries living out your message in the midst of ignorance, fear and disease; for all those who freely give time and energy and money to bring comfort, hope and help to someone who needs it. Your light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

We thank you, Father, for this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wonderful Harvest Decorations

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our churches and Whitehill Chapel for Harvest Festivals.

The flowers and produce donated mixed with the time spent and artistic talents used combined to transform our ancient buildings. All your work has been greatly appreciated - thank you.

Premier Christian Radio

Premier Christian Radio is available on Radio 1305 1332 1413 MW or Internet <www.premier.org.uk> and now Freeview channel 96, also on sky and cable.

It's a bit American, but may have something of value for you.



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Thank you.

Mary and Tony

would like to say a big thank you to the organisers and helpers of our farewell party on 26th September. It was so nice to see so many people turn up to wish us GOOD LUCK in our new venture in far off Spain.

It has been a wonderful seventeen years in the Carpenters Arms and the Lodge and we have made some great friends, not so many enemies, over the years. We have tried to be part of the Village and be of help when and where it was necessary. Eastling is a lovely village and long may it stay that way. Once again, thank you for a wonderful evening and the lovely present. We shall raise a glass to you all at Christmas, perhaps it might even snow!!

Yours truly,

Tony and Mary O'Regan.

Carols by Candlelight

6.30pm on

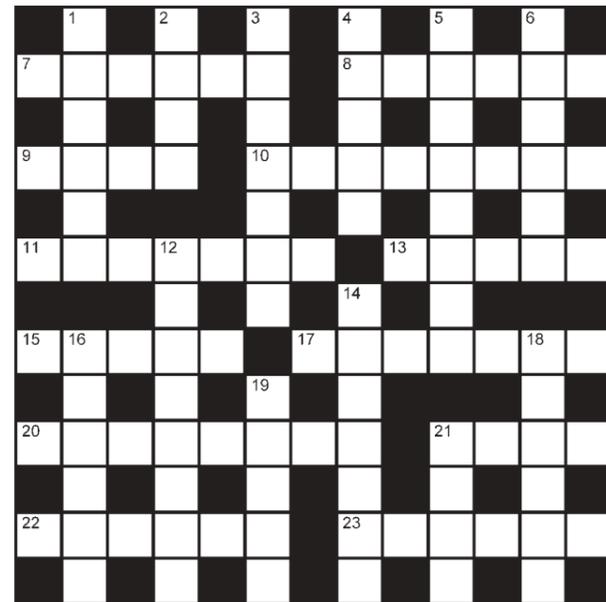
Sunday 19th December
at Whitehill Chapel.



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. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com

CROSSWORD



Clues Across

- 7 Determine the place of (6)
- 8 Married, also meaning favoured and blessed of the Lord [Isaiah 62.4] (6)
- 9 A change of position (4)
- 10 A collection of precious things (8)
- 11 Someone who speaks by divine inspiration (7)
- 13 The sacred writings of the Christian religion (5)
- 15 Members of the shepherd's flock (5)
- 17 Serious and intent (7)
- 20 Something brought into existence (8)
- 21 An indication of approval (4)
- 22 Densely wooded area (6)
- 23 A soft pale precious metal (6)

Clues Down

- 1 Esteem or respect (6)
- 2 A type of priestly offering (4)
- 3 A person not acknowledging God (7)
- 4 Commander of Saul's army [1Samuel 14.50] (5)
- 5 Challenge the accuracy of (8)
- 6 A cylindrical container (6)
- 12 A star cluster in the constellation Taurus (8)
- 14 Insanity (7)
- 16 A woman consecrated or devoted to prostitution (6)
- 18 A coin of ancient Greece (6)
- 19 Marked by conspicuous religiosity (5)
- 21 Exchange for money (4)

Answers Across
1 Honour, 2 Wave, 3 Heathen, 4 Abner, 5 Question, 6 Barrel, 12 Pleiades, 14 Madness, 16 Harlot, 18 Stater, 19 Piety, 21 Seal
Answers Down
7 Sheep, 17 Earnest, 20 Creation, 21 Seal, 22 Forest, 23 Silver, 7 Locate, 8 Beulah, 9 Move, 10 Treasure, 11 Prophet, 13 Bible.

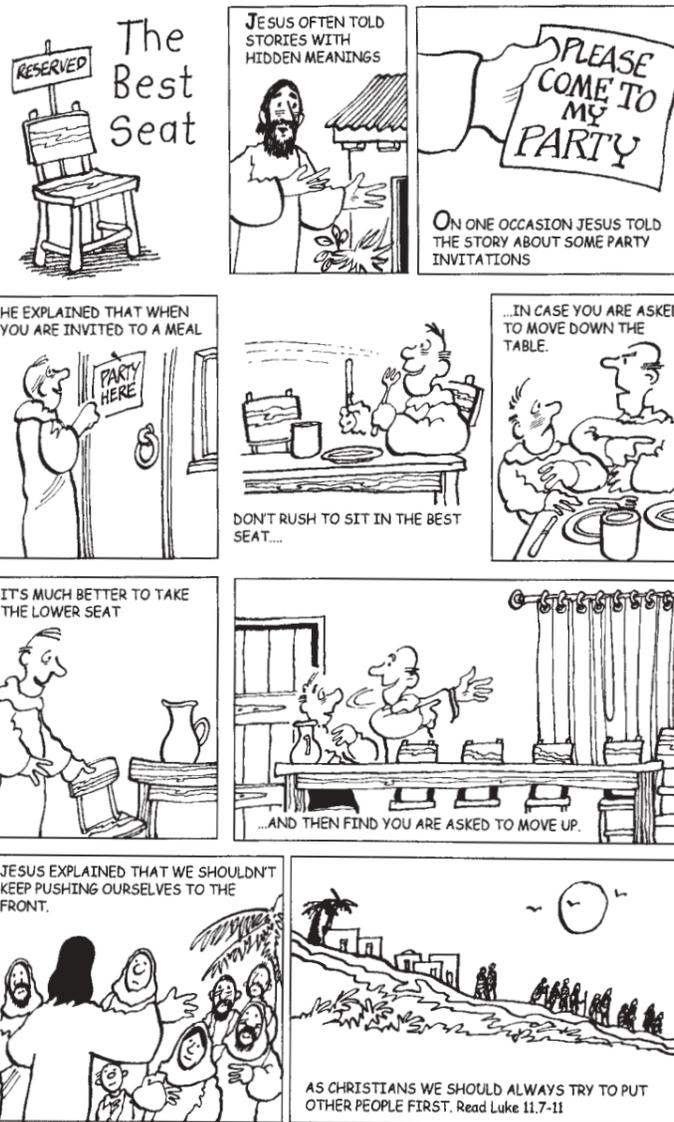
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From Vicky Shepherd comes some "Cool Chocolate Mathematics"

1. First pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate! Try for more than one but less than 10.
2. Multiply this number by 2. (just to be bold!)
3. Add 5. (for Sunday)
4. Multiply it by 50. Do use a calculator!
5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1754. If you have not, add 1753.
6. Now subtract the four-digit year in which you were born.
7. You should have a three-digit number. The first digit of this was your original number (that is how many times you want to have chocolate each week).. The next two numbers are YOUR AGE! (Oh yes, it is !!)

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

MOUSE HOLE

Shadow Play

If you stand in a dark room in front of the light from a fire or the beam of a spot light, you can make shadow pictures on the wall with your hands.

Have a go at these, then put on shadow show for your friends!

If you were to build a big bonfire, what would you need?
- Lots of dry wood to burn and matches to light the fire.

God's prophet Elijah built a BIG bonfire and had the prophets of the god 'Baal' build one too. He told them to call on their god Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice on top... but Baal could not answer as he was just an idol made of stone.

Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water, then he called on the **Lord God**... the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, - the wood, the stones, the soil and the water in the trench around it!

...and all the people who saw this cried "**The Lord - he is God, The Lord - he is God**".

Read the whole story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal in **1 Kings: 18:16-40**

Fireside Food

With an adult to help you, here's fun food to make and eat around the fire

- Roast sweet chestnuts in a pan on a fire or in the oven.
- Pop popcorn in a pan!

Stuff chocolate into a slit banana and wrap in foil. Get an adult to put it in the embers of a fire or in a oven and take out when soft. Take care, it'll be hot!

Services in our Benefice

31st October 4th Sunday before Advent

Ospringe 10.30 a.m. Thanksgiving Songs of Praise
Special Benefice Service
Gospel Mission, Tanners Street 7 p.m. Youth Service
A Christian Perspective of Halloween

Tuesday 2nd November

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

7th November 3rd Sunday before Advent

2 Thessalonians 2. 1 - 5, 13 - 17, Luke 20. 27 - 38
Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel 10 a.m. Breakfast followed by
10.45 a.m. Family People's Choice
Ospringe 11 a.m. Oasis
St. Catherine's, Preston 6.30 p.m. Bible Sunday Service

14th November Remembrance Sunday

2 Thessalonians 3. 6 - 13, Luke 21. 5 - 19
Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10.30 a.m. Freestyle
Ospringe 11 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe 4 p.m. Service of Healing & Blessing

21st November Christ the King

Colossians 1. 11 - 20, Luke 23. 33 - 43
Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield joins Eastling
Eastling 10 a.m. S Club in Village Hall
Ospringe 11 a.m. Family Service

28th November Advent Sunday

Romans 13. 11 - 1, Matthew 24. 36 - 44
Stalisfield 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 a.m. Toy Service
Ospringe 11 a.m. Family Communion
Ospringe 11 a.m. Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel 11 a.m. People's Choice

5th December Advent 2

Romans 15. 4 - 13, Matthew 3. 1 - 12
Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling joins Stalisfield
Whitehill Chapel 10 a.m. Breakfast followed by
10.45 a.m. Family People's Choice
Ospringe 11 a.m. Oasis

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

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

Priest in Charge Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366)
9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX
Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)
Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling.
Reader Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)
4 Meesons Close, Eastling.
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Chris@Esgate.plus.com

Churchwardens

Ospringe Miss C. Brightman (01795 531960)
Mr. P. Larter (01795 531044)

Eastling Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden

Joint Warden Mrs. J. Baker (01622 858332)
Mrs S. Gaind (01622 858551)

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

LAUREN EMILY Hales
26th September 2004 at Ospringe

HOLLY MARIE ANN KIRrage
3rd October 2004 at Ospringe

Funerals

Stella Margery HANN
28th September 2004 Cremation at Charing

Daphne DOWNS
8th October 2004 Cremation at Bobbing

Edith Agnes GREENLAND
11th October 2004 Burial at Love Lane

Joyce Mary NEAVES
18th October 2004 Funeral at Stalisfield
followed by burial in churchyard

Scattering of Ashes

Agnes WITHAM
25th September 2004 at Ospringe

Raymond Vincent (Ray) HOWLAND
10th October 2004 at Syndale Farm

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

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



Distraction (diversion) burglary.

There are instances where householders have been asked for help by individuals with some problem outside their house. When the householder responds and leaves their house an accomplice quickly enters and takes anything portable of value. Advice is that you either call a neighbour to join you or, if you do leave the house on your own, lock up behind you.

Bogus officials.

Always ask to see identification of anyone saying they are from a utility company or the council. If still unsure then phone the company to check, they will not mind. If you are still unsure tell the caller to make an appointment in writing before returning.

Unsolicited approaches, doorstep or telephone.

The advice is not to agree to any significant purchase which you have not asked for. However attractive an offer appears it is always best to get quotes from other suppliers. 'One time only' offers are rarely, if ever, as good as they appear.

Many of the above are carried out by criminals travelling in from other areas. They will target an area for only a few days and then move on to avoid being caught so your chances of recompense are nil.

Anyone in Eastling wishing to receive alert information by e-mail please send a message to eastlingnhw@tesco.net

Ospringe Parish Design Statement

I thought the presentation evening on 29th September went very, very well. The audio visual presentation was excellent and well received and complimented by the audience.

In addition to the Parishioners we were fortunate to have, as guests the Mayor of Swale, the Mayor of Faversham, the KCC Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty rep, and members of Lynsted Parish Council. A number of letters have been received following the event thanking the design team.

The Harvest Feast.
I really enjoyed myself. An excellent spread of food, which included some dynamic home-made cole slaw!, two very skilled wine waiters, a raffle, a virtuoso performance by Frank on the spoons - all well organised and presented by Bobbie and the committee. A good time was had by all. Look forward to next year.

The Craft Fair is at Champion Hall on the 13th November - all day I think. The Parish Design Statement will have a stall, distributing information.
John Griffin

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

At their September meeting councillors listened to a presentation given by Dominic Spurrier, Community Development officer for Mid Kent LEADER+.

LEADER+, a European Community Initiative, is a new approach to rural regeneration. The Mid Kent group has been successful in gaining 5 million pounds which is available for rural projects until 2006.

Project Eligibility: Projects suitable for funding help need - to be a new approach to an existing project, have new ways of combining resources, use new technology, or be new to the area.

Funding could be up to 50% of the project costs and the LEADER+ team can provide training, project guidance and advise with applications. Grants are possible for all sorts of different groups and rural businesses - agricultural or otherwise. There is an emphasis on linking with other parishes or groups in the local area and to make the products and services of rural areas more competitive. Mr. Spurrier can be contacted on 01622 221338 and more details are available on their website <www.midkentleader.org.uk> with a list of projects already approved on <www.midkentleader.org.uk/projectsapproved.htm>.

The next meeting is on Monday, 8th November at 8pm in the village hall.



'Dub-Bell' celebration at St Peter and Paul, Ospringe



The second week in October was an important week for change ringers in the Canterbury District; it was National Quarter Peal week.

But what is a Quarter Peal?

The bells at St Peter & Paul are hung for change ringing. They have a frame, ropes and wheels to allow the ringers to sound the bells when they wish. When the bells sound down a scale they are ringing rounds and a change is when the bells ring in an order other than rounds. Changes are arranged in patterns known as methods. A Quarter Peal consists of a minimum of 1250 changes!

On the 1st Saturday in October, John Griffin, along with 5 members of the Ospringe Change Ringers rang his first Quarter Peal. This was Bob Doubles method and took 40 minutes. No doubt many in the Parish heard the sounds of the bells ringing across the fields on this pleasant afternoon.

Not to be outdone Patricia Griffin rang her first Quarter peal on the Thursday evening. Also Bob Doubles and taking 41 minutes. This Quarter Peal was a little special, as in addition to being Patricia's first, it was rung to celebrate the birth of Justine Judith Larter. Justine's Mum, Clare had rung in the Quarter Peal on the Saturday, and Justine's Dad, Philip had rung in both. Altogether a busy and memorable week for both families.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Thank you for your support at recent events: Our jumble sale raised £185 - spent on the purchase of dust mats for the hall. What fun we had apple pie/crumble making - all were sold to children and parents, to eat straight away or take home for tea! The frantic bidding at the harvest auction raised the princely sum of £123.65 to be sent on to our nominated charity.

Coming Events

On Wednesday 3rd November, I will be hosting a Chocolate for Chocoholics party at 9.30am in Eastling Village Hall, when you can view a range of chocolates and other sweets and place your order for Christmas and other events.

We will be holding a second-hand BOOK, VIDEO, TAPE & CD sale on Wednesday 17th November from 9.15am - 11am at the Coffee Pop-in at Eastling Village Hall. Do call in to snap up a bargain!

As we near the Christmas period, we have a number of events to interest you:



Christmas Shopping Evening - Thursday 11th November in Eastling Village Hall - 7pm - 9pm. A really

good variety of stalls to interest the most avid early Christmas Shopper!! Christmas Trees, poinsettias and wreaths can be ordered from 11th November - the last date for orders is 3rd December and your order will be ready for collection on Friday 10th December from the Eastling Village Hall car park (delivery can be arranged within 5 mile radius for the additional cost of £2).

The Children's Christmas Shopping Afternoon will take place on Friday 10th December. Each child will be able to buy presents for family and friends and this year we will wrap their gifts ready for Christmas. There will be opportunity for the children to buy additional items for gifts or for themselves later in the month.

The School Christmas Disco will be on 17th December - more details to follow.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity, Tel 01795 890519

November



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Stalisfield Footlights

Friday 17th December

Note this date and cancel anything you may have booked. On this night the Stalisfield theatre season opens for 2004. We proudly present the TIME OF OUR LIVES MUSIC THEATRE in their acclaimed musical comedy revue entitled: *Two for the 1/9d's*.

"A brilliant evening of sheer entertainment" - not my words but those of the theatre critic in the Kent Messenger.

The Company promises to parade the British cinema experience in a hilarious mix of music, dance, stand-up and sketch comedy.

Remember last year?

Tickets flew out of the box office, so lose no time in phoning your priority booking to Ian on 01795 890475. Light refreshment is included in the ticket price of £6.50.

The show starts at 8 o'clock, doors open at 7.30pm in Stalisfield's historic Hut.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The meetings in November are on **Monday 8th** when Mrs May will give a talk on 'Owning and running your own nursery'. **Monday 15th** Venue change - now at home 1st round Neame Cup Quiz at home to Lower Hardres.

Both meetings will be in the Champion Hall, The Chapel, Painter's Forstal at 7.45pm.

New members welcome.

Seed catalogues are now available from John Clarke and Noreen Mitchell.

Further details tel: 533608.

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

The November meeting on 16th, is the Annual General Meeting, 2.15pm in the Champion Hall.

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

We will be making exciting firework pictures during the first week of November. The 4 year olds will practise letters and numbers in their workbooks and all the children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of creative activities.

Any enquiries to Jill Seaman
Tel 01795 890519

West Street Tickham Hunt

??? Quiz Night ???

on Saturday 13th November in Eastling Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you can't make up a table of 6, just come along and we will accommodate you - all welcome. To book your place: 01795 890242.

Everyone welcome.

Wine and Wisdom

in Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 20th November at 7.30pm.

Tables of six at £4.00 per head (Wine and nibbles included)

can be booked by phoning Norman on 890242.

All proceeds to Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch which will be on Tuesday 7th December.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Christmas Party

Wednesday, 8th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Wine and home-made eats plus a cheese tasting

Non-gardeners especially welcome

The cost is £2.50 or renew your membership at £5 for free entry to all the meetings for the next year.

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.

Coffee Pop-In

Wednesday 3rd November

Chocolate for Chocoholics

Party (proceeds to FOES)

plus Cakes for sale and

Traidcraft goods for sale or order.

Wednesday 17th November

Book, Video, Tape & CD Sale

(proceeds to FOES)

plus

Picture framing exhibition - frames made to order at affordable prices. Bring along your favourite photos or pictures.

Pop in for a free coffee or tea and enjoy a relaxed friendly chat. Open to all ages on Wednesdays between 9 and 11am in Eastling Village Hall.

Toddlers welcome.

Pop-in is sponsored by Eastling Church.

Stalisfield Carol Singing.

This will take place on

Wednesday 22nd December,

starting off from the

Plough at 6pm, meet

outside, all welcome.



Afternoon Club

Activities

November 11th Board Games

November 25th Bingo

2pm in the Champion Hall

Painter's Forstal.

Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee

Autumn Feast

About 66 people sat down to the evening meal which was again thoroughly appreciated. We thank David Wheatley for organising the 3 quizzes, which were all won by the same table. Well done!

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Ospringe School Association News

the school, with plenty of games and stalls for those Christmas purchases.

The OSA AGM is on Thursday 4th November at 7pm. Membership is open to all parents of pupils at Ospringe and new members are always welcome and so now is your opportunity to get involved in helping to raise valuable funds for your school. This year the OSA has supported amongst other things: coaches for the school trips; the new Gardening Club, the Year 6 T shirts; the Carnival Float as well as purchasing a shed for storage and selling school uniform. What is more all this money has been raised while having fun!

In the new year we are planning another Race Night and a Wine and Wisdom, as well as joining with the Children's Centre for a Balloon Race, so there will be a lot happening.

Watch this space

Jill Fagg



Diary

3rd Chocoholics Party at Pop-In

4th Ospringe School Assoc AGM

5th Fireworks

6th Fireworks Display

8th Gardeners' Club

8th Eastling Parish Council

10th Archdeacon's visit to the Benefice

11th Afternoon Club (Board Games)

11th Christmas Shopping evening

12th Y.P. Craft Club

13th Craft Fayre

13th Quiz Night

14th Choir Practices start for Carol Service

15th Deadline for December Good News

15th Neame Cup Quiz

16th W.I. A.G.M.

17th Book Sale and Picture Framing

19th Christmas Crafts Coffee Morning

20th Wine & Wisdom

20th Messiah

25th Craft Day

25th Afternoon Club (Bingo)

26th Y.P. Craft Club

30th Magazine Folding

DECEMBER

4th Christmas Fair

7th Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

11th Christmas Celebration

12th Crib Service

17th Music Theatre

19th Carol Service

19th Candlelit Carols

22nd Stalisfield Carol Singing

November 2004

9-11am Eastling Village Hall

7pm Ospringe School

7.30pm Carpenters Arms

6.30pm Ospringe School

7.45pm Champion Hall

8pm Village Hall

All day

2pm Champion Hall

7-9pm Eastling Village Hall

5.45 - 6.45pm Champion Hall

10am Champion Hall

7.30pm Eastling Village Hall

5 - 6pm Eastling Church

7.45pm Champion Hall

2.15pm Champion Hall

9-11am Eastling Village Hall

10am The Tapster

7.30pm Eastling Village Hall

7.30pm St Paul's Church, Canterbury

10am - 8pm 19 Ospringe Road

2pm Champion Hall

6.15pm Champion Hall

2pm Ospringe Church and Pinks Farm

11am - 1pm Ospringe School

7pm Ospringe Church

3pm Stalisfield Church

7.30 for 8pm Stalisfield Hut

4pm Eastling Church

6.30pm Whitehill Chapel

6pm from The Plough



Plans are now well underway for the great FIREWORK DISPLAY on 6th November. Tickets are now on sale at the school, numbers are limited so buying in advance is advised.

Father Christmas has been booked for the CHRISTMAS FAIR on Saturday 4th December, and this will hopefully be another fun event for

