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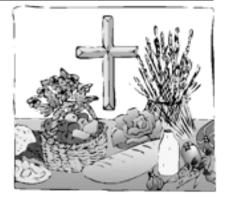
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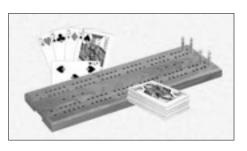
Thursday 4th October, from 7.30pm

Auctioneer Paul Adams.

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vening will be a 'friendly' before the league starts fortnight later. Matches will then be held regularly weeks through till March, with an extended break over the Christmas period.

as the doubles league there will be a singles and doubles knock-out competition.

players of all abilities will be made welcome.

ng for a fun evening: we always enjoy tremendous hospitality at the Plough.

se contact Jayne for details: 07951 411337.

Preb Richard Bewes considers the occult. This comes from his book, 'The Top 100 Questions' (Christian Focus)

What is the origin of evil spirits?

Halloween is the month of ghosts and witches and evil spirits. Have you ever wondered where evil spirits come from, and how we are to view the unseen world of evil and occultism?

The Bible tells us that evil spirits come from the created angelic order. They were not created as evil beings, for all of God's creation was good (Genesis 3:1). The Bible tells us that a number of angels, headed by Satan, or Lucifer, rebelled against God's authority and fell (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19).

The serpent, Satan, is leader of the fallen angels, and opposes himself to God. But evil and good are not coequal. 'Dualism' (belief in the equal and permanent existence of evil alongside the good) has no place in the Bible. Unlike goodness, evil has a beginning and will have an end. Satan's final destruction is already assured. (Revelation 12:12; 20:10).

The world of the occult (from the Latin: occultus, 'secret', 'hidden') is the intrusion into the forbidden territory of superstition, fortune telling, magic and spiritism. Its downfall is finally assured through Jesus. His early ministry established a bridgehead against the evil unseen world; hence the hostile, and sometimes violent, reaction of the demons.

(Mark 1:23-27; 32-34).



October 2018

Sundays - Give thanks for the wonderful colours of Autumn

Mondays - Give thanks for the freedom to give witness to our Christian faith.

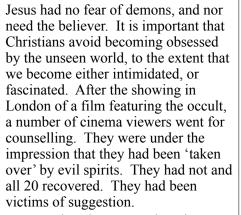
Tuesdays - Pray for those who in need of healing.

Wednesdays - Pray for our clergy, to be gifted with wisdom.

Thursdays - Pray for our government in the turbulence of Brexit decisions.

Fridays - Pray for our local councils as they tackle an increased work load.

Saturdays - As the nights become colder, pray for those without a home or money for heating.



We are wise, then, not to imagine, as some do, that every sin, habit, illness or misfortune is due directly to the activity of the Devil and must therefore be 'exorcised'. Terrible damage has been done in this respect by well-meaning but uninformed Christian leaders.

Faced by Christ's authority, the kingdom of spirits has no option but to shrink and retreat. Magic spells and charms have no power over the true Christian (provided we do not open ourselves to their influence), for 'the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world' (1 John 4:4). If we resist the devil, he will flee from us (James 4:7). All occultism is to be ruthlessly shunned (Leviticus 19:31; 1 Samuel 28; Isaiah 8:19, 20; Acts 19:18-20).

The Bible is quite clear that the demonic world is already doomed and defeated (Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14,15). It is the death of Jesus that has achieved this victory. We are to be confident, but not complacent - for Satan's kingdom has vet to concede its defeat at the Cross. Its final destruction will be at the return of Christ.



October

7th - HARVEST FESTIVAL -All hands please, on Sat 6th from 10am.

14th & 21st Di Kemp

28th & Nov 4th - Sue Chandler

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota, please call Bay on 01795 892036.



The Rev Tony Horsfall, a former missionary in East Malaysia and now retreat leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the power of being thankful.

Grow an attitude of gratitude

Harvest is a time of thanksgiving to God for all His provision for us. It is good to cultivate a grateful heart, and studies have shown that people who practise thankfulness tend to have a more positive outlook on life, be more optimistic about the future, and are generally healthier than those who do a lot of grumbling and complaining.

On one occasion Jesus met a group of ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). They called out to Him in a loud voice, asking for Him to have pity of them, which He did. He sent them to the priest, and on the way they were healed. However, only one of them returned to give thanks to Jesus, and he was a Samaritan. He threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him, giving praise to God in a loud voice.

It occurs to me that most of us make a loud noise when we are in need of help, but we are much quieter about giving thanks. We are not inhibited when making our needs known to God, but how many of us make a point of giving Him thanks when we have received His help? Do we sing His praises loudly? Do we give clear testimony to what the Lord has done?

Why not try and cultivate the discipline of gratitude in your life? Make it a rule to thank anyone who helps you in some way, or who encourages you. Let them know you appreciate them. Review each day before you sleep, reminding yourself of every good thing that happened, and offering your thoughts to God as a prayer. Introduce a short time of giving thanks in your church service. In your home group have a time of praying short, sentence prayers of gratitude to God. Keep a gratitude diary.

Rather than focus of what you don't have, or what has gone wrong, train your mind to focus on what you do have, and what has gone right. You will be surprised at the difference it can make.

News from our M.P. Helen Whately

It's been a busy start to the new term in Westminster where I've asked questions on International Trade and Equal Pay, and spoken in debates on upskirting and proxy voting. The headlines may be all about Brexit but there is other work going on too. I've also got some new responsibilities as the Conservative Party's Vice Chair for Women. Meanwhile there's plenty going on with my with local campaigns on Cleve Hill Solar Farm, East Kent Hospitals, Operation Stack, Brenley Corner, Farming and Accessibility.

At the moment, disabled passengers, parents with buggies – anyone who can't use stairs - can't get onto the London-bound platform at Headcorn. There are similar problems at Faversham station where the lifts constantly break down. Thankfully, after years of campaigning, the Faversham lift is finally getting replaced with bigger, easier-to-use and more reliable lifts. Works have already begun and are due to finish in November. As for Headcorn, I've been arguing that this station should get a share of £300 million fund to improve step-free access at train stations and we're expecting an announcement soon.

If getting a train is tricky when you have a disability – catching a plane can be uncomfortable, undignified and unsafe. Being maneuvered into your seat in front of the entire plane can be mortifying, and risky if the person assisting you isn't properly trained. Once you're in your seat, you can't get out, even to go to the toilet. I've heard that people avoid drinking water for hours before a flight and wear incontinence pads. During the flight, your wheelchair may be stored in the hold and could be lost or broken, so when you arrive at your destination you're stuck. I've introduced a new Bill to make sure airline staff are properly trained and that wheelchairs are stored safely.

As well as equality for people with disabilities – including hidden disabilities like mental health problems - I'm fighting for equality for women. I sat on the Committee for the Bill to make upskirting - the awful, intrusive practice of taking a photo up a woman's skirt – a crime, and I was pleased when this Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons.

As the Conservative Party's new Vice Chair for Women, it's my mission to encourage more women to step forward and stand for election. Since

I've become Vice Chair, almost everyone I've spoken to knows someone – a woman – who would be a good MP or Councillor. But too often, women don't quite have the confidence – they say things like "I'm not sure I'm good enough..." or "I don't think I'd have time to really do it justice..." even though I know they are the sort of people who are brilliant at fitting things in and would give more time than others already in the job. If you're reading this and thinking "that sounds like me", please drop me a line and let's have a chat. Or if you know a woman like that, please encourage her to do so. Don't get me wrong, we need capable men to stand for election too, it's just that there are a lot more men putting themselves forward than women.

There are so many passionate campaigners locally who make an enormous contribution to our public life. Like the Graveney Rural Action Team, who are doing a great job raising awareness of a proposal to build a solar farm the size of Faversham on the Graveney marshes. I'm extremely concerned about the scale of this proposal. I want Britain to have more sustainable energy, but this solar farm is just huge. I want much stronger reassurances from the developer that the beautiful landscape and local wildlife will not be harmed.

Our countryside is precious and needs looking after. Farmers work hard to protect the environment, but it's a tough business and profit margins can be slim. For two years, I've been campaigning for a seasonal agriculture workers' scheme, so that fruit growers can hire the workers they need to harvest their produce. There were growing fears that beautiful Kent fruit would be left to rot in the fields – so I'm delighted that the Government has listened and is now piloting a seasonal workers' scheme. While the numbers are small at the moment, it's a step in the right direction. If this pilot is a success I hope the scheme will be extended so that farmers can continue to access migrant labour after we leave the EU.

To make sure the country is prepared for Brexit we need to make sure our roads can cope if there are delays at the border – and that we won't be paralysed by Operation Stack. The A2/M2 is a crucial corridor leading to and from the port, but at the moment Brenley Corner junction is completely unfit for purpose. It's busy and dangerous, and while some sections

Throwley Parish Council

Vacancy for Parish Clerk . If any one would like details of this interesting and important work (an honorarium is paid) please contact the Chairman, Roger Clarke. Tel 01795 890332

Eastling Parish Council VACANCY FOR A CO-OPTED PARISH COUNCILLOR

Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community? If so, why not apply to become a Parish Councillor

To find out what's involved, please contact the Clerk Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted ME14 4HT, 01622 739324 or email eastlingpc@gmail.com

have recently been upgraded with a new surface, the job's only half finished. I recently met with Highways England to get some answers. They explained that two separate improvement schemes are underway at Brenley Corner. The first is the resurfacing scheme, and the second is the installation of pedestrian and cycle -'toucan' – crossings. The proposal is that the remainder of the roundabout will be resurfaced when the crossings are installed. This is expected to take place before the end of the financial year, subject to approval.

On Operation Stack, Highways England have come up with a temporary plan to keep traffic on the London-bound part of the motorway while stacking lorries coast-bound. At the same time they are working on a permanent alternative to Stack. The Prime Minister is rightly working to get a deal that keeps movement at our borders as smooth as it is at the moment – but it is responsible to be prepared.

It's tricky to fit all my news in here, so if you'd like to keep up-to-date with my campaigns on local healthcare, transport, housing, business and schools why not sign-up to my monthly email newsletter? You can subscribe at www.tinyurl.com/helenwnews

Services in our Churches

30th September Trinity 18

James 5. 13 - end , Mark 9. 38 - end No Services in High Downs Parish, however Ospringe has Holy Communion at 10am

7th October Trinity 19

Deuteronomy 8.7 - 18, Luke 13.6 - 9 10 am HARVEST FESTIVAL Eastling Led by Norman Fowler

14th October Trinity 20

Hebrews 4. 12 - end, Mark 10. 17 - 31 10am CaféStyle in Village Hall Eastling Led by Murray Wilkinson

10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Throwley Led by Caroline Ramshaw

Trinity 21 21st October

Hebrews 5. 1 - 10, Mark 10. 35 - 45 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW) with Baptism Celebrant - Revd. Canon Reg Humphriss

28th October Last Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 7. 23 - end, Mark 10. 46 - end

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant - Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck

10 am Holy Communion Throwley Led by Revd. Thomas Collett-White

4th November 4th Sunday before Advent

Deuteronomy 6.1-9, Mark 12.28-34

10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Eastling

Led by Caroline Ramshaw

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

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Throwley	Vacant		

From the Registers

Baptism

Noah Kaiden Baxter Fleur Imogen Newton 22nd September at Eastling

Wedding

Mark Peter Baxter and Steffi Jane Borromeo 22nd September at Eastling

Funeral

Doris May (Dot) Parrett 5th September 2018 at Eastling with Cremation at Charing

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9th & 23rd October, 9.30am at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, Pinks Farm Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm, Eastling. 01795 890629

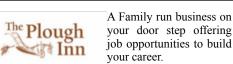
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Dates for your diary . . .

Band Night Friday 5th october Live music from Hullabaloo from 8.30pm - free entry Why not pitch a tent or bring you caravan so everyone can join in the fun!

Halloween31st October, 7.30pm Following the village Halloween walk we all meet up back at the pub for a kid's spooky cocktail

Wonderful Women's Wednesdays -31st October, 7.30pm

A great excuse for the ladies to meet up at the pub - please call or email for details and to book for food £6.50 per lady!

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How do Christian parents deal with this annual celebration of evil and death? For of course 31st October has pagan Celtic roots it was the evening when the souls of the dead were meant to revisit their old homes on earth.

It is that time of year again - when the pumpkins with scary faces appear in our shops, surrounded by skeleton costumes, zombie masks, witch's hats and sweets with gruesome names.

Eastling Neighbourhood

or 01795 890848 Emergency 999



There have been reports coming in that, because of the early harvest this year, the nasties who carry out the hare coursing have already stated their evil sport so if any are seen please contact the police or me. Under no circumstances do you approach these people, just make a mental note and leave the area asap.

As you will have seen there are many game birds around at the moment, so please keep your dogs under control in the vicinity of these birds as I am sure you know that there are people's livelihoods at stake if these birds are not

The village defibrillator is available to any person within the community. Should assistance be required after the call of 999 has been made volunteers are available on 01795 342990 at any time. In all probability the ambulance service will automatically contact the volunteers, as this number is lodged with them. The funding that we have enjoyed in the past has now been withdrawn and there will be fundraising throughout the next year enabling the continuation of this excellent village facility.

Have a good month and take care,

Halloween is on the way

Most kids just want the fun of dressing up and scaring their friends half to death. They are oblivious to the darker forces behind it all, or at least do not take them seriously.

Many Christian families and churches have resolved the problem not by ignoring Halloween, but by taking it as only the starting point in a festival, not the end in itself. Hence, they allow their children a Lights Party, where the whole times of life.



In Autumn - I like;

The rust red sun The golden oak The rook, starling and crow; The berries of the hawthorn. Bramble fruits and sloe; The rutted track where chestnuts fall And settle at my feet, And all the woodland creatures that here I often meet. Audrey Keen

St Lukestide Service of Healing and Blessing

Canterbury Cathedral Crypt

Sunday 21st October, 6.30pm Everyone is welcome to attend

this service of healing and blessing at which there will be an opportunity to receive anointing and healing prayer. The preacher will be Revd Canon Sarah Chapman, Chaplain to the Living Well.



story is told, not just the pagan bit. Instead of discouraging any thoughts of evil and death, they encourage the children to consider the darkness - but through a Christian lens. Christians do not deny death and dying and evil, but they know that death has no real terrors for us at all, because it has been defeated through the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Halloween is only half the story: Christianity is the completion, because God in his love sent Jesus to save us from darkness.

So - Halloween is a time to remind our children that Jesus is to dress up, but then take them to with us in both the good and bad

The Canterbury War Horse

20th October - 3rd November in the Cathedral Precincts

To commemorate the centenary of the end of The First World War, students and staff from Canterbury School of Visual Arts at Canterbury College (CSVA), in partnership with The Canterbury Journey, are to create a large-scale wooden horse for Canterbury Cathedral Precincts. The Canterbury War Horse's head is bowed in respect, facing oncoming visitors to the cathedral.

It aims to encapsulate symbols of resilience, struggle, peace and solemnity. The horse is sculpted from repurposed materials supplied by Jacksons Fencing, the poppies at the horse's feet are made from discarded plastic bottles.

Please visit canterbury-cathedral.org for opening times. Usual precinct charges apply.

Christmas Eve Carol Service Choir

Come and join our village choir - it's a once in a year opportunity! All voice and abilities welcome. Sunday practices, 5 - 6pm, in Eastling Church starting on 12th November.



BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

HALLOWEEN AT BELMONT

Sunday 28th October.

11am – 3pm

Children can reveal their inner artist with pumpkin carving and creepy craft making with 'Creative Mash Ups'. There will also be a spooky trail around our gardens for everyone to enjoy. Our Tea Tent will be open from 11am for soup, cakes and treats.

£5.00 per child, £1.00 per adults (all materials included).

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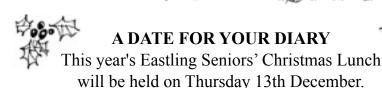
Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Faversham, Kent ME13 oHH www.belmont-house.org

Service of Remembrance at Throwley Church

Sunday 11th November Please gather outside by 10.40am where the names of the local fallen will be read out. Eastling & Stalisfield parishioners are very welcome to join us.



Cathedral Choristers Concert Saturday 6th October, 7pm **Charing Church** Tickets £8 on the door.



Stalisfield Village Fête was held on

Saturday 25th August - what more

on a beautiful sunny day, well until

4.30pm anyway!

was had by all.

could you want - a traditional local fête

Twinned with the Plough offering a wide

range of alcoholic and non alcoholic

drinks at the beer festival a good time

Tea and cakes served by our local WI

were consumed, the choc o lotto was

sold out before the rain, the bottle

tombola, hoopla and lucky dip were

revisited time and again until each and

every one got the prize they wanted!

Fruit was pulled by the human fruit

machine, a rat was splatted at regular



60th birthday and would like to be included.

Bay 892036 Dorothy 890144 Marion 890848

Another successful Stalisfield Fête

Eastling Gardeners Club

There will be a meeting at the village hall

on 11th October at 7.30pm.

Mr Martin Newcombe will speak on

'Mushrooms and Toadstools'

Entry free to members and £4.00 for non members

intervals and plastic ducks were chased

With crockery smashing galore, dunkings

in the greasy pole pool and continuous

shows and workshops by Memory Man

something for everyone. Even man's best

(Sponsored by Applause) there was

friend got their own event with a dog

show running classes throughout the

Admittedly it was curtailed early by the

rain but not only an enjoyable day was

had by all but monies raised contributed

over £2000 towards a new stage,

everyone for your support and hard

tables and chairs. Thank you to

afternoon.

work.

around a pool by determined toddlers.

Stalisfield and Otterden villagers:

FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY

Commemorative event on Sunday 11th November - further details to follow.

Do you have family memorabilia or stories from The First World War which could be included in a temporary display at the Village Hall?

Contact Anna for more details (01233 712918)



per year. Anyone who is interested, or would like more details, please contact me at tracy@stalisfieldvillagehall.co .uk / 0771 736 7936 before

Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

Members had a good time in August in the garden of the president. The weather was \leftarrow good so we were able to sit outside on the patio with cold drinks and there was so much food brought by all the ladies that it wasn't all eaten.

In September we were entertained by Simon Pollard

about the wildlife to be found in our gardens. Unfortunately about half our members couldn't make it for one reason or another.

This month should be very good as we will be having a talk by Sandra Hendry about her life as a barrister, at 2pm in Eastling village hall on Tuesday 16th October. Details as usual from Barbara Elliott on 01795 890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk

Charing and District Local History Society

11th October - Dover's Bronze Age Boat Keith Parfitt will tell us about the discovery and excavation of the Bronze Age Boat in 1992. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall, Station Road,

Charing TN27 0JA at 8.00pm on Thursday evenings. Doors open at 7.30pm. We have just published our book

Office or through the Society.

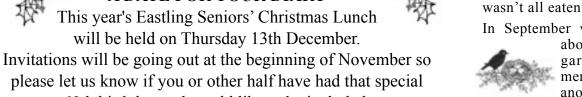


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Stalisfield Village Hall

Trust

We need a trustee to join the other enthusiastic members! Duties will include approximately 4 meetings

November 1st 2018.



on Charing in WW1 which is on sale for £10 at the Charing Post

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

The nephew of one of our group was our Speaker for September, Rick Fitzsimmons. His day job is Postman, but his hobby is The Titanic. Apparently his flat is absolutely full of artifacts and memorabilia, so possibly bordering on an obsession!

Rick kindly bought along framed photos of the crew and ship, along with a few items from his collection. It was his first time speaking, so was a little nervous to start, but gradually his passion for his subject overtook and it proved to be a thought provoking talk. Various theories were put forward as to the causes of the catastrophe, other than just the collision with the iceberg.

October's meeting, on Wednesday 3rd, will be more of a Craft/Social occasion. Our Secretary Helen has plans for many ways to use a Candy Cane, other than just eating them! It will be nice to have some social time with a chat over tea and cake.

November will be another edible meeting with Derek March coming along to talk on English Country Cheeses,



with a tasting session too.

The West Kent Federation has organised Centenary Carols at All Saints Church, Maidstone on 18th December, to get us in

the Christmas mood. These events are always well attended, so a group of us will be applying for tickets.

We are a small, friendly group, who meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. If you would like to join us, please contact our President Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or our Secretary Helen Brooks on 07477580727.



wedding, club, sports or meetings. The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.