

What's On

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays

Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall

Wednesdays (Alternate)

Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 890703

Cribbage 7.30pm The Plough

Thursdays

Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall

Fridays

Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall

OCTOBER



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| 2nd | Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. | 7.30pm |
| | Stalisfield Village Hall | |
| 5th | Harvest Supper | 7.30pm |
| | Stalisfield Village Hall | |
| 6th | HARVEST FESTIVAL | 10.30am |
| | Eastling Church | |
| 10th | Gardeners' Club | 7.30pm |
| | Eastling Village Hall | |
| 13th | CaféStyle | 10.30am |
| | Eastling Village Hall | |
| 15th | Copy deadline for November Good News | |
| | goodnewsmagazine@me.com | |
| 15th | Painters Forstal with Selling W.I | 2pm |
| | Eastling Village Hall | |
| 16th | Cribbage friendly game | 7.30pm |
| | The Plough, Stalisfield | |
| 27th | Halloween at Belmont | 11am - 3pm |
| | Belmont House and Gardens | |
| 29th | Publication of November Good News | |

The band "Missing Peace" were fantastic and entertained us with a mix of songs from all decades.

Our super raffle raised over £800 thanks to the generosity of The Plough Inn, Biddenden Vineyard, Canterbury Cathedral, Dover Transport Museum, DSSmith Paper Mill Kemsley, Ashford Picture House, Docker Bakehouse and Brewery, Dickens House Museum, Conningbrook Lakes Sailing, Cinque Ports Sailing, Brogdale Collections, Chimera Climbing, Rare Breeds Centre and Tracy Wine.

As ever Stalisfield and friends turned out in huge numbers, partied hard and remembered to dig deep; buying lots of raffle tickets and emptying pockets into the

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Stalisfield Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 5th October in the village hall at 7.30pm

Prices £7 for adults and £4 for children.

Tickets from Shirley:

shirleypritchard@btinternet.com

or phone 01795 890167.



Band Up to Cancer

Raising money for Cancer Research UK – especially Bladder and Prostate Cancer

What a great fund-raising Friday it was!

collection buckets. Even the bar staff donated their tips and The Plough Inn made a deal with Jakes Cider, throwing money from their bottle sales into the buckets too.

Thank you to all family, friends and neighbours who gave their cash for this important cause that sadly affects so many of us. Thank you to all who turned up and boogied, clapped, ate, drank and made the atmosphere so amazing. I'd also like to thank Hilary and Cat for publicising the event, Richard and Marianne at The Plough Inn, all the

raffle ticket sellers, bucket shakers, on-line donators, bar staff and restaurant staff.

Of course thanks to Andy and Andy of "Missing Peace" for agreeing to get back together after a 30 year absence – maybe don't leave it so long next time!

All in all, we raised over £1500!!

Feel free to check out our giving page for all the details: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/band-up-to-cancer>



What about Halloween?

By the Rev Paul Hardingham.

It's that time of year when the shops are full of pumpkins and youngsters are knocking on our doors to 'trick or treat'.

How should Christians respond to Halloween?

Is it simply a fun festival for the children or does it have a dark side that we should avoid?

Firstly, Christians should not respond to Halloween with *superstition*. The Bible reminds us that evil is a real force at work in our world, as *'the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour'* (1 Peter 5:8). We shouldn't underestimate his ability to blind the minds of unbelievers to the reality of spiritual warfare. (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Secondly, we can respond with *confidence*. While people are often fearful of witches, ghosts, and evil spirits, we mustn't forget that God is in control, not Satan. Jesus has secured the victory over sin and evil on the cross: *'having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.'* (Colossians 2:15).

Finally, we can also offer *hope*. *'Christ died and returned to life so that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.'* (Romans 14:9). Halloween is an opportunity to share the hope of the gospel. For example, if we offer sweets to children calling to trick and treat, we might include information about the Christian faith or church. Or we could organise an alternative *Light Party*, celebrating Jesus as the light of the world.

C S Lewis provides a helpful balance for us: *'There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall into about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.'* (*The Screwtape Letters*)



Eastling Church Flower Rota

October 6th - HARVEST - all hands please on 5th at 10am.

13th & 20th - Di Kemp

27th & 3rd November - Philippa Charter

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

Prayer Pointers

October 2019



Sundays - Give thanks for our families and homes, when so many in our world are without.

Mondays - Pray for those who are ill and those who care for them.

Tuesdays - Pray for all who are in debt.

Wednesdays - Pray for prisoners in all countries.

Thursdays - Pray for all living alone and feeling vulnerable.

Fridays - Give thanks for our farmers and fishermen.

Saturdays - Pray Revd Dan Corcoran the new Community and Mission priest for Faversham.



In praise of grandparents!

6th October is Grandparents' Day.

Grandparents in the UK number about 17 million, or more than one in four of the adult population. Grandparents average out at 68 years of age, have four grandchildren who live 10 miles away, and who spend five hours per visit.

Grandparents have multiple roles as their grandchildren grow up: playmates, teachers, confidants, spiritual guides, mentors, role models and nurturers, as well as pray-ers. They also can keep children's milestones, family history and family events alive. Grandchildren will often discuss their personal concerns with a trusted grandparent.

Grandparents are also important for the UK economy! Nine million of them looked after their grandchildren in 2017. On average they did so for eight hours a week, and 96% received no payment. Research has found that if grandparents go to church regularly, 60% of their grandchildren are likely to go to church also. Grandparental example is followed! As about 10% of UK grandparents are churchgoers, would a church 'Grandparents' Group,' to help grandparents meet, discuss issues and pray for their grandchildren be useful? Moses' injunction to the Israelites "not to forget the things your eyes have seen ... make them known to your children and children's children" (Deuteronomy 4:9) is a constant challenge, but Psalm 92:14 is a wonderful promise!

Grandparents' Day in the UK is the first Sunday in October. Should we put that day in our church diary for a special celebration of our grandparents?

Bishops issue open letter on Brexit

A group of Church of England bishops has issued an open letter on the prospect of a 'no-deal' Brexit and the need for national reconciliation, notwithstanding the potential prorogation of Parliament. The full text is as follows:

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conditionally agreed to chair a Citizens Forum in Coventry and, without prejudice for any particular outcome, we support this move to have all voices in the current Brexit debate heard.

However, we also have particular concerns about the potential cost of a No Deal Brexit to those least resilient to economic shocks. As bishops with pastoral responsibilities in communities across urban and rural England, we respond to the call by Jesus to tell the truth and defend the poor. We also recognise that our obligations go beyond England and impact on relations with the wider UK and our neighbours in the EU.

Exiting the EU without an agreement is likely to have a massive impact on all our people and the Government is rightly preparing for this outcome. The Government believes that leaving the EU on 31 October is essential to restoring trust and confidence.

It is unlikely, however, that leaving without an agreement, regardless of consequences, will lead to reconciliation or peace in a fractured country. "Getting Brexit done" will not happen on exit day, and we have to be transparent about the years of work ahead of us in bringing the country together for a better future. We also need to be frank about the potential costs.

Our main social and political priority must be to leave well, paying particular attention to the impact of political decisions on those most vulnerable. We hold different views about Brexit and how our country should proceed from here. However, although we agree that respecting a public vote is essential, democracy and committed debate do not end after the counting of votes. Our concern for the common good leads us to express concern about a number of matters. Our conviction is that good governance can only ever be based on the confidence of the governed, and that includes minorities whose voice is not as loud as others.

Seeing the evidence of division in every part of England, we are deeply concerned about:

Political polarisation and language that appears to sanction hate crime: the reframing of the language of political discourse is urgent, especially given the abuse and threats levelled at MPs doing their job.

The ease with which lies can be told and misrepresentation encouraged: leaders must be honest about the costs of political choices, especially for those most vulnerable.

The levels of fear, uncertainty and marginalisation in society, much of which lies behind the vote for Brexit, but will not be addressed by Brexit: poor people, EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in Europe must be listened to and respected.

The Irish border is not a mere political totem and peace in Ireland is not a ball to be kicked by the English: respect for the concerns on both sides of the border is essential.

The sovereignty of Parliament is not just an empty term, it is based on institutions to be honoured and respected: our democracy is endangered by cavalier disregard for these. Attention must be paid not only to the Union, but also to the meaning of Englishness.

Churches serve communities of every shape, size and complexion. We continue to serve, regardless of political persuasion. We invite politicians to pay attention with us to the concerns we register above and encourage a recovery of civil debate and reconciliation



"So really, it is very easy to understand how Brexit will affect our parish..."



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Belmont House and Gardens



BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS

LINOCUT PRINTING WORKSHOP: SENSATIONAL SEED HEADS

Friday 4th October, 10am - 1.00pm

Our Head Gardener, Graeme, will take you on a tour of the gardens, where you'll be able to gather seed heads and leaves to use as inspiration for your print. After working these into a design, you'll learn how to transfer your image to a linocut tile and carve it using specialist tools.

£25 per person. All materials, printing equipment and refreshments are supplied

BOWL CARVING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 8th October, 10.30am - 4.00pm

Learn how to make a beautiful wooden bowl in this wonderful Kent countryside setting. A busy day will be rewarded when your creation takes pride of place in your kitchen. £60.00 pp - Materials and lunch are included in the price. Booking essential as spaces are limited.

HERBAL ROOTS WORKSHOP

Tuesday 16th October, 10am - 12pm

Autumn is the ideal time to harvest our herbal roots for medicine. Discover the medicinal plants we have growing at Belmont and make a liquid herbal tincture to see you through the colder months. £20.00pp including refreshments.

HALLOWEEN AT BELMONT

Sunday 27th October, 11am - 3pm

Enjoy a spooktacular family outing to Belmont this Halloween. Children can reveal their inner artist with pumpkin carving and creepy craft making with Lynsey of Creative Mash Ups. There will also be a spooky trail around our gardens for everyone to enjoy. £6.00 per child, £2.00 per adult (all materials included).

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

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Derek March came to talk to us in September, with his Apiarist's hat on this time. He keeps a large number of beehives in various locations producing honey with a distinct flavour, depending on the pollen the bees have fed upon. Derek is a natural speaker being informative and entertaining at the same time. He told us that the most prized bees are Buckfast bees, the queens being transported through the post in specially designed boxes about the size of a long matchbox, costing around £34 each. The Buckfast bee is a honey bee that was selectively bred by a Benedictine Monk, Brother Adam, who was in charge of keeping bees in Buckfast Abbey, Devon in the 1900's. They are very gentle and highly productive. Derek also told us that in a good year, a hive can produce up to 60lb. of honey. Talking of honey, Derek brought plenty of jars for us to purchase, together with wonderful smelling beeswax and candles.



October's meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30p.m. in Stalisfield Village Hall. Local professional artist Nigel Wood is speaking to us for a third

time, as he is not only talented, but highly amusing too. His wife, who is one of our group, tends to find the experience highly embarrassing!

In November, Andrew Higgs will be taking our popular Wine Tasting evening. A convivial meeting with wine, nibbles and raffle. Guests are welcome at a charge of £5 for this particular evening.

Our Membership is increasing, but more ladies are always welcome. Please contact Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks on 07477 580727 if you would like to join us.

St Peter and St Paul, Newnham

Friday 15th November, 7.30pm

Music for Choir and a String Quartet

Mozart String Quartet "The Hunt" No 17 in B flat K458

Cantique de Jean Racine - Gabriel Fauré
How are the might fallen - Robert Ramsey
Bogoroditsye Dyevo - Sergei Rachmaninov

Northern Lights - Ola Gjeilo

The oak and the ash - Edward Bairstow
Irish tune from County derry 'Danny Boy'
- arr. Percy Grainger

Shenondoah - arr. James Erb

O magnum mysterium - Morten Lauridsen

Free entrance - Collection towards expenses and the church

Musique Cordiale in Kent

15 - 17 November

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St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Saturday 16th November, 7.30pm

Handel's Messiah

Conductor Graham Ross
Ensemble, Soloists and
Choir of Musique Cordiale

Tickets £10 / £15

Faversham Assembly Rooms

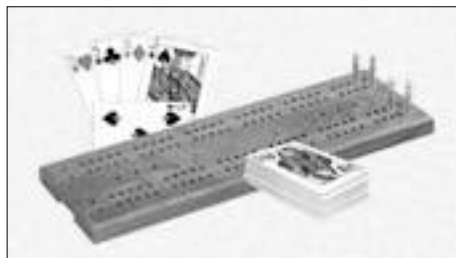
Sunday 17th November, 11.30am

A Concert for Roger

A collection of songs and opera arias in celebration of Sir Roger Moate who died earlier this year and was a key figure leading the renovation of the Assembly Rooms. He was a great supporter of Musique Cordiale, and loved musical theatre, and in particular the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. This concert is a celebration of our friendship. He will be missed!

Dima Bawab soprano, **Aidan Coburn** tenor, **Toby Hession** piano

Tickets £15



The Stalisfield and District Crib League

season will start with a 'friendly' evening on Wednesday 16th October. The league 'proper' will start on 23rd October with matches every fortnight through the winter - with a break for Christmas.

Players of all abilities are welcome to come along. We meet at The Plough at 7.30 pm and would be delighted to see some new players. Please contact Jayne for details: 07951 411337.



2019 Poppy Appeal

Eastling House to house collection

My courage has finally failed me and I will not be doing the house to house collection this year. Many thanks to all who have supported the local collection in the past, I hope you will continue to buy poppies at one of the many opportunities in the town and elsewhere.

Hilary Harlow

**Spring
forward,
Fall back**



The Clocks go back one hour at
2am on Sunday 27th October

Stalisfield HighLife

2019 Events

Harvest Supper	5th October
Panto	6th / 7th December
Children's Party	8th December
Seniors' Christmas Dinner	14th December
Burns Night - TBC	25th January 2020

Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

A wonderful talk by Brian Younger the husband of one of our members. We now know how to be real detectives, not like it is on the TV or in books. We may also know how to commit murder!!

Two ladies who had reached the age of 90 this year were presented with cards signed by all the members and a plant each to commemorate the occasion.

The Denman talk was postponed until November but we had the WI Adviser tell us how to go about suspension. It is hoped that members will join other branches rather than give up altogether..

This month we will have a talk by Caroline Coreily about the charity DEBRA. Join us in Eastling Village Hall at 2pm on Tuesday 15th October.

Further from Barbara on 01795 890020 or e-mail at tombar72@hotmail.co.uk



New Year's Eve Disco Party

December 31st – 8.00 til late
at Eastling Village Hall

Dress to Impress or come casual if you prefer. Bring your own party food to share and your favourite tipple.

Tables of 10 or share a table and make new friends on the night...everyone welcome.

The hall will be dressed in cabaret style with tablecloths and soft lighting.

Limited number of tickets available on a first come first served basis, tickets £5 per person, payable in advance.

Call Trudy on 07881 630219 or email trudy23@btinternet.com

All proceeds go to the Village Hall and Seniors' Christmas Lunch

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Eastling Gardeners' Club



The next meeting will be on 10th October at 7.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Hugh Raggett continues the story of what happens to the Hanbury Gardens on the Italian Riviera.

Wine and nibbles will be available after the meeting. Free for members. Non-members pay £4. Clive 01795 890160.



Christmas Eve Eastling Carol Service Choir

Come and join our village choir - it's a once in a year opportunity!

All voice and abilities welcome.

Sunday practices starting in Eastling Church on 17th November, 5-6pm.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794
010 394 or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999



There have been reports of a motor vehicle with some undesirables inside acting suspiciously touring the local villages if seen at all please report it.

Reports from KCC regarding increase in the no of Rogue Traders around offering to either offer cheap rates for tree cutting or outside repairs to your home and suggesting that you only use bona fide tradesmen and also issuing a warning to ensure they have a trade disposal licence.I

There has been a warning from the police about not only the County lines being used for drug crimes but also the number of young people who have been used in the money laundering business where the criminals use the youngsters bank accounts for a small fee to launder their money. Please be alert to this criminality especially within your own domains.

Have a good month
Take care
Alan

The Annual Stalisfield Village Fête

was a huge success this year.

We decided to have a bit of a shake up and really go all out to raise funds for desperately needed new tables for our Village Hall. We are hugely grateful to everybody who helped us raise over £2700.

It has always been a wonderful quintessentially English village fête, so the challenge was to keep it as traditional as possible whilst drawing a wider audience and still maintaining a community event ambience.

The afternoon kicked off with a Biplane flyover highlighting the display by the Southern Golden Retriever team, Tracey Johnson

then

delighted

us with her speed chainsaw carving demonstration creating a beautiful owl and then onto our fun dog show which had an excellent turnout despite the heat.

We added a mini motorbike and car show which was a fantastic interest point and were lucky enough to be paid a visit by the fire service with one of their engines. As ever, the ladies of the Otterden and Stalisfield WI provided us with excellent tea and cakes and all were delighted by our stalls such as Home Produce and Guess the Weight of the Cake etc., whilst being thoroughly entertained by the Human Fruit Machine, Splat the Rat and throwing wet sponges at unsuspecting parents in the stocks.

Thankfully the weather

was on our side which added the cherry on top to a fabulous day. A huge thank you must go out to all the exceptionally hardworking volunteers and our kind sponsors; DoveTail Polymers limited, W.G. Vant & Sons, Gillet Cook Country store, and The Plough Inn, without whom the day could not have been possible.

Mel Carter



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DIARY DATES

11th October - Hullabaloo Live!

Enjoy an evening of live music from Kent band Hullabaloo at 8.30pm. Free Entry

4th November - Bonfire Night

Bring your Guy Fawkes and enjoy an evening of mulled wine to keep you warm. From 5pm.

6th December - Christmas Tree Lights Switch On! 6 - 7pm

Join the village for carols and mulled wine around the tree. Mince pies and Christmas activities for children in the the pub.

Keep up to date by following us on **Facebook, Twitter or Instagram**

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Stalisfield Fête

We would like to say well done to Melanie Carter and her helpers, for the great job they did at the fête, there was something for everyone. Look forward to see what see comes up with next year.

Thanks also to The Plough Inn for three days of entertainment. from Linda, Roger and Sandra Bunce.

The Wanderer

by Audrey Keen

And as I see the wanderer's mood
Reflected in October puddles.
His thoughts diverted from
The hoof marked track,
His eye arrested by the jungle bracken,
The wood behind of colour does not lack.
Blackberries now sustain
The lonely wanderer,
The brown earth odours spilt
Onto his path are free.
The birds care nothing for his presence - yet,
The dying flowers ask for his sympathy.
The moistened grass and fungi
Tolerate the wanderer's tread
They rise again as he walks by.
His eye is drawn up to clouds on their blue bed,
But neither he nor they can touch, converse
Or halt the rooks that fly.
Tilled earth glistens in the noon sun
While stunted boughs are clothed in shade.
The wanderer pauses on the brow where squirrels run
And ponders on the way all these were made.

Services in High Downs

6th October Trinity 16

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

Eastling 10.30 am HARVEST FESTIVAL

13th October Trinity 17

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

Throwley 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Eastling 10.30am CaféStyle in Village Hall

20th October Trinity 18

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

Stalisfield 10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

27th October Last Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 4. 6 - 8, 16 - 18, Luke 18. 9 - 14

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

3rd November All Saints

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

Eastling 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

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

Kingsdown and Creekside Parish

Sunday 6th October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Lynsted	Holy Communion BCP
9.00am Oare	Holy Communion CW
10.30am Doddington	Harvest Holy Communion
10.30am Norton	Harvest Family Service
10.30am Teynham	Family Service
3.30pm Teynham	Holy Communion BCP
5.30pm Wychling	Harvest Evensong
6.00pm Lynsted	Breakthrough

Sunday 13th October – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Norton	Holy Communion CW traditional
9.00am Oare	Holy Communion ext CW
10.30am Lynsted	Family Service
10.30am Newnham	Holy Communion CW
10.30am Teynham	Family Service & Communion ext
3.30pm Teynham	Evensong
6.00pm Lynsted	Breakthrough

Sunday 20th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Newnham	Holy Communion BCP
9.00am Oare	Holy Communion ext CW
10.30am Doddington	Family Service
10.30am Norton	Holy Communion CW traditional
10.30am Teynham	Family Service
3.30pm Teynham	Holy Communion BCP
6.00pm Lynsted	Breakthrough

Sunday 27th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Doddington	Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Lynsted	Holy Communion CW
10.30am Newnham	Family Service
10.30am Oare	Morning Worship
10.30am Teynham	All Age Family Service & HC
3.30pm Teynham	Evensong
6.00pm Lynsted	Breakthrough

High Downs Parish

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4 Meesons Close, Eastling

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

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Jean West (01233 712270)

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Throwley Gaynore Moss (01795 890995)

From the Registers

Weddings

Andrew Pask and Jessica Stiles
7th September 2019 at Eastling

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group: 8th & 22nd October, 9.30am.
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, 18 Beech
Close, Faversham. 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

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

CONTACT THE GOOD NEWS EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the November 2019 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th October to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

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Trees for Farms

If you feel that climate change is an emergency that we need to tackle with the utmost urgency, would you be willing to support a project to make a change for the better? We are a local, newly formed group and our aim is to set up a scheme to work with farms to get more hedgerows planted as quickly as possible.

We see this as a cooperative venture between farmers and local volunteers where the farmers would identify boundary fences which would benefit from the addition of hedging. The volunteers would assist with sourcing appropriate plants (e.g. with the help of the Woodland Trust), as well as planting and weeding young trees and shrubs.

Longer term people - including schools and young peoples' groups - could grow hedge plants. Many, such as hawthorn, hazel, field maple and so on, are

easy to grow from seed or cuttings and local provenance would be secured.

Many farms are already planting more trees and leaving areas for wildlife. This scheme would provide additional resources to enable more trees to be planted quickly, and that would be a huge benefit to us all.

Benefits for the environment:

- More trees to absorb carbon dioxide and pollutants
- Increased biodiversity
- Increased connectivity for wildlife throughout the countryside
- Enhanced appearance

Benefits for the public:

- Being given the chance to 'Do Something'
- Ability to make a positive contribution to minimising the problems of climate change, loss of biodiversity and loss of topsoil
- Making more people aware of the issues, and how they might be tackled
- Enable children and young people to get involved on a countryside project.

Benefits for farmers:

- Support with costs and labour of planting new hedges
- Increased shelter and biodiversity from hedge trees
- Increased farm security once the hedge is established (as trees are more difficult to cut through than stock fencing)
- Opportunities to forge new links with members of the public
- Harness the expertise of amateur gardeners to grow trees for farms
- Possible enhanced payments in a Stewardship scheme (or bypass the bureaucracy)

Now we would like to hear from

everyone who thinks this is a good idea as the project will need people with lots of different skills e.g.

social media, PR, local connections businesses, clubs, gardeners, farmers and landowners, and wildlife experts. If you are interested, or would like more information, please could you email Mary Golder treeplantersa1@gmail.com



Sunset and Sunrise

Sunsets and sunrise, rainbows and moonbeams,
Waterfalls rushing, streams tumbling down,
All of the planet teeming with life,
A celestial ball in the sky spinning around.

The whole of creation sings of God's glory,
The work of His fingers crafted with care,
All intrinsically moving together
A world of wonder without compare.

But this world that we see will pass away,
It is only a shadow of what will be,
When new heavens and earth burst into existence,
No sun, no moon, and no more sea.

Christ Himself will be the Light
That illuminates all this heavenly sphere,
Where He is there is life everlasting
No pain, no sorrow, just joy everywhere.

We cannot imagine what glories await us
Where the radiance of God's glory shines through His Son,
Together we'll walk on the street made of gold,
We just know that the best is yet to come.

By Megan Carter

St Luke the Evangelist – linking the sacred and the profane

To St Luke, a Gentile, 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 Gentles, 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 how the early Christians 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.

Eastling School News

Eastling Primary School has had a wonderful start to the new academic year 2019-20. Our new Reception children have settled in quickly to school life in Acorn class and are now full time. I have been told that the children are sleeping well and are tired out by the time they get home. We were delighted to welcome a number of other new children who have joined us. It is lovely to see how they have quickly become part of our school community.

We must also welcome our new Oak class teacher Mr Glazier who has joined us. The year 5/6 children have made him feel very welcome and he has taken over the school choir. We are looking to be part of Young Voices at the O2 again so he will be busy teaching them a wide range of songs.

Following on from the success of our outdoor learning day back in May, the school is embarking on a second on Monday 23rd September. The children gain so much from having opportunities like this and taking time to problem solve and reason.

The teachers have been busy planning a wide range of educational visits for this term including visiting the Hugin Viking ship at Pegwell Bay, Whitstable Nature Reserve, Hampton Park, Little Street Role Play Centre, RNLI and the Pumpkin farm. At Eastling Primary School we strongly believe in bringing the curriculum alive and giving all of our children the best start to their education.

The school has signed up to be part of OPAL (outdoor play and learning) a fantastic programme, which ensures greater use of our outdoor environment. We have a number of parents who are part of the school working party and have attended training sessions alongside the staff. The school needs to collect a wide range of natural and manmade objects/ materials for this programme. We are beginning by collecting small world resources. If you have any of the following, which you can donate, please bring them to the school office: Lego/Duplo, zoo animals, dinosaurs, soldiers, mini-beasts, cars, wild animals, knights, sea creatures, fairies, pirates, farm animals, dinosaurs, princesses, little people/figures.

We do have a few spaces available across the school for an immediate start. Any prospective parents looking for a Reception place for September 2020 are welcome to call the office on 01795 890252 to arrange a visit. For further information please visit our school website where photographs and newsletters are displayed and updated regularly.

Melanie Dale, Head teacher.



Help feed local people in crisis

Foodbank October 2019

Food banks across the country continue to face a growing number of clients, desperate for help to feed their families. The majority of them are in work but, with rents rising and food prices increasing, they just can't make ends meet. Thank you for your contributions.

Food list for October: Long life fruit juice; sponge puddings; custard (tinned or carton); rice pudding; washing up liquid; shampoo; dog food.

