

# November's Morning Praise



Come and learn who is the Saint of the Day 10am on Sunday 22nd November in Eastling Church

## Eastling Church November Flower Rota

1st & 8th - Tish Neaves  
15th & 22nd - Janet Bryant  
29th & Dec 5th - Mel Jordan



**Thank you** to all the people who brought Harvest arrangements to the Thanksgiving Service, and for decorating the church with them afterwards. They looked beautiful. Bay Lees

**Flower Rota Coffee morning:** November 5th, 2015, 11.00 am. You are warmly invited to coffee and cakes at The Manor to discuss next year's flower rota. Many thanks to everyone who helps to decorate the church- the arrangements are always wonderful and varied. The group is always looking for new talent, so whatever your age, level of expertise or time commitment, if you enjoy experimenting with the colours and patterns of foliage and flowers, do come and join us on The 5th November. We appreciate both the traditional and the innovative!

## EASTLING SCHOOL QUIZ

WHEN  
**Friday 27th Nov 2015 @ 7:30 pm**

WHERE  
**Eastling Primary School Hall**

Tables of 6-8 £5 per head  
To reserve a table please contact:  
Shaun Waters 07903 878164 or  
Simon Cawse 07975 862158  
Or email : shaunwaters@hotmail.com  
Light snacks will be provided so please bring a bottle ( or 2! )

Faversham foodbank *Help feed local people in crisis*

### Faversham Foodbank on Facebook!

Faversham Foodbank now has its own Facebook account so you can check at any time for a current update on urgently needed items and news from the foodbank. This week's update make it clear that they have been very busy recently so it was fortunate that we were able to take extra contributions from the Eastling Harvest Café Style. A special thank you to all who brought gifts to that service.

**Please continue to give generously .**

**Food list for November**  
**Urgent items: long life milk; instant mash; cooking sauces; long life fruit juices** Also needed: sugar (500g); chocolate; washing powder; sanitary towels; men's toiletries; pet food; adult tooth paste and tooth brushes

### Mouse Makes

ADVENT starts this year on 29th November, it is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

#### THE FOUR CANDLES OF ADVENT

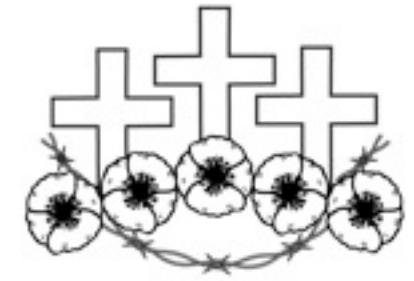
The **Prophecy** Candle reminds us God's prophets foretold Jesus' birth. The **Bethlehem** Candle reminds us Jesus, our Saviour, was born in an ordinary town among ordinary people . The **Shepherd's** Candle reminds us that the first to worship Jesus were the Shepherds. The **Angel's** candle reminds us that it was the angels who announced the birth of Jesus and will be with Him at his return.

1 THE PROPHECY CANDLE Isaiah 9:2-7	2 THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE Micah 5:2-4	3 THE SHEPHERD'S CANDLE Luke 2:15-20	4 THE ANGEL'S CANDLE Luke 2:8-14
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Colour in one candle each Sunday in ADVENT and countdown to Christmas

## Good News

Parish Magazine  
November 2015



### Remembrance Sunday

8th November  
*A time to reflect and remember the many lives lost to save our freedom*  
10am Eastling Church  
10.45am Throwley Church

BENEFICE ADVENT

### CAFE STYLE

Sunday 29th November  
10am  
Stalisfield Village Hall  
COME AND CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENT WREATH  
Coffee - Cake - Chat - Worship  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

*The news magazine for the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley*  
[www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews)

## FREE FIREWORK DISPLAY

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER  
OPPOSITE THE CARPENTERS ARMS  
BBQ FOOD ON SALE  
7.30PM ONWARDS

## All Souls' Service

*Remembering our loved ones.*

Sunday 1st November at 3pm,  
in Stalisfield Church.

All Souls is a time when we, as a Church, remember those who have given us life and those who have guided us in our faith, but now rest in peace. Part of the service includes a time when you can light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered at this service please write their name on the slips provided in our churches, alternatively contact Jean West on 01233 712270.

All Welcome

### Ray Dennis Remembered

By request of the Friends of Throwley Church the Communion Service at 10am on Sunday 22nd November will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Ray Dennis and his devoted service to the Throwley community. There will be refreshments afterwards.



## Canon's Column

"A young man was walking along a hallway where he worked rolling a small smooth stone in his hand. Suddenly he looked at the stone and burst into tears. The stone had been his young daughter's gift to him the last time they were at the beach and now three months after her death, he had forgotten all about her when handling the stone he now carried as a constant memorial to her. He had forgotten his daughter! It was painful to lose her and now it was even more painful to have forgotten her! A chat with a good friend helped him to see that this was part of the grief healing process. He would never forget his daughter, but as he slowly healed from the tragic loss, the grief of her death would be less a constant pain in his heart and emptiness in his life."

Even after we are healed of the acute agony of the death of someone close, we still want to remember the one who has died. As members of a family and as social beings, remembering those who have touched our lives is important for us, it reinforces our understanding of our place in a family system and in society as a whole. We know that because we remember, they will not be forgotten.

There will be two significant events this month to give us the opportunity to remember those who have died. On Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. at 3p.m. at

Stalisfield church, there will be the annual All Souls' Day Service. This is a service to remember those who have died in the past year or two and to remember, as well, family members and friends who we wish not to forget. Those attending the service will have the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance and prayers of thanksgiving will be offered for them. All are welcome to join us for this service which is part of St. Mary's Church, Stalisfield's ministry to the whole parish of High Downs.

The second service of remembrance will be on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.45a.m. at Throwley Church when we will celebrate Remembrance Day with the two minutes of silence, the reading of the Role, prayers of remembrance of those who have died, for peace in our world and for the protection of those in our armed forces. To those who have lost friends and family members in conflict, our celebration of Remembrance is a support and a sharing of the 'burden of grief'.

The service at Eastling church on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> will be a 'lifestyle' service at 10.00a.m. and will include a remembrance component.

One of the important things that I have learned in my ministry and in my own personal life is that 'just as a joy shared is a joy multiplied, so a grief shared is a grief lessened'.

One other note I would like to share is about our Benefice wide 'cafe-style' service at 10.00a.m. on Sunday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at Stalisfield village hall. This special advent gathering will introduce us to the Christian season of Advent which leads up to Christmas. Each family attending will have the opportunity to make an Advent Candle wreath to take home to use during the period leading up to Christmas. The basic wreath frame and candles will be supplied and those attending are asked to bring natural or artificial greenery to cover a 14"/35cm circular wreath form. This time of singing, sharing and worshipping will be a wonderful 'advent-ure' to lead us into Christmas.

While we look forward to seeing you at all of our weekly services, we are especially looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these special services.

Blessings,

Canon Donald Lawton

### Prayer

### Pointers

November 2015



Sundays	Give thanks for the leaders of our Christian Communities.
Mondays	Pray for refugees and all who try to help them.
Tuesdays	Give thanks for our freedom and whose who gave their lives for us.
Wednesdays	Pray for peace in our troubled world.
Thursdays	For the sick and those who mourn.
Fridays	For a greater trust in God.
Saturdays	Pray for blessings on all families in our benefice.

Once again we would like to thank everyone for there amazing generosity and help at our Macmillan Coffee Morning held on the 26th Sept. The total raised this year was £865. Kim Curtis

Well done!

A huge thank you to all who supported the 'Tea and Cakes' event to support the Madagascar School Science Block fundraiser on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Your support was phenomenal and helped us raise £350 pounds. Norma and Hilary

**Hugh Perks** would like to thank people for their cards and best wishes after his operation.

### THANK YOU

To all our good friends and neighbours in Eastling and beyond. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers, for the cards and flowers and so much more. We feel very loved and supported and that really does make such a difference.

We feel so blessed to live in this place. Please keep on praying, it is the very best any of us can do.

With our love, God Bless you all,

Pam & Colin.

PS. To whoever left the lovely sunflowers on our doorstep and disappeared, they are gorgeous!! Thank you so much.



## PLANNING YOUR OWN FUNERAL

A former Archdeacon of Aston, the Ven. John Barton, is the author of this very practical and compassionate guide to the second biggest event in all of our lives. He points out that the plans each one of us makes NOW will help our loved ones in the future - be that soon or decades away.

### The best time to plan your funeral is ... NOW!

Most funerals in England are Christian, though the officially recorded number of Church of England funerals tends to be limited to those which are conducted by parish clergy and Readers. The minister at others may be retired, or a hospital or military Chaplain.

A few funeral events are led by nominees of the British Humanist Association or the National Secular Society. A growing number are conducted by civil celebrants, who tend to devise a format concentrating on the story of the person who has died, with God as an afterthought, though Christian prayers or texts from other religions may be incorporated.

Parishioners may not realise that they have the right to the services of the Vicar, even if they don't go to church. They also have the right to be interred in the churchyard if it is open for burials.

The trend in funerals at the moment is to make them a celebration of the life of the deceased person. Although your wish - and that of your family - may be to make your funeral a joyful occasion, it does no one any good to suppress grief. A Christian service should make room for sadness as well as gratitude. It is also an act of worship, in which reverence should be paid to God, the source and goal of life. His judgment, generosity and mercy and the Christian hope in resurrection through Jesus Christ should be central.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU AFTER DEATH?

Whether your body is buried or cremated, the remains degenerate and go back into the earth. That's where they belong, for our bodies are composed of the earth's elements. Your dead body expressed the real 'you' during your lifetime.

But once it has done its job, that is not the finish! When Christians say, "I believe in... the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting", it means that we await the new destiny which God has opened for us, with a transformed body apposite for its new environment.

Some claim that the human soul is immortal, but that is not a Christian belief. We do not become disembodied spirits floating around the ether, but will be refashioned as recognisable human beings. This will be as momentous an event as the emergence of the human race from its primitive beginnings.

St Paul faced hard questioning on the subject. If you have a look at the whole of 1 Corinthians 15 you will see how he couples our bodily resurrection with the Resurrection

A sensitive funeral service will also help mourners to contemplate the most fundamental issues of our existence. The Christian hope can be an unexpected encouragement, not least when people claim to have little faith of their own.

You can talk all this over with your Vicar in confidence. You don't have to be terminally ill to do so! He or she knows you are precious to God and will be able to explain all the options and share some ideas.

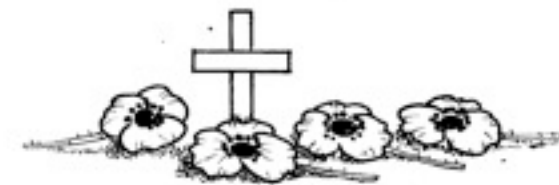
Now for some practical considerations. First of all, if you are an organ donor, where can your consent form be found? (Find out more from [www.organdonation.nhs.uk/how\\_to\\_become\\_a\\_donor](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/how_to_become_a_donor))

Do tell your Executor and next of kin where your Will is kept. Details of your funeral wishes can be kept with it or in a more accessible place. It is useful to maintain a list of family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances and former colleagues who should be notified of your death and the funeral arrangement.

of Christ. Resurrection was central to the apostles' preaching and teaching: try to find a sermon in the New Testament which ignores it! The Christian faith would be valueless without it, for Christ demands that we live our lives sacrificially - some will be martyred as a consequence - with our hope beyond the horizon.

All this is much more than a collection of statements of faith. They could seem arid to a dying person. It is an invitation to take a conscious decision to trust Jesus the Christ. Our life before and beyond the grave belongs to Christ. He is the pioneer who charted the course through death; He accompanies us on our journey; He is our advocate at the Last Judgment; He is worshipped in heaven and He alone is the Saviour who bore the brunt of human sin and gave his life to overcome its consequences. Trust him!

If you need to talk to our Rector, Canon Donald Lawton, please call him on 01795 890487.



November is when we remember the dead (All Saints and Remembrance).

### But what about your own funeral?

It will happen sometime, whether soon or years in the future. Some preparation by you now will save your loved ones a lot of uncertainty later.

### IT'S YOUR FUNERAL - Check List

You may like to fill in the blanks below and keep this page.

Who is your Executor?

Which funeral director?

Cremation or burial?

If cremation, what do you want done with your ashes?

If burial, where?

Will it require re-opening an existing grave?

Do you want a headstone?

Note: churchyard memorials must respect diocesan regulations.

Funeral Service: in church or crematorium, or both?

What sort of coffin? Have you considered an eco-friendly one (eg cardboard, bamboo, wicker)?

Do you want flowers, or donations to a (named) charity, or both?

Who should conduct the service?

Do you want someone else to give a tribute?

Would you like some of your favourite music played before and after the service?

What hymns and readings do you want?

Wake/reception: any suggestions for the place and type?

Is there anyone who needs to know that you have forgiven them?

Do you owe an apology to anyone?

## Services in our Churches

## The High Downs Benefice

### 1st November All Saints

Isaiah 25.6-9, Revelation 21.1-6a, John 11.32-44

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield 3 pm All Souls Service

### 8th November Remembrance Sunday

Jonah 3.1-5, 10, Hebrews 9.24-28, Mark 1.14-20

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Remembrance LifeStyle  
 Throwley 10.45 am Remembrance Service

### 15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

Daniel 12.1-3, Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25, Mark 13.1-8

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Eastling 5 - 6pm Carol practices begin

### 22nd November Christ the King

Daniel 7.9-10,13,14, Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Praise  
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 and thanksgiving for Ray Dennis

### 29th November Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Benefice Advent  
 CaféStyle in Stalisfield Village Hall

### 6th December Advent 2

Malachi 3.1-4, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield 3 pm Crib Service

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

### Samaritan's Purse Responding to Refugee Crisis in Europe

Samaritan's Purse stands ready to respond at a moment's notice whenever and wherever disaster strikes. We specialise in meeting critical needs for victims of conflict, disaster, famine, and epidemics throughout the world, often working through ministry partners on the ground. We provide food, water, shelter, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Rector Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)  
 The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
 4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
 Weald Cottage, Eastling

Reader Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)  
 4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling

#### Churchwardens

Eastling Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)  
 Assistant Warden Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Parish Administrator Janet Payne (01795 890487)  
 E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden Jean West (01233 712270)

Parish Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
 E mail samhawkstest@aol.com

Throwley Glynn Howland (01795 890094)  
 Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)

### Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Monthly study group, on 10th November, 10am at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

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

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

**Fridays:** Weekly study group 10.45am, 6 Kettle Hill Cott, Eastling. 07780 661275.

*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*



### David Suchet reads the Bible

Actor David Suchet has recorded the whole NIV Bible for Torch International. It is for people with sight loss, and is now available on Megavoice and DAISY.

David Suchet commented: "In the preparation of my reading my eyes were opened because I couldn't pick the Bible up and just read it, because that would have been immature and wrong. So I had to study each book as to when it was written, who may have written it, what was its purpose, who were they writing for, and putting it into its context before recording one word of each book. So I gave myself a complete Bible course as well as recording it."

Contact: [info@torchtrust.org](mailto:info@torchtrust.org)

### Christmas Trees 2015

Thanks to your support in 2014, we're pleased to report that donations totalled £8,367 are being given to 35 parishes in this area, and 16 national charities as listed:

Kidney Research; Cancer Research; Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres; Macmillan Cancer Support; Marie Curie Cancer Care; Pilgrim's Hospices; Samaritans; Help for Heros; Alzheimer's Society; Motor Neurone Disease Association; Cystic Fibrosis Trust; Demelza Kent; British Heart Foundation; Brain Tumour UK; British Heart Foundation; Pancreatic Cancer Action; Parkinsons UK.

As in previous years, there should be a reasonable number of trees of the traditional Norwegian spruce in the 4ft to 8ft range. Also available will be some softer blue tinge Serbian spruce of the same size with also some a little taller.

Please phone or email us to fix a time and date, preferably at weekends, to visit to select prior to collection nearer Christmas. The trees are growing and will stay in the ground until collected so they stay fresher for longer.

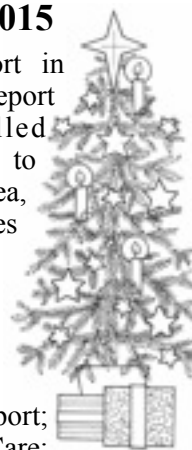
Trees will be available for selection from SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER. **PLEASE CONTACT US TO TELL US WHEN YOU'D LIKE TO COME!**

As before, the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; half is returned to your parish church with the balance going to the 16 named charities.

This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your parish church, and some deserving charities at the same time.

Alison and Peter Howard, Nashs Farmhouse, Luddenham, Faversham, Kent ME13 0TQ.

Tel 01795 532596, email [nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com)



## Stalisfield Highlife Octoberfeast

As ever Harvest Supper in Stalisfield provided a mix of good food, good company and lively entertainment. Conversation showed no signs of faltering during supper which was followed by the now traditional musical entertainment provided by Ray and Alan supported with poetry, song and dance by Shirley, Maggie and Elaine. The audience proved also to be in good voice for traditional songs guided by Ray, who also inspired the

more energetic to perform credibly in progressive group dance. Expert organization, volunteer cooks, service on the night and an army of helpers in set-up and clearing made for a smoothly run successful evening. Although profit was not the essential motive for this community event, receipts still generated close to £400 toward hall running expenses alongside £150 from the raffle, intended to fund enhanced table settings.



### There's More!

#### Pantomime and Parties



November in Stalisfield resembles the proverbial swan swimming serenely upstream. In the absence of events the energetic unseen preparations for December's festivities belie the surface calm.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of December, disbelief in magic surrenders to the wacky world of pantomime where anything seems possible no matter how illogical. This year's offering by author Maud Dromgoole features the valiant fight by the youthful Robin Hood and his band of merry children against the wicked Sheriff of Faversham's evil plans for a development in Spuckles Wood. Neither the Geneva Convention nor the Queensbury rules will be observed. Tickets are offered at £6 for adults and £4 for children. Book on the box office website [tickets@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:tickets@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk), by telephone with Sharon on 01795 890415 or email [sharoncarter01@gmail.com](mailto:sharoncarter01@gmail.com)

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, immediately following the pantomime, the children of Stalisfield have their own Christmas Party organized by Su McCarron. Su requests that parents register their interest by email for preference, at [suandyjoe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suandyjoe@yahoo.co.uk) or, if that is a problem, by telephone on 01795 890334. She will reply in good time with all the information you need.

Barely pausing for breath, the festivities continue with the Over 60s' Christmas Tea at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't received your personal invitation with time to spare please ring Ian on 01795 890475. You can expect a welcome at this gathering of friends and neighbours with lively exchanges of news and views over the table. Transport can be arranged for those experiencing difficulty in attending. Simply advise Ian.

### The Southern Alsatian Training Society

held their annual Kennel Club licensed Dog Trial in September, based at Snoad Farm, Otterden. This is the third year we have been able to run this event here and the increasing entries each year indicate the popularity of this venue. The Trial attracts entrants from all over the country who travel long distances to be with us in such a beautiful location. The competitors and helpers also bring revenue to local businesses.



The Committee would like to give grateful thanks to Julie and Dave Murray of Snoad Farm and Eric Baker of Hurst Farm who allow us to work our dogs on their land. Without your support we would not be able to run this increasingly popular event. Garry Bell, the Gamekeeper at Otterden Place, has been most accommodating as well - thank you.





BelmontHseGdns  
Belmont House and Gardens



**CHRISTMAS TABLE ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP**  
Wednesday 16th December, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Come along to Belmont this Christmas, go bold and create a contemporary flower arrangement with local florist, Julie Davies. Using new techniques you'll create a design that can be adapted from a traditional arrangement into something a little bit out of the ordinary! This table arrangement will incorporate lots of garden greenery and leaves - bring some candles to complete your design. All the other materials & equipment are supplied. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available to get you in the Christmas spirit! £45.00 per person.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH  
www.belmont-house.org

**Short Mat Bowls**



Our competition team began the East Kent Short Mat League season with two games against Ash. The first was an away game when John Graham, Eileen

Piles and Chris Smith won on their mat - 2 points and Des Briggs, Vic Morley and Roy Piles lost; Ash gained overall shots and a 4 point total. A week later they came to Eastling, this time Brian, John, & Eileen lost, but Des, Bryan and Roy had a convincing win giving Eastling a total of 4 points. On 11th October Des, Eileen and Roy played in an open competition at Canterbury where they won one game, drew one and lost two, so an early bath. A much different story in an open competition at Hawkinge when Des, Eileen and Roy, got through to the quarter finals and after seven ends, it was 4 shots each and was decided on the skips having one wood each, nearest the jack shoot out. Sadly Roy lost out to the Hawkinge club member, but the team were all happy that they had made it so far as this was a big event with eight mats down and four teams of three on each mat, a total of 96 players. The club continues meet on Fridays - 2.30 to 4.30pm and 7.30 to 9.30pm, so come along and have a go, you just might like the game, it's better than the box in the corner.  
Roy Piles 01795 537162

**1215: Runnymede Revisited**

St Peter's Church, Church Road, Oare

October 31st - November 1st 11am - 4pm  
Exhibition of work by 12 contemporary artists celebrating Magna Carta, featuring work in media and methods available to the medieval artist.

Details at [www.ekoh.org](http://www.ekoh.org) and  
[www.iconsatoare.wordpress.com](http://www.iconsatoare.wordpress.com).

At Oare Village Hall, an exhibition, *1215: Matisse in Oare*, will feature the work of children from Davington School and Oare Beavers depicting the time of Magna Carta in Matisse-style cutouts. There will also be refreshments, afternoon tea, cards and books relating to the exhibition.

**CRAFT CLUB** - Our next craft club session will be on Wednesday 11th November when will be using a variety of crafts to make Christmas Gifts. We meet in Champion Hall, (the small room), Painter's Forstal, at 11.15am - 1.15pm. All materials provided along with refreshments and home made cake. Price £5. Please come along and join this friendly craft club. Enquiries please to Pat on 01795 539629 or email [patyounger@sky.com](mailto:patyounger@sky.com).



**THROWLEY WALKERS**

4 mile/2 hour walks on the Kent Downs on alternate Wednesdays at 10:30am

**4th November**

An undulating walk starting from the main green at Throwley Forstal, ME13 0PJ. The route goes through Leaveland to Badlesmere and returns via Bell's Forstal and Dodds Willows.

**18th November**

Start from Wilgate Green, ME13 0PW for an easy walk through Badgin Wood to Plumford and back.

**2nd December**

Meet at Sheldwich Village Hall, Lees Court Road, ME13 0NG for a walk through Lees Court Park to Shepherds Hill and back via Sheldwich Church.

01795 892037; 07948 038993  
[annhutt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annhutt@hotmail.co.uk)

**EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 4th November at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend.

Jill Seaman  
Clerk to the Council  
[jseaman444@btinternet.com](mailto:jseaman444@btinternet.com)



**Eastling Village Hall**  
THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES



**ZUMBA classes in**

FAVERSHAM TEYNHAM



[leigh.fitness@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.fitness@btinternet.com)  
01795 890149 or 07873 431952



[www.milesdanceandfitness.com](http://www.milesdanceandfitness.com)

**Painters Forstal with Selling WI**

will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 17th November at 2pm in Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. We will also have the Manager of Hotter Shoe Shop, Canterbury, give us a talk all about Hotter shoes. Our WI is also discussing the possibility of holding an evening WI meeting, for all those ladies/mums who are not able to attend our daytime session. If you are likely to be interested in joining an evening meeting we would love to hear from you. Please contact Barbara email [tombar72@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tombar72@hotmail.co.uk) or Pat on 01795 539629. to find out more.

**BRIDGE IN STALISFIELD**

28 people attended an afternoons bridge session at the new Stalisfield Village Hall, on Thursday the 15th of October, 2015. A light lunch of soup, French sticks and paté was provided by the organisers. Norman Fowler won the prize for the highest score of the afternoon, although other prizes on offer were not achieved.

In all £455 was raised for St Mary's Church, Stalisfield. Those attending so enjoyed the occasion that they asked that it should become an annual event. If you are interested in attending in future please contact Jean West on 0771 4455 661.



**EASTLING SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Another Christmas will soon be upon us and our lunch this year will be held on Thursday 10th December - your invitation will be with you in early November.

As always anyone over 60, including partners who may be younger, are very welcome and if you are new to the village or have had that special birthday please let us know. We will again be delivering your lunch to you if you are not well enough to attend and this will include a lunch for a relative or friend to share with you.

Our thanks to everyone who has supported our fund raising activities this year or made a donation to this very special Eastling tradition. The West Faversham Community Choir are also joining us to add to the festivities. Please r.s.v.p by 1st December to Dorothy 890144, Marion 890848 or Pam 892194



**The Quest for Becket's Bones:**

This talk looks at the extraordinary sequence of events followed a discovery in 1888 of an unknown grave and its mysterious contents in the eastern crypt of Canterbury Cathedral.

Speaker: Prof. John Butler  
12th November 2015

Charing Parish Hall, Station Road  
Doors open at 7.30pm for a prompt start at 8pm.

**Friends of Eastling School**

The Halloween Disco held on 22nd October was enjoyed by the school children who looked very scary!

The next event for parents, family and friends is the Wine and Wisdom to be held on Friday 27th November at 7.30pm.

Jill Seaman 01795 890252



2015

4th Throwley walkers	10.30am	Throwley Forstal Green
4th Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
4th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
5th Flower Rota Coffee	11am	Eastling Manor
7th Firework Display	7.30pm	Opposite Carpenters Arms
8th Remembrance LifeStyle	10am	Eastling Church
8th Remembrance Service	10.45am	Throwley Church
10th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
11th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
12th Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
12th Quest for Becket's Bones	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
15th Practices for Carols begin	5pm	Eastling Church
15th Deadline for December Good News		See below
17th Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	Champion Hall
18th Throwley walkers	10.30am	Wilgate Green
24th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
24th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
25th Otterden Parish Meeting	7.30pm	The Harrow
26th Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
27th School Quiz Night	7.30pm	Eastling School Hall
<b>DECEMBER</b> 6th Crib Service	3pm	Stalisfield Church
10th Eastling Senior's Christmas Lunch		Eastling Village Hall
11th/12th Pantomime		Stalisfield Village Hall
13th Stalisfield Children's Party		Stalisfield Village Hall
20th Stalisfield over 60s' Christmas Tea		Stalisfield Village Hall

**Choir for Christmas Eve Carol Service**

Choir Practices start on Sunday 15th November, 5 - 6pm, in Eastling Church  
**All voices welcome, especially men.**  
Call Andrew on 01795 890598

**Eastling Gardeners' Club Christmas Party**

on 12th December in Eastling Village Hall at 7.30pm  
There will be a modern magic lantern show  
'Some Garden Surprises'  
Followed by food and wine  
All contributions of food very welcome

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**Otterden Parish Committee**

Autumn Meeting followed by Neighbourhood Watch Meeting Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm at The Harrow Inn Warren Street  
All Welcome

**Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.**

Our October speaker, Ann Chance was a very funny and accomplished lady, her tale of being Saddle Sore in Montana was hilarious.

Our November meeting is Wine Tasting with Andrew Higgs. Guest are welcome to come along at a cost of £5 to cover the wine and nibbles.

Anyone wishing to join us please contact Stephanie Culver on 01795 890748 or Lesley Andrews on 01795 890581.

**FROM THE EDITOR**

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