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OCTOBER 2024



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NOVEMBER

- 6th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 16th Autumn Quiz
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm
- 17th Christmas Choir practices begin
Eastling Church 5 - 6pm
- 22nd 'Thank You Stalisfield!' Party
Stalisfield Village Hall from 6pm

Eastling Church Harvest Festival with Holy Communion

6th October, 10.30am

Refreshments after the service



Stalisfield Church Family Harvest Festival

13th October, 10.30am

(Please note there is no communion at this service)

Please join us for Tea, Coffee and Cake afterwards

Your harvest food offerings would be very welcome and will
be distributed to local food banks after the service



Stalisfield Harvest Supper

Saturday 12th October at 7pm

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Harvest, a season of Gratitude

There is an unmistakable feel about things when autumn arrives; longer shadows, the temperature falls, evening light begins to fade, as does the colour of the leaves on trees. The harvest season is here and this year farmers have been gathering the fruits of their labour, the culmination of months of hard work, patience, and sacrifice. Certainly in our garden, we have been blessed with a good yield of fruit and vegetables.

Autumn is for many of us a favourite time of the year. It provides an opportunity to reflect on our blessings and the provisions we enjoy and depend upon. In a world where we often take things for granted, it is essential to take time and be thankful for the myriad ways in which God provides for our needs. If ever I get a bit disheartened, I look around and begin actively noticing all the things I'm grateful for - and write my gratitude list. As I do that, my perspective begins to shift, and I'm able to see things differently. Write it, speak it, or pray it - practicing gratitude really does result in feeling and being grateful! In the book of Thessalonians, St. Paul writes:

"Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Not only can we give thanks for our blessings, but it's a time for self-reflection and an opportunity to make changes in our lives, to become more fruitful, so that we

may better honour God with all He has blessed us with and show our gratitude. For us, it's also a time when we can reflect on the things we have accomplished and hopefully blessed others around us. As the seasons change, how have we grown over this last year and used God's blessings to their full?

So, the harvest season is a time to celebrate the abundance of God's provision in our lives. From the food we eat to the shelter we have, from the clothes we wear to the family and friends we cherish, it's a time, once again, to marvel at God's goodness and a reminder to us all that God is our ultimate provider - 'Jehovah Jireh' and he's not stingy. It is a time of reaping what we have sown, growing and pruning for a new season; maturing in our faith and love of Christ, and desire to be more like him.

"Now the one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will also provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10

We can use this time of harvest, as we can any time of year, to give back to bless others from the abundance we have. As we enjoy the fruits of our labour, let's look for ways to bring blessing to others. Whether it be our support for a charity, helping out at a local food bank, volunteering to serve in the community, there are plenty of ways to give back and show gratitude for God's blessings upon

us. By doing so, we can help spread joy, shine a light for Jesus in the lives of others, and build stronger communities.

Harvest season, however, is not just about abundance, but also about stewardship. Have we used our time, our talents, and treasures in a way that pleases and honours God? Have we been faithful stewards of all that He has given us in his world?

Life is hard, and times can get tough. But what we do with what we have says everything about our character, our trust in God, our faith, our faithfulness and our thankfulness. May I suggest some practical ways to do this: show acts of kindness, be generous with others in every chance you get! Teach your children about God's love and grace, and train them in his ways. Give with your finances, even when things are tight. It can be hard sometimes. However, God has never and will never fail to take care of those who put their trust and selves in him.

And finally, let us be intentional about cultivating a heart of gratitude. Let us be faithful stewards of all that He has given us; and may we do it to honour and glorify Him. And most importantly, let us remember that God's provision is not just for the harvest season, but for every time and season throughout the year, and every aspect of our lives; and let us always give him the glory.

Mark Harlow

October Prayer Pointers

Sundays - Praise for the Lord for the colours of Autumn and the abundance of His love.

Mondays - Give thanks for those working to provide our food.

Tuesdays - Pray for all living in poverty, in this country and worldwide.

Wednesdays - Give thanks for new opportunities to serve those around us.

Thursdays - Pray for all who are suffering from the effects of climate change.

Fridays - Give thanks for healthy lives and pray for those who are sick.

Saturdays - Pray for world leaders, that they may work for peace.



Eastling Church

Flower rota



6th October - **Harvest Festival**
Communal decorating on Saturday 5th.

13th October - Bay

20th & 27th - Suzie

3rd Nov - Bay

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

Stalisfield Village Hall

Future events:

Thank You Stalisfield!
Wine, Cheese (and soft drinks for the kids) Party
Friday 22nd November
From 6pm

Seniors' Christmas Dinner
Sunday 8th December
4 - 6pm
Time and details to be confirmed

Stalisfield Children's Christmas Party
Saturday 14th December
2 - 4pm
Time and details to be confirmed



Autumn Quiz

Saturday 16th November
Stalisfield Village Hall
7 - 10pm

Bring your own food & drink.

In aid of St. Mary's Church
Stalisfield

To book your place contact
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It's back! The event of the year!

THE 2024 CARPENTERS ARMS CHARITY HARVEST AUCTION

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER
7 FOR 7:30 START

Please drop off any non-perishable auction items at the pub in the week before the event during opening hours.

Perishable items can be dropped off on the day.

Please bring some cash; particularly pound coins as our local auctioneer & antiques expert, Mr P Adams, will be issuing fines as usual.

Don't miss out on this fun evening!

Otterden and Stalisfield W. I.

Our most recent visit for our W.I Group was to the Restoration House in Rochester, first meeting up at a nearby coffee shop for beverages. The House was originally built in the late 1500's and was thought to derive its name from the visit to Rochester of King Charles II in May 1660, when travelling from Dover to London for his restoration as king after 15 years of exile. The house is presently owned by two gentlemen who have put in a great deal of work and money into the property and gardens. They both live on site and open a good part of the house to the public. Each room has a voluntary guide to explain the contents and history and very often the owners act as guides as well if you're lucky. The gardens are a work in progress, but are still stunning in their development. A most notable previous owner in recent years was Rod Hull - of Emu fame -

before he was bankrupt. There is a small cafe manned by local volunteers, which we took advantage of at the end of the tour. A delightful morning's outing, well worth a visit and not expensive either.

On 4th September we were grateful for Sandra Winter and her husband to visit us all the way from Croydon, to demonstrate Hand Bell Ringing. Sandra was very informative about their passion and took us very patiently through a number of tunes which probably sounded a little rough around the edges. It was great fun and the bells had a beautiful sound, although we were quite shocked at the end as to how much they cost brand new! Sadly the second hand value plummets though, much as it does with cars.

Our next Meeting on Wednesday 2nd October should appeal to everyone locally. Julie Murray is bringing photographs of the

Stalisfield area which she and her husband, David, inherited from her Mother in Law. It will be fascinating to see how much the area has changed, or not as the case may be. Some of the older residents will probably be able to recognise friends and neighbours from time gone by. Please do feel free to come along as a guest for £5 including refreshments at the end of the evening. We will be commencing at 7.30pm so come a little earlier to guarantee a seat.

We still have room available for tables at our forthcoming **Craft Fair on 19th October**, running from 1 p.m to 4 p.m. at a cost of £10 per table. If you wish to partake please contact Helen Brookes on 07477 580727 or Ellie Cameron on 07775 649337. This will be an opportunity for local creative arts and crafters to promote their businesses and pre Christmas sales.

What is Pension Credit?

Pension Credit gives you extra money to help with your living costs if you're over State Pension age and on a low income. Pension Credit could also qualify eligible applicants other support including Winter Fuel Payment, housing costs, help with Council Tax and a free TV licence for those aged 75 and over.

Thanks to the Pension Credit backdating rules, it's possible to apply for Pension Credit and have the claim backdated by up to 3 months - so long as there is entitlement during that time. This means that the latest date to apply and still qualify for Winter Fuel Payment is 21 December 2024.

It's estimated that up to 880,000 households are still missing out on Pension Credit, and it's worth, on average £3,900 per year. Too many people are missing out.

It's easy to claim. People just need to make one simple, free phone call to 0800 99 1234, claim online or fill out a paper claim form, details of which can all be found on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

If you'd like additional support, you can attend our drop-in sessions without an appointment:

- Monday, 10am-12pm, Swale House, Sittingbourne
- Tuesday, 10am-12pm, Sheppey Gateway, Sheerness (except the second Tuesday of every month, which is held at Sheerness East Working Mens Club)
- Wednesday & Friday, 10am-12pm, 43 Stone Street, Faversham

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For debt advice, request a call back from our specialist money advice team at www.citizensadvice@swale.uk / debt/.

Autumn in the Valley

By Audrey Keen

I touch crisp new
autumnal leaf
While God's breath
brings me fresh relief,
I stand so reverently to
gaze

At this - all this;
For in the patterned sky
From which the light is shed
Comes sun to mark the coloured leaf
gold red.

It fills me with such awe and ecstasy
For whether it be spring or autumn
The valley welcomes me.

And where mid April's purity
Caused tears to fill my eyes,
So too does this, for now
The tired land just dormant lies.
Though true, I find I love no less
October's tawny gentleness,
Which prompts me further then to gaze
Upon all this sent to amaze.
For as the valley now exudes
Changes which I may peruse,
I see the living and the dying of the fall,
And feel I must take note of this and
compliment
It all.



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Charing Practice Gardening Group

reaches its 10-year anniversary.

We are pleased to announce our very active, and award winning gardening group celebrated its 10-year anniversary in September 2024. The gardening group meets at the surgery every Tuesday morning to get fresh air, exercise, meet other people, have fun and enjoy being part of the community. From its humble beginnings the Group is now an essential part of the commitment by Charing Practice to improve patients' physical and mental well-being.

Over the last decade our community has gained much enjoyment from sitting and being surrounded by the splendid array of colour and fragrances the Surgery garden has to offer. Sincere thanks to the past and current Charing Practice staff, friends and patients who help the Group tend this oasis of calm and beauty. We also would like to thank the many individuals, organisations, nurseries and other gardeners who have provided contributions,



advice, plants, time and garden tools. You know who you are but are far too many to mention.

As the Garden Group's reputation has grown, they have had numerous visits from other gardeners and interested parties. We have even had BBC South East visit the Group and garden, discussing its success as part of Charing Practice's other wellbeing initiatives.

Charing Practice provides full medical care for 21 villages and communities around Charing including the dispensing of medicine. Late 2023 Charing Practice announced that Charing patients are the first in the county to benefit from their GP practice - being awarded the Royal College of General Practice (RCGP) Active Practice Charter. The charter is a commitment to increase physical activity levels in both patients and staff, as we understand the impact that physical activity can have in maintaining good levels of health for both our patients and our colleagues.



THE GARDENING GROUP
AT CHARING SURGERY

COME & JOIN US

Tuesdays 9am - 12pm

Get exercise, meet others, have fun, and enjoy being part of the community

Pop along on a Tuesday and say hello or email
gardening.charing2@nhs.net

(experience not required!)

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We recognise that physical inactivity is one of the key risk factors in many illnesses and want to make sure we are helping keep our community as healthy as possible. The Gardening Group is pivotal to our commitment to improving physical and mental activity.

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Services in our Benefice

6th October Trinity 19

Hebrews 1. 1-4, 2. 5-12, Mark 10. 2 - 16

Eastling 10.30am Harvest Festival with Communion

Norton 10.30am Morning Worship

Lynsted 6pm Cornerstone

13th October Trinity 20

Hebrews 4.12 - end, Mark 10. 17 - 31

Stalisfield 10.30am Family Harvest Festival

Throwley 10.30am Morning Prayer

Newnham 10.30am Holy Communion

Lynsted 10.30am All Together Now

20th October Trinity 21

Hebrews 5. 1 - 10, Mark 10. 35 - 45

Eastling 10.30am Morning Worship

Norton 10.30am Holy Communion

Lynsted 6pm Cornerstone

Wednesday 23rd October

Wychling 11.00am Holy Communion

27th October Last Sunday in Trinity

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

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion

Newnham 10.30am Morning Worship

Teynham 4pm All Souls Service

3rd November All Saints

Revelation 21. 1 - 6a, John 11. 32 - 44

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion

Online Daily Worship Continues

As well as the services in our churches, the daily 9am Morning Prayer will continue on the Benefice Facebook Page via

<https://kc-hd.org.uk> .

More information is updated weekly on St Mary's Eastling 'A Church Near You':

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11982/>

A Service of Healing and Blessings for St Luke's

Saturday 12th October. 2.30pm
Canterbury Cathedral crypt.

All are welcome.

There will be an opportunity during the service to receive prayer and /or anointing with oil.

High Downs Parish

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Please contact our Anna Chaplain, Caroline Ramshaw, if you know of someone who is isolated, alone or unable to attend church.

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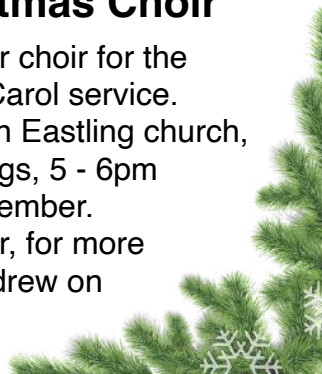


Throwley Carol Service Choir

The annual Carol Service will be held at St Michael & All Angels in Throwley on Sunday 22nd December at 5 pm and if anyone is interested in joining the choir for that occasion please email David Elvin at davidjelvin@gmail.com. It will be mainly traditional congregational carols with a few pieces to be sung by the choir. There will be a number of rehearsals in December before the service.

Eastling Christmas Choir

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Christmas Trees 2024



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It's been a great growing season again, producing a very good selection of Christmas trees available in many varieties, shapes, colours and aromas, between 5 and 12ft in height. There will also be some over 16ft - ideal for schools, churches, village halls and outside spaces. We will have plenty of evergreen cuttings including berried holly and ivy for Christmas decorating, and hopefully even a sprig of mistletoe nearer Christmas.

We started this fundraising scheme nearly 35 years ago. The procedure is unchanged: please visit to choose your tree from mid-September, and return to collect it from late November or December.

As before, the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; 60% will be returned to your Parish church and the balance will be divided between 25 charities. This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your Parish church and some deserving charities at the same time.

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Our lecturer **Alexandra Epps** is an official Guide and Lecturer at Tate
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See also our website www.theartsocietyegerton.org.uk



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Speaker: Jennifer Godfrey
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Charing

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Contact Maureen Bush, Membership Secretary:
tolly@clara.co.uk or visit our website: www.theartsocietyfaversham.org.uk

October's lecture is by Charlie Forman, entitled London Bridged.
How we have connected across the Thames and what that tells us about
our culture of the Capital through time.

It is on 24th October at 11am, preceded by the AGM at 10.45 am



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Stalisfield Village Fete

Despite the relentless downpour, our fete managed to retain its quaint charm. Although it was certainly a soggy affair the spirit of Stalisfield prevailed. There was something oddly magical about the scene—the village united under stormy skies, everyone soaked to the skin, but smiling nonetheless. Conversations carried on over games of skill and chance; stalls selling home produce, crafts, and raffle tickets; huddled in the village hall over scrumptious cakes or taking shelter with a delicious burger whilst watching wet dogs parading with their bedraggled owners. There was a constant undercurrent of laughter despite the weather's best efforts to dampen the mood.

In the end, it was the stubborn cheerfulness of the villagers that turned what could have been a washout into a wonderfully memorable afternoon. Stalisfield's rain-soaked fete was less about picture-perfect moments and more about the community's enduring warmth, proving that not even the heaviest downpour can dampen true village spirit.



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Are you prepared?

This is the question that the Kent and Medway Resilience Forum is encouraging parish and town councils to share with their communities.

Kent and Medway Resilience Forum (KMRF) has produced a 5-step guide with simple actions that residents can take to be better prepared for emergencies that may impact them, such as severe weather, flooding or a utility outage.

The new campaign is designed to get the message out to residents about the ways that they can help themselves become more self-resilient too. The 5-steps guide has been created to do just that.

KMRF Community Resilience Group Chair, Leanne McMahon, said: "There are simple steps that everyone can take to be better prepared, from signing up to receive weather warnings and flood alerts, to checking whether you, a loved-one, or neighbour are eligible to receive priority services from your utility company in the event of a supply outage.

"Proactive measures, like checking your home's flood risk, packing a grab bag should you need to leave home at short notice, and developing an emergency plan, can increase your family's safety and resilience should the unexpected happen."

She added: "We all have a role in helping to build more resilient, better prepared communities, so we urge other community groups to get involved too."

Residents can learn more about each step by scanning the QR codes on the campaign posters or by visiting the web page www.kentprepared.org.uk/5-steps.

5 steps to become better prepared

STEP

1

Make an emergency grab bag – consider:

- Torch
- Keys
- Medication
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Important documents
- Radio and batteries
- Money and credit cards
- Clothing and blankets
- Mobile phone and charger
- Pet food
- Food and water
- Emergency contacts



STEP

2

Make a 'Household Emergency Plan'

Make an emergency plan for your home and practice it with your household. Your plan should include: contact numbers, how to turn off your gas, electricity and water, and sources of information and advice.



STEP

3

Sign up for weather and flood alerts

- Sign up for Met Office weather alerts: www.metoffice.gov.uk



- Get Environment Agency Flood Warnings: www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings



STEP

4

Check your flood risk

Check your home's flood risk by visiting the Environment Agency website at www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk



STEP

5

Join the Priority Services Register

The Priority Services Register is for customers who may need additional support in a utility outage. Find out if you or a relative is eligible to sign up for this free service by visiting www.thepsr.co.uk



Scan the QR codes for more information or visit
www.kentprepared.org.uk/5-steps

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ready?

Kent and Medway
prepared

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Otterden Parish Meeting

Monday 14th October

in The Bowl Inn at 7pm

Contact Geoffrey Bailey 01795

886128

All Otterden residents welcome

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



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Please be wary of the many scams which are floating about at the moment. If you are not sure about any particular phone calls or web sites, just cut them off, give yourself time to think and then continue. So many especially phone calls are very convincing.

There has been quite a few suspicious vehicles touring the local villages recently so please be alert and report with reg no if possible. If you are not sure about contacting the police please give me a call.

The annual influx of pheasants into the area sadly brings in the nasty people poaching with their air rifles and ball bearing slingshot. If you see them do not approach but please call it in.

Have a good month
and take care
Alan

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Ready for anyone to use in an emergency, please find the nearest to you:

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Eastling School (School days only, 8am - 4.30pm) sited in the corridor of Main Building. ME13 0BA

Stalisfield sited at Stalisfield Village Hall, ME13 0JE

Throwley sited in the old Telephone Box outside the Old Post Office, ME13 0HY

A Prayer for Direction

Heavenly Father,
The world is broken. So many lives are broken.
People don't know which way to turn, or who to go to for help.
And yet, you have provided everything we need.
You gave us Jesus, who is the Way to you.
Prompt us, by your Holy Spirit, to turn to him, instead of wandering aimlessly.
You gave us your written Word as a living guide book and manual for living in this world.
Open our eyes and hearts to receive your direction through it.
Thank you Father, for your unfailing love and provision for us.
In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



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was Julie Beams from Stalisfield. Please
don't forget to send in your nominations to:
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Stalisfield Youth Group!

Stalisfield Youth Group is for 11-17yr olds.

We meet on Wednesdays, twice a month, 7 - 8.30pm in the village hall.

It is free to come.



We have music, gaming, craft, table tennis, table football, outside games in the Summer, craft table, tuck shop (everything 10 - 50p), free cake and drink.

We sometimes have a theme night, eg karaoke, pancake making or woodland walk.



It is a time when young people can relax, hang out and catch up.

Upcoming Dates: * 9th October

*23rd October

Contact Catherine 07929 928 046 or clnorwood@doctors.org.uk or see our Facebook page for more details.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story - 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..'

Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?.. I know!



'You would go round to a friend's house.'



I really, really need some bread for a visitor.



I need that bread!



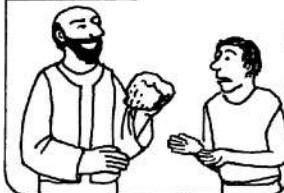
He's not going to go away, is he?



Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,

'..would you give them a stone?'



'And if they asked for a fish...'



'..would you give them a snake?'



'Or if they asked for an egg...'



'you'd give a scorpion?'



If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?

WORDSEARCH

Can you find the words below on this letter grid?

b	f	i	s	h	g	z	v	b	b	u	o
z	e	l	s	t	o	n	e	e	r	a	w
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p	r	a	y	i	n	g	n	e	d	i	g
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f	x	o	f	r	i	e	n	d	t	n	o
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gifts
visitor
ashamed
scorpion
need
seeking
parents

snake
stone
given
better
neighbour
egg
find
knocking
bed
asking
good
friend