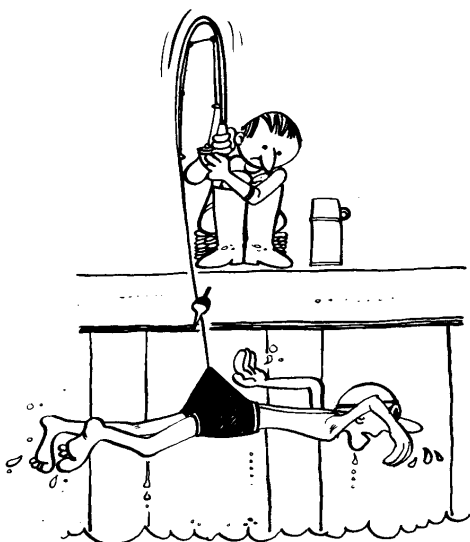


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Saturday 20th October 2001
Faversham Swimming Pool
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Please contact Gilbert
Shepherd at Ospringe.



Depends on how you look at it...

Two friends, one an Optimist and the other a Pessimist, could never quite agree on any topic of discussion. One day the Optimist decided he had found a good way to pull his friend out of his continual pessimistic thinking.

The Optimist owned a hunting dog that could walk on water. His plan? Take the Pessimist and the dog out duck hunting in a boat.

They got out into the middle of the lake, and the Optimist brought down a duck. The dog immediately, and amazingly, walked out across the water, retrieved the duck, and walked back to the boat.

The Optimist looked at his Pessimistic friend and said, "Now!... what do you think about that!?"

The Pessimist replied, "That dog can't swim, can he?"



Sunday Schools

Ospringe meets during the
11am Communion services on
14th and 28th October.
Young Persons group on 28th

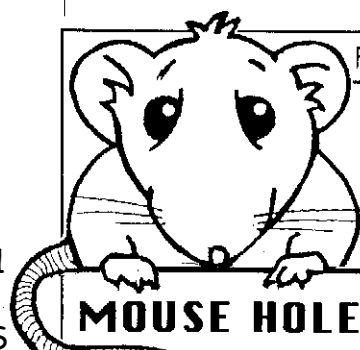
Painter's Forstal meets at
10.40am in the Champion
Hall on 7th October and
4th November, also Young
Persons group.

Eastling meets at 9.50am
in the village hall on 7th
and 21st October.

8 - 12's Club

Friday 5th Handicrafts
Friday 19th Games
6.15pm
in the Champion Hall

- ☺ What do you get if you cross a cat with a chemist's?
Puss in Boots.
- ☺ What is Cat's favourite breakfast?
Mice crispies!
- ☺ Why do cats change their size?
Because they are let out at night and taken in in the morning!



MOUSE HOLE

Pips and Seeds

Save the pips from the next apple you eat then:

- Fill a pot with potting compost, water, then press the apple pips into the soil around the pot.
- Cover the pot with a plastic bag secured with an elastic band, then put in a warm, dark place until the first shoots appear.
- Bring out into the light, water, and take the bag off the pot when the shoots are bigger.



Try growing other pips and seeds like:
orange, grapes, melons,
pears, lemons, cherries...

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

A great crowd of people had gathered to hear Jesus, so Jesus told them this parable:

Once there was a man who went out to sow corn.

As he scattered the seed in the field

some

of it fell

along

the path

where it was

stepped on

and the birds ate it up.

- Some of it fell on rocky ground and when the plants sprouted, they dried up because the soil had no moisture.

Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up with the plants and choked them.

And some seed fell in good soil; the plants grew and produced corn, a hundred grains each.

To find out what this parable means read:
Luke 8: 4 - 15

Lord Jesus,
Help me to carry on believing in you,
help me to live my life for you,
help me to never give up on you even
when things get tough.

AMEN.



Good News

Parish Magazine
October 2001

Stalisfield and Otterden Harvest Supper

Sunday 14th October
Stalisfield Village Hall
From 5p.m. to 7p.m.
Eat at 5.30 p.m.

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Food, Fun and Fellowship.

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

Housegroups

by Pam Clark

What is a Housegroup?

A housegroup is essentially a gathering of committed Christians, of those who are returning to their faith after an absence, and those who are searching and would like to learn more about Christianity and its teaching.

What is it's purpose?

The purpose is for people to meet during the week, on a regular basis, in a relaxed and informal atmosphere in someone's home, in order to worship God, to study the Bible, to pray together, to share and support each other in times of difficulty, to encourage one another and to have fellowship together. Through the housegroup we are able to come to a greater knowledge and understanding of God and of His Son Jesus Christ, through bible study and discussion. We are able to gain new insights and perceptions into the life, character and teachings of Jesus, and therefore to grow and mature as Christians, and also to draw closer to Him, in a very real and personal way. It also affords us the opportunity of coming together during the week to feed ourselves spiritually - Church, after all is not just for Sunday!

Who goes to a housegroup?

Groups are composed of people of varying ages and at different levels of understanding, so we can learn from each other in a comfortable and safe environment. They are ecumenical in nature and therefore are not confined just to members of our own churches.

Why would I want to join one?

I myself have been involved in housegroups since I started out on my Christian journey about 12 years ago. I have had the privilege of hosting a group in my home during most of that time. Following the death of my husband in 1989, my home felt a very empty and lonely place, and I gladly offered my house as a venue for a newly formed group. It was a step that I can honestly say brought new life to me and peace into my home.

Very strong bonds develop between the members of such groups, and those bonds remain even when circumstances change for people and they move on.

How do I join a housegroup?

In our benefice they are a number of groups that meet on a regular basis, offering varying topics for study and the opportunity for specific prayer. Listed below are contact numbers for housegroups and any enquiries will be welcome.

If any of our readers would like to join such a group and would like someone to accompany them, please feel free to bring a friend or family member, or we can arrange someone to go with you. The pattern for housegroups developed when the early Christian believers met following the receiving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Read Acts 2. v 42 - 47.

Pam Clark.

Weekly groups:

Mondays	2pm	Prayer Group	Pam Clark 532171	Athelstan Rd.
Tuesdays	8pm	Housegroup study - Mark's Gospel	Pam Clark 532171	Athelstan Rd.
Wednesday	2pm	Housegroup / Study Luke's Gospel	Linda Rodmell 531764	Cambridge Rd
Wednesday	8pm	Housegroup / Study - Faith	Mark /Alison Cheesman 535246	Athelstan Rd
Thursday	8pm	Housegroup / Study - Peter	Michael / Nicola Batey, 537377,	Edith Road

Fortnightly

Wednesday Housegroup / Study Stella Friar, 533824 Brogdale Road

Monthly

2nd Tuesday in the month 8pm H ousegroup / Study 'Meeting Jesus' Angela Cheeseman 890629, Newhouse Farm, Eastling

CHOIR REPORT

We will continue to have short Choir practices before the Services, 10.15 a.m. on the 1st Sunday in October, and 10.25a.m. for 10.30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We have had Choir Practices on Wednesdays, 6 to 6.45 p.m. and I am pleased with the sound and the joyfulness of the Choir. Thank you to Carolynne for leading and to Clare for playing and to the friends and Philip who looked after Barnaby in Clare's time with the Choir Practices during September.

The celebration of 125 years of M.U. for Ospringe Deanery was great. Thanks to friends and singers we had a 4 part Choir and the sound was wonderful! Vicky had tears of joy at the rehearsal! Pat, as M.U. Deanery President, was a great leader, so was the speaker and the prayer leader . Clare played her flute to enhance the hymns and we sang a descant. Gill sang *Siyahamba* and *Go in peace*. I was asked who were our marvellous flautist and lady with the golden voice! I hope we will be given the opportunity to sing and play them again during a service in the future. Gilbert is going to include the hymn we sang as an Extroit, 'I'll go in the strength of the Lord for the next Morning Prayer, I do hope it can be on our repertoire with Clare on her flute and me on the organ as I worked hard to get it bouncy on the organ! Someone thought I would take off any minute! The fellowship and the eats were greatly appreciated afterwards; this was thanks to June and Norma. What a team we are in Ospringe.

That was a busy week, particularly for Penny. On the Monday the Church held 270 for the celebration of life and the funeral of Lawrie Tester. Hugh Perks led the service magnificently and asked me for "trumpets" at the end of his oration, and I played them!! Lawrie had asked for cheerful music and to go out to *Land of*

Hope and Glory. I added Noel Rawsthorne's *Hornpipe Humoresque* and there was a momentary titter rippling through the Church, then the *Grand March* from Verdi's *Aida*. The friendship of the church was greatly appreciated by our visitors. Thursday saw another funeral and the family came to add flowers in the church, so they were a great addition for the M.U. Celebration on Friday. Saturday was another lovely wedding and the annual Bike Ride and of course Sunday we had services. At Penny's Licensing we all promised to help her, with God's help. I hope we are, Penny.

Deanery Day at Kingsdown on 29th July and the Choir enjoyed the day. We joined in the Service at Stalisfield then went on a journey of discovery to find this lovely spot. We had two Choir teams who joined in the games all based on the parable of "Feeding the 5000"; we fished; we moved flour with a teaspoon held in our mouth; collected paper fish with the team bound together with a loo roll! as a line; Kim's Game; composed a hymn on the theme to the tune *Skye Boat Song* and made a fish collage. It was all fun and we have enjoyed singing "our hymns" at Choir Practice. The youngsters made a collage picture of the parable whilst the adults went on a historical quiz around the Church. We finished with a service and the Choir sang during the service, *Pie Jesu* by Andrew Lloyd- Webber and *English Country Gardens*. I have had a pleasant letter from Roy Kilford as Area Dean for our musical contribution and joining in! The Day was our Choir Treat, look out for the photos of us doing those "silly" things and you will see the laughter on our faces. Megan and Joe joined me at "Grunt". Thank you to St. Mary of Charity for making this possible.

This prayer is from the Church Missionary Society Prayer Paper:-

Lord, You are the light of the world, The hope of human beings and our salvation. We ask you to let us truly rejoice with those who rejoice, To weep with those who weep, And to bring Your light to the world. Amen.

The prayer is from Taiwan and for Sunday, 9th September, 2001.

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT,

I have been learning Fauré's, "Cantique de Jean Racine" and am finding it quite lyrical. I sang it with the choir of St. Dunstan's for the memorial service on the anniversary of the beheading of St. Thomas More. His head is buried in a vault in the church and every year on 6th July, they invite an international speaker to speak on something connected with Thomas More and the choir sing an anthem. It was a lovely service, joint Anglican / Catholic and the choir of St. Thomas' joined us. We sang the Cantique in French so I had to brush up on my pronunciation! This inspired me to play it as a solo for the organ! Margaret plays it too.

The organ music for the M.U. Celebration Service was:- Before the Service, *Cantique* by Fauré, 1845 to 1924; *Prière* by Boëllmann, 1862 to 1897 and composed in 1895; *Rhosymedre* by Vaughan Williams, 1872 to 1958 and composed 1920 (this piece is a favourite of Roger Bois who joined us in the Choir); *Pie Jesu* by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber, born 1958, he composed Jesus Christ Superstar in 1970. The M.U. banners processed in to *Fanfare for a Bride* by Noel Rawsthorne, born 1929. The final flourish was the *Grand March* from *Aida* by Verdi, 1813 to 1901. This was commissioned for the new Opera House in Egypt built to celebrate the opening of The Suez Canal in 1871, the year before Mary Sumner founded the M.U.

I enjoyed doing the research of the music composed in the last 125 years, practising it and playing! I was exhilarated and that on the day when the press were full of woe for the Cof E! I had many more pieces to play but not enough time! However that was made up for at the wedding on the following Saturday as the bride was very late! So I did get in some more of the pieces composed during the last 125 years!

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

Prayer Pointers

Sundays	For a peaceful acceptance of God's providence.
Mondays	For any who feel their faith is wavering.
Tuesdays	Organists and choir members in the Benefice.
Wednesdays	Prayer Groups in the area.
Thursdays	For good industrial relations in the public services.
Fridays	For an end to sectarian violence.
Saturdays	For all those suffering from the effects of terrorism, especially in America.



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10.30am

Sunday 30th September
Ospringe Church

Songs of Praise

Canterbury Cathedral
Sunday 4th November, 6.30pm
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**Hearing Loop
for Eastling Church
Over £1,200**

What a fantastic response to my appeal to fund a hearing loop. See what can be done with the help of prayer.

I wrote to as many friends, acquaintances, past church members and villagers as I could think of and am happy to report the wonderful figure of over £1,200 raised so far.

The *Tea and Cakes* afternoon was so well supported that it was standing room only in the dining room and I was worried about running out of cakes.

So many friends to talk to, I'm sorry if I missed anyone.

Thanks to June and Reg in the kitchen, we didn't run out of clean cups, and thanks to everyone who has supported this venture in any way, I really am thrilled.

We are arranging for an alternative quotation for the system and maybe doing some of the installation ourselves (What I mean is - the chaps can do the work, I'll make the tea!), so we should have a system up and **running** sounding good quite soon.

Thank you once again.

Hilary Harlow.

- BIBLE QUIZ SEARCHWORD**
1. Town in the heart of Asia Minor visited by Paul and Barnabas. (Acts 11: 26)
 2. Blind man healed by Jesus. (Mark 10:46)
 3. It was from this place that Abraham set off to offer up Isaac. (Gen. 22 / 23)
 4. Roman prvince in the NW of Asia Minor.
 5. Small animals from Proverbs 30: 26
 6. Bird which was the badge of the Roman Legion.
 7. Freat river which flows into the Persian Gulf.
 8. Plant from John 19:29
 9. Mary's song of praise from Luke 1. 46:55
 10. Egyptain official who bought Joseph as a slave. (Gen37:36)
 11. Bird that provided meat for the Israelites at the time of the exodus (Ex 16:13)
 12. King of Assyria 705-681 BC (2 Chron. 32:1)
 13. Coastal plain of Israel
 14. Paul's birthplace. (Acts 9:11)
 15. Occupation of Matthew (Mat. 10:3)
 16. 3rd great river of Mesopotamia (Gen. 2:14)
 17. Port and city on the coast of Lebanon (Eze. 28:12)
 18. Father of the disciples James and John (Mk. 3:17)

Answers to the questions are hidden in the grid, where the words read forward, backward, up, down and diagonally, always in a straight line. Cross the word as you find it. Some words might overlap, so the letters may be used more than once. You won't need to use all the letters in the grid.

Painter's Forstal Summer Fete
Well Done
The final total raised by the raffle and stalls is
£1,058.48
Again we say THANK YOU to all helpers and donors.
Bobbie Richards

Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to all who came to support my Open Day (end of July), with raffle prizes and lots of homemade produce etc. for the bring & buy stall. We made £140.

Thank you for the willing hands, especially Norma and Pam, for making the day run smoothly, along with the congenial company and good weather.

So, once again, my thanks to everyone.

June Akhurst.

SOLUTION
BIBLE QUIZ SEARCHWORD

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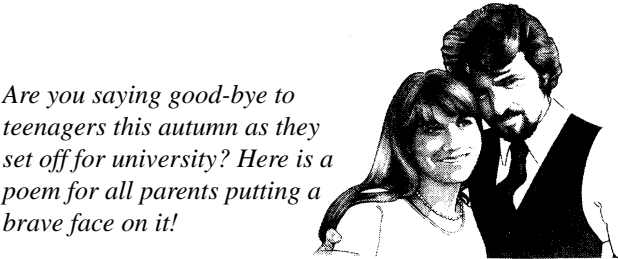
MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

On Friday 7th September 2001, Ospringe Deanery held a Festival Service to celebrate 125 years of the Mothers' Union. At 11.00 a.m. members from Ospringe, Faversham, Teynham, Kennington, Whitstable, Canterbury, Murston, Thanet and Sittingbourne met at the Maison Dieu where Margaret Slythe (Hon. Curator) gave a short talk followed by a tour to see the artefacts, finishing with a glass of wine or soft drink. After a light lunch at the Ship Inn we went to Ospringe Church for the service at 2.30 p.m., where we were joined by many more members, families and friends.

The service was conducted by the Revd. Pat Pollard, the Revd. Marguerite Mower (Curate at Eythorne) gave the sermon and the prayers were led by Sue Spillett (Prayer and Spirituality Co-ordinator Canterbury). The music and hymns for the service, taken from the last 125 years, were selected by Vicky Shepherd and the Revd. Pat Pollard, with two Solos "An African Hymn" and "Go in Peace" sung by Gill Wilson. A recitation of the "Hope" poem (read at the christening of Hope Louisa Akhurst, 19th October 1998) expressing the joys of parenting was a fitting tribute to the aspirations of the Mothers' Union.

All donations (including pens, pencils, books etc.) given on that day will be sent abroad to our Link Diocese Cyangugu to help in the Mothers' Union work in promoting literacy

Carol Marshall



Are you saying good-bye to teenagers this autumn as they set off for university? Here is a poem for all parents putting a brave face on it!

Gone - but far from forgotten!

*I asked the Lord to bless you
As I prayed for you today
To guide you and protect you
As you go along your way....
His love is always with you
His promises are true,
And when we give Him all our cares
You know He will see us through
So when the road you're travelling on
Seems difficult at best
Just remember I'm here praying
And God will do the rest.*

THE GOOD LIVING GUIDE

The Privilege of the Poor *Sunday Newstyle*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matt 5:3)

What 'blessing' is there in being poor? There is certainly no blessing in being financially poor. Anyone who has known genuine poverty, will know that it is a crushing, humiliating experience. If money is power, then the poor are powerless, and their powerlessness is often exploited. Without the means to improve their situation, the poor pass their predicament on to their children.

Being poor is no fun.

Jesus seems to think that poverty is a desirable state, but what sort of poverty is he referring to? It is not simply economic poverty-the addition of 'in spirit' makes that clear.

But what does it mean to be 'poor in spirit'? Does it imply a shortage of the Holy Spirit? Or a general lack of human spirit-like a kind of spiritual wimp? Or something else?



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The pink ribbon month

Have you noticed people wearing pink ribbons in October?

October is breast cancer awareness month and various pink products are sold at this time to help support breast cancer charities such as Breast Cancer Care. This national organisation offers free information and support to those affected by breast cancer - families and friends as well as those who have any concerns about their own breast health. I am one of many Breast Cancer Care trained volunteers who have had breast cancer (I was diagnosed in 1992) and one of the services Breast Cancer Care offers is to put people in touch with volunteers who provide one to one emotional support.



Many volunteers also forge links with health-care workers and groups in their local communities, and I am active in a support group which meets in Canterbury. So if you know anyone who might need information or support concerning breast health issues you could suggest they ring the Breast Cancer Care helpline (0808 800 6000).

To find out more about the organisation you could look at its website at www.breastcancercare.org.uk Alternatively I would be happy to tell you more about the support that is available nationally and locally.

Flavia Jolliffe
01795 890160

Extracts from an e-mail sent on 11th September 2001 to friends of Laurence Freeman, World Centre for Christian Meditation.

Dearest Friends

On this day of terror and terrible sadness I am finishing a retreat to the solitary monks of Big Sur in California, on the coastal cliffs looking so peacefully over the Pacific Ocean. It seems a strange place to be at this time with such news reaching us, only piecemeal, of what is happening in New York and throughout the country. I wanted to send a word of condolence and maybe some consolation to all the members of our American meditating community on behalf of the members from every other country in the World Community.

*God of grace and glory,
we remember before you this
day all who died on 11th
September.
We thank you for giving them
to their families and friends,
to know and to love as com-
panions on their earthly
pilgrimages.
In your boundless compassion
console those who mourn; and
give them faith to see in death
the gate of eternal life, so that
in quiet confidence they may
continue their own course on
earth, until, by your call, they
are reunited with those who
have gone before; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Episcopal Church, U.S.A.

For the past few days I have been giving talks here on the 'new saintliness' called for by our times. New, not in the sense of a new fashion of spirituality, but new in the way it is releasing more fully and widely than before the ever-newness of Christ and of the God who is always here and now and with us, even at times when the 'absence of God' can seem most cruel. The first characteristic of this new holiness is an explicit acceptance of universality. Another is the depth of solitude (that means our uniqueness, not our loneliness) from which this experience of oneness must arise. So, although it seems strange to be connecting with today's horrors from such a safe and peaceful spot, it is meaningful, too. With the escalation of violence and vengeance that will no doubt follow, it is all the more urgent that we live our faith in the truth of love, with the energy of peace, through the eye of the coming storm. That would be impossible without depth.

We not only pray for those who have died and who have been mutilated or traumatised. We not only pray for those horribly blind perpetrators of this viciousness. We pray, even more deeply and effectively, with them, from that universal centre that is in every human being, oppressor or oppressed. The centre who is God in Christ. At this time the prayer of the heart is the only depth of prayer that makes sense.

At the heart of the Christian vision is the paradox that where sin is grace abounds. How and why that grace is transmitted is the mystery. What is clear is that it happens through each human being, through each of us. This is a day when every person of goodwill shares in the American experience.

It is also a day when we can be more than usually aware of the importance of the work of our Community here and worldwide in sharing the path of meditation as a way of peace, healing and renewal. As I continue my retreats and talks in the US for the rest of this month I know I will be more than usually aware with gratitude, too, of the great role you as the American community of Christian meditation play in the Community worldwide.

Peace.

With much love,
Laurence
(Laurence Freeman OSB)

The Skinner Family

Skinner's father was Thomas (born 17 Sept 1867, died 27 May 1944). He married a Fanny Phipps on 20 August 1892. Thomas's parents were Charles L Skinner and Rebecca Fisher. Thomas had several brothers and sisters - Charles, Polly, Annie and Rose Skinner.

Annie's mother, Fanny Phipps, was born of parents Edward Phipps and mother Mary Anne Forster. Fanny was born 10 July 1892, also of Eastling, Kent. She too had many brothers - Walter, John, George and Harry. All were born at Eastling, other than George who was born in Borden (near Sittingbourne, Kent).

Mr Robert Cockrell of Victoria, BC, Canada has contacted the Eastling website about his quest for information on the Skinner family.

His researches have already revealed that his grandmother (maternal side) was born Annie Skinner, on 23 May 1895 at Kettle Hill, near Eastling, Kent. She was married at St Mary's parish church, 1 July 1916, to a Robert Harris McVie, a Canadian soldier who was recuperating from War wounds, and moved to Canada with him.

She had brothers and sisters, some of whom also moved to Canada. They were Albert Thomas Skinner, Dorothy Fanny Skinner, Charles Edward Skinner and Alice May Skinner. Annie

Mr Cockrell says: "I can recall that my grandmother used to mention the name of Faversham, but in what regard, I cannot recall.... It is perhaps where she went to school, or perhaps where she met my grandfather."

He adds: "There is a Skinner Street in the City of Victoria; it was named after one of the original five founding families of Victoria. They, too, were from Kent, but what their names were I would have to do some research."

If any relatives or friends of the Skinner family in the Eastling area wish to contact Mr Cockrell, his address is: 4329 Layritz Ave, Victoria, BC, Canada V8Z 7C5. Or e-mail him at: lesley@entirety.ca



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Ten funny things

*Funny how big a £20 note looks when we take it to church,
but how small it is when we take it to the shops.
Funny how long it seems when we pray to God for 45 minutes,
but how quickly a team plays 45 minutes of football.
Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible,
but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.
Funny how long are a couple of hours spent at church,
but how short they are when watching a movie.
Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray,
but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about
to a neighbour.
Funny how we get thrilled when a football game goes into extra
time,
but how we complain when a sermon is longer than the
regular time.
Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert,
but scramble to get a back seat at church services.
Funny how we need weeks of advance notice to fit a church event
into our diary,
but how we can adjust our schedule for other events at the
last moment.
Funny how hard it is for us to learn a simple gospel well enough
to tell others,
but how simple it is for us to understand and repeat gossip.
Funny how we believe what the newspapers say,
but question what the Bible says.*



**Harvest
Festival**
at Painter's Forstal
Sunday 7th October 2001



All donations of fruit, vegetables and
tins of food etc. for decorating the
Chapel will be welcome at 2pm in the
Champion Hall on Saturday 6th.
Anyone who could help with flower
arranging will also be welcome.



St Luke

A gentile, to him we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote.



Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: Look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is the how

the early Christian moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

Diary October 2001

4th	Eastling School AGM	7.30pm	School Hall
5th	8 - 12's Club (Handicrafts)	6.15pm	Champion Hall
9th	Study/discussion group	8pm	Newhouse Farm, Eastling
11th	Afternoon Club, Board Games	2pm	Champion Hall
11th	Charing History Society	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
12th	Gardeners' Question Time	7.30pm	Dominican Priory
13th	Harvest Supper	7.15pm	Champion Hall
14th	Sunday Newstyle	10.30am	Eastling Church
14th	Fungal Foray	2.15pm	Eastling School
14th	Harvest Supper	5pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
15th	DEADLINE for November	Good News	
15th	Gardeners' Club	7.45pm	Champion Hall
16th	W.I. (Hearing Dogs)	2.15pm	Champion Hall
17th	Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Champion Hall
19th	8 - 12's Club (Games)	6.15pm	Champion Hall
20th	Wine and Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
21st	Service of Healing & Blessing	6.30pm	Canterbury Cathedral
25th	Afternoon Club, Bingo	2pm	Champion Hall
30th	Magazine folding	2pm	Usual Venues
NOVEMBER			
8th	Obstacle Course & Coffee Morning	9.30am	Eastling V. Hall
10th	Autumn Fayre	9.30am-12.30pm	Alexander Centre
17th	Wine & Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
21st	Craft Day	10.30am - 7.30pm	19 Ospringe Road

Services in our Benefice

30th September 16th after Trinity

Eastling	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	10.30am	Family Songs of Praise (Benefice Service)

Tuesday 2nd October

Whitehill Chapel 2.15pm Communion Service

7th October 17th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 1. 1 - 14, Luke 17. 5 - 10

Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Stalisfield	11am	Harvest Festival
Whitehill Chapel	10.40am	Sunday School + 9's-13's
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Family Harvest Festival

14th October 18th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 2. 8 - 15, Luke 17. 11 - 19

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

21st October 19th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5, Luke 18. 1 - 8

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

28th October Bible Sunday

Romans 15. 1 - 6, Luke 4. 16 - 24

Stalisfield	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10am	Family Service
Ospringe	11am	Family Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel	11am	People's Choice

4th November All Saints Sunday

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

Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40am	Sunday School + 9's-13's
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Family Service

Sharing Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton	(01795 536366)
Curate	Reverend Patricia Pollard	(01795 535407)
	7 Arthur Salmon Close, Faversham.	
Reader	Mr Hugh Perks	(01795 890603)
	Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling	
Reader in Training	Mr Norman Fowler	(01795 890412)
	4 Meesons Close, Eastling	

Churchwardens		
Ospringe	Mr N. Pollard.	(01795 535407)
	Mr G. Shepherd	
Eastling	Mr N. Fowler	(01795 890412)
	Mrs A. Cheeseman	(01795 890629)
Stalisfield	Mrs J. West	(01795 890285)
	Mrs H. Galer	(01795 890780)

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 EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in this magazine or submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution by the 15th October, to Hilary Harlow on 01795 890338 (e-mail: mharlow@talk21.com), or to Revd. Penny Fenton, 9 Brogdale Road.



From the Registers

Baptisms

16th September 2001 at Ospringe
CHARLOTTE HAZEL CATHERINE Cheesewright

Weddings

8th September 2001 at Ospringe
Keith QUINNELL and Stephny MOSLER-WITHAM

Funerals

8th August 2001 Cremation at Charing
Ruth Margaret DUNGEY

3rd September 2001 Burial at Ospringe
Lawrance (Lawrie) TESTER

6th September 2001 Funeral at Ospringe
followed by burial at Love Lane
Gerald Robert GOODERHAM

Eastling Parish Council

Evening Buses

Pressure by Eastling Parish Councillors for introduction of better public transport between Eastling and Faversham in the evenings could pay off. Kent County Council is currently preparing a scheme for a new bus service to provide return trips into the town on Friday and Saturday evenings. It is hoped the service will start at the end of November and will be timed to allow visits to the cinema and other facilities in the town.

To establish likely demand for the new service, all residents have been asked to complete a survey form and return it to the Parish Clerk by the end of September. Late forms will be accepted for the next week - but please hurry! Parish Council chairman Harold Wyld said it was encouraging to see a proposal for improving the local bus service. He particularly hoped there would be a positive response from young people who wanted to meet friends or go swimming or to the cinema in Faversham and by their parents who might be spared providing a "taxi service" in the family car.

Open Session

Eastling Parish Councillors have agreed that the first 10 or 15 minutes of Parish Council Meetings should be devoted to an open session where villagers can ask questions and put forward ideas. As far as possible, items for inclusion should be submitted to the Parish Clerk beforehand. The next Meeting of the Council is on Monday, 12 November at 8pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Make sure of your vote

The annual forms to enable householders make sure they are properly listed on the electoral register were delivered to every household in the parish over the past two weeks. They should be completed and returned right away. There is no need to wait for the nominal October qualifying date. Being included on the electoral roll is important for a number of reasons. It, of course, ensures a vote in any elections in the coming year. Also, what is not always appreciated, is the roll is often used by banks and financial institutions when deciding whether to open accounts or offer a loan or credit. Not being on the list can cause serious problems.

Road flooding

Eastling Parish Council has reminded Kent Highways Unit of the continuing serious problem with flooding on the junction of the Faversham-Eastling Road with North Eastling Lane. Councillors have expressed considerable concern over the dangers of vehicles meeting head-on when trying to avoid the deep water on the sharp bend. The roads staff have promised to investigate and seek an answer to the problem.

Eastling Village Website

"Good News" - now on-line
The "Good News" parish magazine is now available on the Internet. Pages from the September edition and a number of earlier issues are currently available and this October edition of the magazine will be in place in very shortly. The on-line pages can be read by using the link on the main page of the Eastling Village website at <http://go.to/eastling>.

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is pleased to report that the Highways Agency has responded to their letter regarding M2 Motorway noise. The Highways Agency advise that the section between Junctions 5 & 6 are due for resurfacing within the next two to three years using the type of material to reduce tyre noise. This is expected to provide a substantial measure of relief to people affected by traffic noise in the vicinity.

The next meeting of Ospringe Parish Council will be on Wednesday, 17th October 2001 commencing at 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Jill Seaman
Clerk to the Council

Halls for Hire:

The Parish Room at Ospringe Church can be booked for meetings and other events, contact Kim Holborn on 591003.

The Champion Hall at Painter's Forstal, is available for clubs, partys and meeting, contact Bobbie Richards on 532756.

Eastling Village Hall can be booked through Mary Eagleton on 890436

Stalisfield Village Hall can be booked through Mrs Newman on 890594.

Harvest Supper at Eastling

Over 70 people attended.

A lot of hard work by the Trustees and some stalwart helpers went into preparing the food and decorating and laying up the Hall. The Hall looked great - tables were laid up and adorned with autumn fruits and candles, hops decorated the Hall and we decided to do away with the overhead lighting and took up a few standard and table lamps. It was a great improvement and made much more atmosphere.

A three course meal was served - carrot and coriander soup, buffet style main course with chicken, ham, quiches and salads; selection of sweets - 99% of all food was home made. Coffee was also provided.

There was a quiz and a couple of games. Much fun was generated by the Chinese raffle which is far too complicated to explain here.

As well as thanking everyone who supported the event, the Trustees are indebted to those who generated raffle prizes and who helped make the occasion such a great success. Particular thanks go to Andrea Dengate who organised the raffle and games, and to Helen Abell who did a lot of cooking and helped out behind the scenes on the evening.

Provisional figures show that we made the magnificent sum of £560 on the event.. This is a terrific sum, particularly as the Trustees are hopeful of success in their grant

application to Swale Council to provide additional storage space in the loft and general upgrade carpark lighting and curbing. The total cost of these works is in excess of £1,500 and the grant covers just half of this. Added to the profit from the Harvest Supper this work can now proceed and the improvements made to the Hall for the benefit of everyone in the village and all hirers.

Sue Parry.



EASTLING & PAINTERS FORSTAL PLAYGROUP

The half term break will be from Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October.

We regret to advise you that the fees will increase by 25p at both locations after half term. This increase is to help to cover the day to day running costs. Our next fundraising event is a Sponsored Obstacle Course and Coffee Morning on Thursday 8th November at Eastling Village Hall during the Playgroup session. There will also be a raffle, tickets will be sent home along with the sponsor forms. Do please support this event. More details to follow.

We are starting a lending library and also have children's videos to hire at 50p a week. Further details from Playgroup.
Any enquires to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.



Ospringe Church Social Events.

Grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Saffrey for holding a coffee morning at their house on 31st August. £150 was raised for the Church, a good effort on everyone's part. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Dorothy and Cliff all the best in their new home, and thank them for their hospitality and support over the years.

Dates for the Diary

Nov. 10th Autumn Fayre

in the Alexander Centre from 9.30 - 12.30, various stalls to include cake, bric - a - brac, bottle, tombola and grocery tombola. Anyone who has anything for the stalls, it will be very much appreciated.

Nov. 21st Craft Day at

19 Ospringe Road, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Brian Thompson; 10.30am - 7.30pm. More details in next month's magazine.

Sally, Social Secretary.

Afternoon Club

Many thanks to the Landlord, Landlady and customers of 'The Alma', for their generous doantions collected in the 'Pig'.

Activities for October.

Oct. 11th Board Games

Oct. 25th Bingo

Rodney, 536424

Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 11th October Clare Graham, from Maidstone College, will give a talk on *The Making of the Kentish Landscape*, which will provide insight into the history and geography of the county.

The presentation will be given at 8pm in the Parish Hall, Charing. Everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members of the Society pay £1.

What's On in October



Gardeners' Question Time

To be held in the Dominican Priory, St. Peter's Lane, Canterbury
7.30pm

Friday 12th October

Guest experts: Mrs Janet Bryant and Mrs Elizabeth Thomas, both horticultural lecturers.

Tickets £5: Phone 890338

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The October meeting is on Monday 15th, 7.45pm in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.

Mrs Sue Hartfree will talk on 'Proagation on a shoe string'.

Plants will be on sale.

Further information from

Fav. 533608.

Eastling Horticultural Society

Members of Eastling Horticultural Society have decided that, because of falling numbers and difficulties in finding committee members, the Society will suspend its activities for the next 12 months. The sad decision was taken at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held on Thursday, 13 September.

It was agreed that a special meeting - open to all - would be called in September 2002 to see if it was possible to restart. Meanwhile, anyone prepared to help is invited to contact vice-chairman Mrs Janet Bryant on (01795) 890396.



Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

October 16th, 2.15pm in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal
Talk: Hearing Dogs for the Deaf by Mr M. Bingham.

Competition:

An item relating to dogs.

New members welcome, come and try a meeting and see if you enjoy it.

More information from 533756.



Example of Victorian Schoolroom



Wine and Wisdom

A Wine and Wisdom is being arranged for

Saturday 17th November 2001
in the Village Hall, Eastling,
starting 7.30pm.

Tables of six can be booked by phone on 890242.

The cost will be £4.00 per person, which will include your food and wine. The proceeds will go towards the village hall funds and the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.

Diary Date: The Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 5th December. More details in next month's Good News.



OSPRINGE CHURCH 200 Club

You contribute £1 a month for at least one year and you could win a prize in our monthly draw. Contact Carol or Stuart Marshall on 537873 for more details. The winning numbers for the 18th draw in September were:
1st - 57, 2nd - 23, 3rd - 46

The Newstyle band invite you to a

Wine & Wisdom

Saturday 20th October

7pm for 7.30 start,

Eastling Village Hall

Question Master: Mark Smith.

Tickets £5 per person,
food and wine provided.

Tables of six may be booked by calling 890338 or 890168.



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.

Ospringe School Association

This month we are celebrating the
150th anniversary of Ospringe School.

A variety of activities have been organised for the beginning of October including a visit to the East Sussex Railway to experience steam travel; a Victorian puppet show; a visit by the Archdeacon including burying a time capsule; and of course an opportunity to dress up! There will be a Victorian schoolroom and exhibition in the schoolhouse and tours around Victorian Faversham. As a lasting memento all the children will be presented with a commemorative mug and all the children will be working on a ceramic permanent display.

To help finance the activities there will be an evening of musical entertainment on Saturday 29th September. Quintessence will be presenting an evening of well-known songs from the musicals. Tickets cost £5 (including wine and nibbles, although you are welcome to bring extra drinks and food) Tickets are available from the school. Hope to see you there!

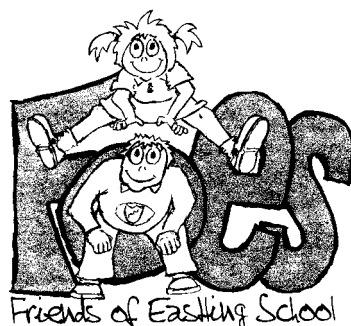
Jill Fagg.

During October the Faversham Town Guides are taking Ospringe School children on Victorian walks. Ospringe School was opened in October, 1851. Thanks to Pam Thompson and her skilful hands I will dress as a Victorian lady of 1851, another Guide as a Peeler and other Guides have promised to be creative with their costumes. So look out for us on the walk in Faversham and Ospringe.

I well remember the celebrations for the 125 years! 150 years are quite something to celebrate.

Towards the end of August, Mrs. Jan Roberts gave birth to a boy. They have given him a Welsh name, Ioan. Mrs Roberts was Head of Ospringe School, 1995 to 1999, and we send Congratulations from us all.

Vicky Shepherd



Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed your summer. The School started back on the 6th September with two new teachers who have joined us, Mrs Clare Mansfield who is teaching Class 1 and Miss Nicola

Payne who is teaching Class 2. We are delighted they have joined us and wish them much happiness at Eastling School. The fete we held back in July was extremely successful and raised a record sum of £2,084. Thanks to everyone who helped and to all who came along and enjoyed the afternoon's festivities.

The new Class 3 building is now complete. The children will be moving into it on Thursday 20th September and everyone is very excited to see it.

We have two upcoming events for your diary. The first is the AGM for the School Governors, the FOES committee and members of the public. This is on Thursday 4th October at 7.30pm in the School Hall. We would love to see anyone who would like to come and listen and join us for a glass of wine.

Celia Hamilton-Jones