



Young People's Craft Club

Fridays 9th & 23rd September
6.15pm to 7.15pm
in the Champion Hall.
50p per session - all are welcomed.



COMPETITION Harvest Theme Arrangement

Make an arrangement with a harvest theme, up to 45cm high and up to 30cm wide.

Three age categories:
(Mother with) Toddler of 5 years or under, 6 - 9 year olds
10 - 16 year olds.
Prize for each age group.
Entry forms available in Eastling Church or Coffee Pop-In.
Entries, with completed forms, should be delivered to Eastling Church by Friday 30th September. More information from Lorraine on 890719.



Young People's Short Mat Bowls

Any young people interested in Short Mat Bowling in Eastling Village Hall on Fridays between 5 and 7pm, with a small playing fee, should contact Roy Piles on 537162.



S Club is back

Sunday 18th September
10am Eastling Village Hall
All 6 - 11 year olds welcome
for more info call
Leigh on 890 149



10am
Eastling Village Hall
September 18
All secondary school ages welcome.

MOUSE HOLE

Fruit Kebabs
Push chunks of fresh and dried fruits onto a wooden skewer. Serve the fruit kebabs as they are... or for a really tasty treat dip in melted chocolate. Leave to cool before eating!

Little Fruits
Make miniature fruits from marzipan or royal icing
Colour with food colouring dabbed on with rolled up kitchen paper
Use cloves for stalks
To make the skin of an orange, roll on a nutmeg grater
Make baskets from paper cake cases- staple on a strip of card for a handle

May the peoples praise you, O God, may all the peoples praise you. The land has yielded its harvest; and God, our God has blessed us.
Psalm 67:6

Where in the world does your food come from? Look on the labels and containers for clues. Draw small pictures of each food and cut out. Stick them on a map of the world over the country they came from.

What's in the pot of jam? Can you find...
CHERRY • YAM WINE • KIWI FIG • MELON CHIPS • PEAR PLUM • LIME APPLE • GRAPE PEACH MANGO
ONION ORANGE LYCHEE LEMON

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Thank You Penny

Revd. Penny Fenton retires as Priest in Charge of our group of parishes on 30th September. Everyone will be welcome to come to Ospringe Church at 11am on Sunday 25th September for a 'Thank You' service, followed by refreshments in Ospringe School.



Harvest Festivals

Sunday 18th September, 10am, Stalisfield Church *****

Sunday 2nd October, 10am, Eastling Church *****

Sunday 2nd October, 10.40am, Whitehill Chapel *****

Sunday 9th October, 11am, Ospringe Church



Good News Parish Magazine September 2005

'All Change' in our Churches ... or is it?

Some of you may have heard about some changes in our group of churches. In this issue of Good News we have a guide to help you through the months ahead.

Memorial Service

Ospringe Church at 6 p.m. on Sunday 18th September

An opportunity to remember loved ones who have died and to give thanks for their lives.

All are welcome, from around the Benefice and beyond.

Exploring Our Faith

by Elizabeth Goodridge and Ian Yearsley

We are all on a life journey of discovery and Christians describe this as their spiritual journey, their journey of faith. At the heart of being a disciple of Jesus is our faith, but what does this actually mean? Before we can begin to explore our faith we need to understand what it is. In his book 'To Love and To Serve' Jonathan Draper describes faith as knowing enough to get on with, but having knowledge that is incomplete, limited and partial. The Bible interprets faith as trust, reliance or fidelity.

Christ has faith in his absolute unity with God. His is a personal response to God's blessing. We strive to be more Christ-like and therefore need to make that personal response of faith too. Faith is not an intellectual passive thing, but a radical and total commitment to Christ; a conscious human act and experience.

Martha explored her faith when she made time to be with Jesus after Lazarus died. She moved from a general statement of belief to a personal response of faith after she heard Jesus say, 'I am the resurrection and the life...'

But faith cannot be explored in unity with God alone. We also need unity with each other for our faith to grow. We need to respond and act together as members of the body of Christ. We need to learn with, and from, each other; open our eyes to see the world as God sees it and share this with others; ask questions of ourselves; and not be afraid to ask questions of others and God.

No journey of discovery is the same but if we want to move forward in faith we have to consciously step out into the unknown and put absolute trust in God to guide us.

OASIS

The monthly Oasis service returns to **Ospringe Church at 11am on Sunday 4th September.** The theme will be **'God's Being'**. All ages welcome, refreshments after the service.

Prayer Pointers September 2005

- Sundays** For a welcome for all who enter our churches.
- Mondays** The Cystic Fibrosis Trust.
- Tuesdays** For safety and enjoyment for all taking part in the Churches Bike Ride.
- Wednesdays** Retired clergy.
- Thursdays** All beginning a new school year.
- Fridays** Local farmers and those who work on the land.
- Saturdays** For all finding themselves in debt.

Worship for the whole family

A New Series of **Freestyle** starts **11th September 10.30am in Eastling Village Hall.** This season we will be looking at **The Parables of Jesus.** Breakfast from 10am Refreshments after the service.

The Church of England is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and is organised into two provinces; each led by an archbishop (Canterbury for the Southern Province and York for the Northern). These two provinces cover England, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, the Isles of Scilly and even a small part of Wales.

Each province is built from dioceses. There are 43 in England and the Diocese in Europe has clergy and congregations in the rest of Europe, Morocco, Turkey and the Asian countries of the former Soviet Union.

Each diocese (except Europe) is divided into parishes. The parish is the heart of the Church of England. Each parish is overseen by a parish priest (often called a vicar or rector). From ancient times through to today, they, and their bishop, are responsible for the 'cure of souls' in their parish. That includes everyone. And this explains why parish priests are so involved with the key issues and problems affecting the whole community.

(From the Church of England website <www.cofe.anglican.org>)

Within each diocese, individual parishes and benefices (combined parishes) are grouped into deaneries.

The current position.

Our benefice (St. Peter and St. Paul, Ospringe; St. Mary, Eastling; St. Mary, Stalisfield and St. Lawrence, Otterden.), currently led by Revd. Penny Fenton as Priest in Charge, comes within the Deanery of Ospringe, which covers Faversham and the surrounding area, and is led by Revd. Tony Oehring as Area Dean. The Ospringe Deanery is in the Diocese of Canterbury, in the Province of Canterbury.

Looking Ahead in faith

That is our current position - but.... with fewer people coming forward for training and ordination to be priests and, with smaller congregations unable to pay for a full time priest as well as keeping our wonderful, but ancient, buildings in good repair. For some years now, parishes have had to combine into larger groups and share a priest. Over the coming months there will be small changes to some parish groupings within our Ospringe Deanery.

What will change?

Revd. Fenton retires on 30th September. The church parish of Ospringe will then be in an 'interregnum', i.e. temporarily without a Priest in Charge. In the future, Ospringe parish will share a priest with Davington & Brents, currently also in an interregnum. This vacancy will be advertised and when a priest is appointed he, or she, will live in the Vicarage at Davington, but be responsible for both Ospringe and Davington. (Oare and Luddenham, previously linked with Davington, will now be linked with Teynham.)

The parishes of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden will also be in interregnum, but will have Revd. Angela Cheeseman as their curate. They will join with the 'Downsfoot Group', that is: Throwley, Badlesmere with Leaveland, Sheldwich and Selling in 2006.

Norman Fowler and Hugh Perks, our Readers, are Licensed to the existing benefice and will continue as before, serving Ospringe, Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden, though Hugh is off duty at present.

Who will be in charge?

During an interregnum the Church Wardens are in charge of their respective churches and under the spiritual leadership of the Area Dean. The PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) will meet, as usual, to manage the affairs of the church.

Does this affect Whitehill Chapel?

The Methodist circuit is run entirely separately, but there is a joint agreement with Ospringe Anglican parish, which is why sometimes services are led by members of Ospringe and Eastling churches. (Please see next page)

What happens to weekly services?

The regular service pattern in individual churches will remain mostly unchanged, with the exception of a new Morning Prayer at Eastling on the third Sunday each month. Sunday schools and youth groups will continue as they are, as will study and prayer groups. Please contact your church wardens for further details.

What about baptisms, weddings and funerals?

From October for general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 531044 for Ospringe, or 01795 890629 for Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden. If you would like the parish staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

And the Good News...?

This free magazine was begun in 1986 by Revd. Paul Mayerson. It is financed by advertising revenue plus donations from readers and will continue for the immediate future. You may notice some changes in the way church services are listed, but the basic format will stay the same.

A message from our new Deacon



Photo by Mark Baxter

Greetings! My name is Angela Cheeseman and I have just been appointed as the curate of the parishes of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden. I look forward to meeting you if we haven't met before-please give me a ring (the number is in the middle of the magazine) if you would like a visit or to visit me.

I have lived in Eastling for the last 23 years. My husband Peter and I brought up our three children here, while I worked as a doctor in Maidstone and Peter as a publisher in London. When I retired from medicine four years ago I felt that God was calling me to become a priest. I entered the training school at Canterbury, and was ordained on July 2nd, this year, in the Cathedral. It was wonderful to have so many friends there to share the service and the celebration afterwards - a fantastic party in Eastling Village Hall was thrown entirely by people in the parishes. Thank you everyone- I shall never forget it.

I was planning to start work in the parishes in August, but the unexpected has happened. I developed septic arthritis after a minor knee operation on July 7; became ill while taking a week's holiday in Spain; and arrived back to be whisked into hospital for antibiotics and three operations to help clear the infection. I have only just got home and it's already nearly the end of August. Regretfully, I don't think I shall be back to normal before some time in September.

I have been thinking of you and praying for you while I have been ill. It is going to be an exciting year for youth in our parishes in the year to come, as S-club is launching a special session for teenagers to run concurrently with the present very popular session for younger children on Sunday morning. Also, Lorraine Hanney, the lady who teaches "Cordon bleu" cookery in the village school, is organising a competition for floral or other (non food) creations to illustrate "Feed the World" for the Harvest

Festival on Oct 2. Leigh Dyson and Liz Bell are trying to attract a Youth Worker to provide more activities for teenagers, particularly a youth club. I hope to carry on with the puppet club, directly I can leap around again!

As regards adults, I hope that the Church might be able to help in ways not perhaps considered before. Have you any suggestions? Please let me know if you have. Watch this space next month for ideas.

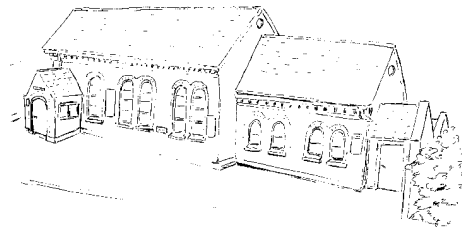
There is going to be a change at Eastling at 10am from Holy Communion to Morning Prayer once a month on the third Sunday, from October onwards. I know some will be disappointed, but Morning Prayer is a beautiful service which is more accessible to those who don't feel able to take communion, and it will hopefully be welcomed by some.

Do let me know your thoughts on these and any ideas you may have to help us all live our lives closer to God and to serve each other. Jesus said "I am the vine and you are the branches. If a man(woman) remains in me and I in him(her), he(he) will bear much fruit." May this be so for us.

God bless you all.
Angela Cheeseman

Changes at Whitehill Chapel

As reported in an earlier newsletter, we said 'Good Bye' to Revd. Chris Esgate at the end of July. Services will continue as usual at Whitehill Chapel as we have a system of Local Preachers. The Revd. Philip Barker, the Superintendent Minister, and his wife Christine, have taken responsibility for our church and the contact number is 01227 463180. Baptisms, marriages and funerals will still be able to be conducted at the Chapel. The United Church, Faversham is in the care of Revd. and Mrs Berryman, who can be contacted on 01795 534486. As Steward, I will be available to help when needed. From Bobbie Richards, Steward at Whitehill Chapel, which incorporates the Champion Hall.



Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 2nd October
10am Brunch

10.40am Harvest Thanksgiving followed by sale of produce in aid of British Humanitarian Aid
Saturday 1st October decoration of Whitehill Chapel between 2 and 4pm. Gifts of produce / tins / flowers would be welcome.



Open to all Anglican Christians
**Come and meet our Bishops.
Tuesday 6th September,
7.30pm in
Eastling Village Hall.**

The Rt Revd Stephen Venner, Bishop in Canterbury and Bishop of Dover,



and The Rt Revd Graham Cray, Bishop of Maidstone, will spend an evening talking, and listening, about our Ospringe Deanery mission plan and the future of our local churches.

British Humanitarian Aid

Caring for young and old.

Extracts from newsletters:
Our dearest friends.....
Our Arrata building in Shchors is in dire need of refurbishment and we are looking for the materials and finance to make this possible. Philip, another director, is very good at obtaining the materials, paint, wood etc., but it is always the finances that are difficult. The Asian Tsunami had greatly affected the donations we receive and we are still being affected by this. This year we took a group of children camping by the river. Although we really wanted to take them to the Black Sea, as we have in the past, sadly, funds did not permit this. We now have our four community centres, plus twenty five orphanages that we support, so funding is terribly important to our continuing work. We have been donated over 40 wheelchairs that have all been refurbished and are in excellent working order. Half of these are going to a clinic, for the handicapped in Chernigov, along with a donation of nurses' uniforms which they are desperate to receive. A home for the elderly in the village of Tupichev, some 40 miles from Chernigov, was set up by a local priest and houses 37 ladies and 3 men, all from the surrounding area. Poverty is at its highest in these villages, so the work of the priest has been remarkable.



The lovely lady pictured is 90 years old and blind, I was her first visitor in 27 years! Although they had a nice dining room, they had only one 40 year old, rickety, wheelchair so meals were taken on trays to the elderly, in their rooms. One telephone call later and 6 wheelchairs were on their way to Tupichev. Donations can be sent to British Humanitarian Aid, 11 Devon Road, Canterbury, CT1 1RP.

A Farewell Gift

If you would like to contribute to the leaving present for Revd. Penny Fenton, contributions may be given to the Churchwardens :

Ospringe
Miss C. Brightman (01795 531960)
Mr. P. Larter (01795 531044)
Eastling
Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)
Stalisfield with Otterden
Joint Warden
Mrs. J. Baker (01622 858332)
Mrs S. Gains (01622 858551)
or by post to Michael Moore, 15 Preston Park, Faversham. ME13 8LH
Cheques should be made payable to 'Ospringe P.C.C.', please do not post cash.

Multi Sensory Service

in Canterbury Cathedral
Saturday 8th October
at 5pm.
Come and experience
worship in a new way
with all your senses.
All invited

WANTED

Obsolete hearing aids and accessories, testing equipment etc. to send to third world. William Rennox is an audiologist working in the NHS. He is trying to collect obsolete hearing aids and accessories, testing equipment etc. to send to third world countries to help the hearing impaired. Anyone who has a hearing aid or accessory that they are no longer using are asked to post it to him and he will then organise for the equipment to be cleaned and refurbished prior to being sent to the third world.
Contact:
William Rennox, Manager
RENCO Audiology Services
177 Morar Drive, Cumbernauld.
G67 4LH
Tel: 01236 739146



As I write this I am waiting to hear how our ex-Choristers went on in their Exams. Good luck to all of them in whatever they decide to do. We follow their progress with interest. Well done to Claire Christian who has a place at Hadlow College to study Animal Management. During August we were busy singing for weddings, it was wonderful. This Poem was read at the wedding of Lianne and Martyn on 30th July.

Today to you I give my heart

by Ruth van Gramberg

Today, I marry my friend,
The one with whom I laugh and cry,
The one from whom I have learned and the one with whom I share.
The one I have chosen to support, encourage and give myself to,
Through all the days given us to share.
Today I marry the one I love.
I stand beside you strong and sure, my dearest friend.
And as we make our sacred vows my thoughts of you transcend.
I give you my heart, my hopes, my dreams. Accept this gift of mine, they are so precious and fragile,
They need your care divine.
Treat my trust with gentleness,
Treat me with the loving care,
I can but grow with patience and love,
AS LONG AS YOU ARE THERE.

I found this prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson in an MU Anthology
O God, help us to perform our duties with laughter and kind faces, and let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, and bring us to our resting beds weary, content and undishonoured, for Jesus Christ's sake.

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FROM THE ORGAN SEAT.

Please support The Faversham Society and our local Churches for The Open Churches on Saturday, 10th September, 10.30 a.m. onwards by visiting them. Carolynne is organising this for The Faversham Society, having for a number of years successfully organised The Open House. There will be live organ music in Ospringe some of the time. It is also the day of The Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride so many churches will be open. Thank you to all the folk who make these enterprises thrive.



Arthur Percival has very kindly given me a photo of Ospringe Choir dated 1891 and I have been trying to decipher the names in very tiny writing above it! There were C. H. Drake who was the Organist and Choirmaster, R.W.Curling (any relation of Hugh?), J. Whiting (I wonder if Betty Blake can tell

me about him?) W. Judges, H. Holladdy, W. Watson Smith (there are memorials to the Watson Smiths in church), N. Stevens, E. Colyer (another Faversham name). I have had the magnifying glass out but there are more name to decipher. I presume the vicar of the day and the curate would be on. There is a plaque to Charles Drake for his many years of Service to Ospringe on the North Aisle wall. Please can anyone help me?

I would like to recommend to you two novels of John Passfield, from Canada. He has written these having been inspired when he visited his mother's roots in Water Lane, Ospringe. They are beautifully crafted, well written and eminently readable. The first has a yellow cover with a painting of Water Lane, "Water Lane, The Pilgrimage of Christopher Marlowe" and its sequel a blue cover with an

etching of Water Lane, "The Making of Water Lane, a journal of the crafting of a novel" They are both on sale in The Fleur. John is bringing his sister next year, so what about arranging 'A Signing'? I will be the first in the queue. Congratulations John. God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

Mothers' Union News

Summer lunch at The Ship in Ospringe made a smashing change in June. Over the coming months we will try different venues for our Christmas lunch this year and our summer lunch in 2006.

At our first M.U. meeting in our Parish Room at St. Peter and St. Paul, Ospringe, Vicky Shepherd, Carol Marshall and I related to our members some of the events that took place at the M.U. Rally/A.G.M. held in Ipswich Football Stadium:

Trish Heywood, Worldwide president, introduced 25 Provincial presidents from around the world who, for the first time ever, were able to join the Rally. Dianne Louise Jordan interviewed three ladies speaking of their views on aid, trade, debt and H.I.V. in their countries - South Africa, West Indies and Uganda. Speaking out for those who have no voice in our unfair world.

On the big wide screen we saw a video of an interview with Gordon Brown speaking about the G8, revealing debt, double investment, education and health in the poorest countries.

Songs, prayer, readings, lunch and, to end with, a Mexican wave, all shouting out *Dear God, make poverty history, Amen.* A wonderful day with lots to think about. We are lucky to live in this England.

Our last speaker, dear Bill Lusted, told us all with such warmth and feeling of his visit, with Kit, to Normandy, the area near Vire, to see the military graves of lost comrades of World War II. They went to Sword Beach, where Bill had landed, and visited the monument to 49 Polar Bear Regiment to which John Clinch of Syndale, who died recently, belonged. There were lots of photos of other places they went to, including St. Marie Eglise, Fontenay. I hope Bill will write his own story. We were all very emotional by this time, but Bill had us all laughing at the end.

August 31st is our Garden Party at Pam's.

My love to you all, God bless,
Brenda Cardwell.

OSPRINGE-IN-BLOOM 2005

This is the 15th year of the competition. The gardens and Allotments of the Parish were to the usual high standards. Reflecting the hard work, skills and love of plants and vegetables of our gardeners.

This year the Allotments have suffered from the dry weather. However, it did give the judges the opportunity to see some plants that have finished before the judging in June. As in previous years the allotments were a pleasure to visit - with Alan Gidlow and his allotment holders making us most welcome.

The Gardens were judged on a showery day in July, with the gardeners saying "we need this rain". The judges agreed, but wish it had rained on another day, as we sheltered under our

umbrella! But the weather didn't spoil the enjoyment of visiting the excellent gardens.

Our gardens are a particular feature of the Parish, with blooms welcoming our visitors. This year some overseas visitors were seen photographing the gardens. The judges are especial privileged, as we get to see many of the back gardens as well as the front. And of course the opportunity to speak to the gardeners themselves. Tales of what has worked and what hasn't, where plants have come from, and importantly plans for next year.

The presentation of awards will be at the Champion Hall on the 21st September at 7:30. All welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. Do come along and meet our gardeners and allotment holders.

FUN DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 3rd. September 2005

The Oast, Porters Lane, Between Sheldwich & Faversham, just off the Ashford Road A251

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- Ring 1, Starting 10am. £2 per class
1. Dog Show jumping dogs 16 inches & under.
 2. Dog Show jumping dogs over 16 inches
 3. Relay Jumping. Two Runners with One Dog.
 4. Handy Dog over Obstacle Course.
- Ring 2, Starting 10am. £2 per class
5. Best Mover.
 6. Greediest Dog.
 7. Best Child Handler 12 years & under.
 8. Best Mannered Puppy over 3 mths to 1 yr old.
 9. Best Mannered Rescue / Re-homed.
 10. Best Veteran over 7 yrs. old,
 11. Dog Most Like its Owner.
 12. Most Unusual Looking Dog.
 13. Happiest Dog.
 14. Best Three Tricks Dog Can Perform.
 15. Most Elegant Dog.
 16. Best Heinz (Crossbreed).
 17. Best Local Dog within 5 Miles.
 18. Fancy Dress illustrating Book or Film Title.
 19. Musical Dog Beds.
 20. Best Brace, Any Two Dogs or Bitches.



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By Royal Invitation.....

The invitation to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party came early in June, which meant making sure that we were suitably kitted out for the occasion. This achieved, we finally arrived at the Palace gates well before the official opening time. We were a party of 8, consisting of Bert, his two sisters and a brother, their respective partners and our nephew Ray who was the organising genius.

We were soon through the gates clutching passes and proofs of identity, joining the other 7,992 guests. Despite the number of people present the grounds were spacious enough to allow for easy movement and to appreciate the colourful scene. Church dignitaries in fuschia coloured robes, Yeoman Warders and Guardsmen in immaculate uniforms and the ladies had been particularly selective in choice of style and shade.

Our prayers were answered and the weather was perfect, warm and sunny with a good breeze which was greatly appreciated.

Two military bands provided light music and then, at precisely 4 o'clock, the playing of the National Anthem announced the arrival of The Royal Family.

We were presented to Prince Michael of Kent who looked so much like the photograph of the last Tsar of Russia. His Royal Highness shook hands with each of us in turn - I secretly wondered if the scent of lemon juice still lingered on my hand, used to remove veggie stains earlier. Prince Michael expressed surprise that three couples in our party had celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries and mentioned that he had only managed 25 years.



From left to right: Prince Michael of Kent, Dot & Bert Parrett, Pat & Stanley Parrett, Irene & John McCreth

People in wheelchairs were arranged in front of the crowds and given a ringside view of the Royals who shook hands and chatted to the chair bound, who obviously appreciated this special attention.

An enormous marquee held all sorts of sweet and savoury goodies, drinks, cold and hot, plus dainty dishes of ice cream. Two of us were tempted to the latter and so missed a close up view of the Royals and had to be content with a more distant look. However we did manage to see the Queen a little later dressed in blue and smiling widely.

It was very pleasant walking about the grounds of the Palace, no corgis, but a heron on the lake looking out for its supper ... And suddenly it was 6pm and time to go home. However, we all agreed it had been a delightful way of spending an afternoon, as Her Majesty's guests.

Dot Parrett.

Thank you...

.. to all who supported me through my Ordination on July 2nd: prayed for me; came to the service in Canterbury Cathedral; sent me cards; cooked the most delicious food; set up Eastling Village Hall for the party; and came to the party; and cleared up afterwards!

Thank you too to the Village Hall Committee, who managed to procure a splendid new marquee in time for the party to make space for everyone.

It was a very special mind- and spirit-blowing day for me. I arrived at Canterbury Cathedral after a 3-day silent retreat and was thrilled and touched to see so many of you were in the congregation and had come to share the ceremony with me.

The next wonderful surprise was to arrive at Eastling Village Hall afterwards and find it packed with friends, in a Hall transformed into something resembling the dining room of the Ritz!

The tables were adorned with cloths and delightful floral arrangements, and on what used to be a snooker table, now a huge serving table, was the most wonderful array of foods imaginable-all provided by individuals in the parishes! In the centre was an enormous cake in the shape of a cross, made by Bea Inns. Also on display was the most beautiful stole, designed with colourful pictures by children in the S-club, and hand-embroidered by Helen Davies.

The food was delicious and enough to feed all 120 or so of us. The kind cooks must have donated some of their tastiest recipes. My thanks to them all, and to the tireless workers who set up the Hall beforehand, including Tony, Roy and Trevor,



Photo by Mark Baxter

bringing down extra tables from the loft, the Richardson and Davies families and others who arranged the hall and received the food (as well as having cooked some themselves); Gabrielle for producing more than 20 floral arrangements; Leigh and Arch who organised and served the drinks with unflagging panache; the patient and uncomplaining washers-up-Dot, Alison and Audrey among others, and Hilary and Mark who coordinated all day and helped with absolutely everything with typical quiet generosity.

Forgive me if I haven't named you personally. Everyone gave of themselves in some way or another. I thank you all. The Holy Spirit was very alive in people's hearts that day.

Love and God bless you all.
Angela Cheeseman

The Faversham Society OPEN CHURCHES Saturday 10th September

The Faversham Society is publishing a booklet similar to those produced for the Open House and Secret Gardens. It will be on sale at the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre in Preston Street at £3 and features Ospringe Church, Whitehill Chapel and fourteen other places of worship, past and present. I was unable to find any written record of the history of Whitehill Chapel and so am extremely grateful to Bobbie Richards for her help.

If Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden would like to be included next year they would be most welcome as long as somebody can provide me with a short history and description of the architecture of each building: not more than one side of A4 please. It is no accident that this event coincides with the Kent Churches Cycle Ride. Most churches were to be stewarded from 10am until 6pm on that day in any case. The Churches Conservation Trust was the first to respond with enthusiasm when this date was mentioned, Unfortunately, being redundant churches, they do not have a congregation and so I am looking for volunteers, preferably in pairs, to do to St. Catherine, Kingsdown, St. Mary, Luddenham and St. Bartholomew, Goodnestone from 10am - 12.30pm or 2 - 4.30pm. If you can help, please ring 531960 now. In any case please sponsor the cyclists because, by doing so, you will be raising funds for your own church as well as others in greater need.
Carolynne Brightman.



Please support your local church by cycling, stewarding or sponsoring.
Telephone:
532756 to support Whitehill Chapel
890469 to support Eastling Church
536366 to support Ospringe Church

Whitehill Chapel (Champion Hall) will be open from 10am to 6pm. Tea/coffee and cakes available for families who would like to drop in - not just cyclists.

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Services in our Benefice

4th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 13. 8 - end, Matthew 18. 15 - 20		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
	10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)
United Church, Fav.	5 p.m.	Hop Festival Praise Service

Tuesday 6th September

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

11th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 14. 1 - 12, Matthew 18. 21 - 35		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling Village Hall	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

18th September 17th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 1. 21 - end, Matthew 20. 1 - 16		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Harvest Festival
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling Village Hall	10 a.m.	S Club
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	6 p.m.	Memorial Service

25th September 18th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 2. 1 - 13, Matthew 21. 23 - 32		
Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Farewell Service
		(Family Communion)

2nd October 19th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 3. 4b - 14, Matthew 21. 33 - end		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Harvest Festival
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
	10.40 a.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis

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

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

ELLA GRACE JESSICA Ochs  
31st July 2005 at Eastling

DANIEL IRFAN Klein  
7th August 2005 at Ospringe

SAFIA NOOR HOSSAIN Klein  
7th August 2005 at Ospringe

LILY MAY Page  
14th August 2005 at Ospringe

ESTHER HOPE Cheesman  
21st August 2005 at Ospringe

### Weddings

Mark GANNON and Karlene Jane JEMMETT  
23rd July 2005 at Ospringe

Martyn Alan WILDISH and  
Lianne Katherine BREWER  
30th July 2005 at Ospringe

Darren John WEBB and Annette KELLY  
13th August 2005 at Eastling

Stephen DAWSON and Maria Anne CONNELLY  
20th August 2005 at Ospringe

Darren Lewis Mills BROWN and  
Michelle Louise BRODIE  
20th August 2005 at Ospringe

### Funerals

James Thomas "Jim" BIRD  
17th August 2005 Cremation at Barham

Keith Thomas PAY  
18th August 2005 Cremation at Charing

### Interment of Ashes

Philip BING  
31st July 2005 at Pawley Farm

Frederick James (Fred) ATTWOOD  
6th August 2005 at North Elham

Jean Monica SIMMONS  
10th August 2005 at Ospringe

### 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 staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:  
 Swale NHW office 0800 100 3308 (free)  
 E-mail - neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk  
 Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)  
 NHW liaison officer 01795 584143  
 Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055  
 Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999  
 Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

Between 12 noon on the 1st and 9am on the 2nd August a small/medium 17ft "Ifor Williams" trailer, serial number LM146G266780, complete with winch on the front, loading ramps, drop sides & stabiliser axles was stolen from Court Lodge Farm, Stalisfield. A red pick up was seen driving along the farm drive way towards the farm, but not seen to exit. Any information to the police or the Neighbourhood Watch Office please.

A villager was approached in Newnham by a man with a van or truck offering to tarmac her driveway. It is believed that she refused, but they turned up the next day (Saturday 6 August) to commence the work. Fortunately a neighbour intervened and sent them packing after a short dispute. It reported that the phrase "we were only going to charge her £1000" was uttered. Neither the name on the side of the van nor its number was noted, however a similar incident in Sheerness involved a silver blue Shogun Registration Number S385 KEP - if seen please inform the police.

Another attempt has been made to prey upon an elderly and vulnerable resident - in this case the same lady in Newnham. One morning a truck arrived with a load described (by them) as "bark chippings" which they claimed had been ordered. To get rid of these people the lady paid them £10, in respect of which they deposited a small load of what has been described by a second informant as "sawdust and horse-muck" before leaving. It seems likely that this lady has been targeted because of her vulnerability. Should any attempt be made to foist a similar scam on you, or you have any information on this topic, please contact either the Police or the Neighbourhood Watch Office.

Police are advising people to be vigilant following the theft of cash from a 33 year old woman as she shopped in the Forum, High Street, Sittingbourne. The incident occurred between 3.30pm and 3.40pm on Monday (8th August). Over £400 was stolen from the ladies handbag. The police urge people to avoid carrying large quantities of cash. Ensure that, if you carry a bag, you keep it zipped up to avoid someone from being able to pop their hand in and steal your purse. Be wary of people around you and remain security conscious at all times.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch messages are also posted on the village notice boards (at the Village Hall and the Parish notice board in The Street).



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## Keep in touch with OTTERDEN ONLINE

Otterden Online - the local website for Otterden and Warren Street - has had a facelift in the past month or so. However, the previous mix of information on local services and who to contact is still featured, as well as extensive coverage of local history and an album of photographs of the parish.

To see Otterden Online log on to: [www.northdowns.plus.com/otterden/](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/otterden/). Further updates to the information and new material are welcomed and details are on the website.

## "Being Green in the Faversham Area

The Faversham Website is working in partnership with the Faversham Area Tourism Association to help promote green initiatives. The website has just published a new page on the Faversham Website about being green in the Faversham area, including Eastling, Ospringe, Otterden and Stalisfield. The page can be viewed at [www.faversham.org/green](http://www.faversham.org/green) and provides useful information on a wide range of green issues including Fairtrade, Green Tourism, Green at Home, Green at the Office, Green Travel, Nature In the Faversham Area, Organic Food and Recycling. There is also simple questionnaire which tells you how green are really are. The website is keen to learn of any green initiatives in Eastling, Ospringe, Otterden or Stalisfield. If you are involved in anything helping to promote green, then Peter Faulkner at [peter@faversham.org](mailto:peter@faversham.org) will be very pleased to hear from you"

## The Love that sparkles

Many years ago Princess Eugenie of Sweden founded what we would now call a hospice, by selling all her jewels. She used to visit the patients and spoke to one particular lady about Jesus. Some time later, on another visit, Princess Eugenie found the lady full of joy, radiant with her new hope and faith in Jesus. When the Princess returned to the palace she told her husband, with tears in her eyes, "Today I saw the glitter of my diamonds."

## October Good News

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution by the 15th September to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: [h.f.harlow@btconnect.com](mailto:h.f.harlow@btconnect.com). Current and back copies of Good News are available on the website: <http://go.to/goodnewsmag>

**Eastling Gardeners' Club**  
Meets on Wednesday, 5th October at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall for a talk by Mrs. E. Thomas 'All Year Round Colour in the Garden'.  
Followed by wine and home-made nibbles. Free to members, non-members £2.50

**Autumn Feast**  
**Saturday 8th October**  
Champion Hall  
Doors open at 7pm  
for 7.30pm sit down.

Feast followed by a quiz.  
Prices: £6.50 Adults, £3.50 under 12yrs, £18.00 Family ticket (up to 3 children under 12 yrs) Tel: 532756

## Race Night

 Ospringe School,  
Saturday 22nd October,  
in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.  
Ticket price is £5 include Chip Supper.  
Arrive 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.  
Eight Races  
Extras - £5 to buy a horse  
£25 to sponsor a race  
(company or individual)  
Prizes and raffle.  
  
To find out more about the Cystic Fibrosis Trust visit [www.cftrust.org.uk](http://www.cftrust.org.uk)

## Craft Fayre

Champion Hall  
November 12th, opening 10am.  
We would welcome some more people to take a table to sell their crafts. Contact Bobbie Richards on 01795 532756 to book a table - £5 a table.

## ! Wit and Wisdom ? Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 12th November.

Tables of six at £3.00 per person can be booked by phoning 'Norman' on 890242. Proceeds in aid of the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.  
Please bring your own refreshments.  
Date for your Diary  
The Eastling Senior Citizens lunch will be on Tuesday 6th December. More details in next issue of *Good News*.

# YEAR 4 YOUTH

In 2006 we are hoping to host an American graduate from Gordon College, Massachusetts, specifically to help run and/or initiate new opportunities of continuing Christian teaching and contact with our teenagers. This exciting new and important resource, under the care of St. Mary, Eastling and surrounding parishes, will need funding.

**We need your prayers and help.**  
Our American guest will need accommodation, own transport, a living allowance and 'pocket' money.  
To find out more, and to start the fund rolling, everyone is invited to a fundraising afternoon

## Tea and Cakes

at Pinks Farm, Eastling on  
Saturday 1st October,  
2 - 6pm.

(Raffle prizes welcome)  
Please come and help us  
to support our young people.  
Phone Leigh on 01795 890149, Liz  
on 890223 or Hilary on 890338

## Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club

I would like to keep you up to date with how the above club is getting on. Our latest friendly was on 4th August at home against Burnham, from near Rochester. We played triples on the three mats so some of their 12 players and our 15 had to sit down and wait for their turn. At the interval we were about two shots down but with some good games played. We came out the victors by 77 shots to 65, well done all club members.

Our next friendly will be against Teynham on 25th August and, in September, we have an all day away game to Hornhill, Milstead, who provide a cooked meal after the game. I will report on these at a later date.

Our **Wednesday afternoon sessions** start again on September 28th, 2.30 - 4.30pm.

**Friday club meetings** continue 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. All sessions are in Eastling Village Hall and we welcome new members. Come along a see if you like it. More details from Roy Piles on 537162.



# September



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## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

### Monday 12th September

Evening trip to Nichol Farm, Deerton Street, Teynham, by kind invitation of Mr John Moor and his son, to learn all about the making of Apple Juice. Meet there at 6.45pm. (Apple juice will be on sale)  
Directions: from Faversham - motor to Norton cross roads (Wyevale Garden Centre close), turn right here and continue down until the end - 'T' junction - turn left, motor on until you see the next right turning. take this road, under the railway bridge and Nichol Farm is not far down here on the left. If in doubt, give a ring.  
Noreen Tel: 533608.

## Friends of Eastling School

We hope you all had a relaxing Summer Holiday, and are ready to start the Autumn Term on Monday 5th September. The first FOES meeting for this term is on Thursday 8th Sept and our AGM will be held on Thursday 29th September both starting at 7.30pm at the school. Anyone interested in joining the committee should notify the school office.

Our first fundraising event is a Wine & Wisdom evening on 24th September 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets will be on sale soon at £3 per person. Each table of six will enjoy a complimentary bottle of wine and snacks. Soft drinks will be available. Do make a note to join us for a fun evening. The Eastling School children's cinema club will restart on Friday 16th September - £1.50 per child including refreshments. Future dates to note:

The Halloween Disco will be held on Friday 21st October. No confirmed date for the Family Skating yet, but we can advise you that the Christmas Shopping Evening will be held on Thursday 10th November in Eastling Village Hall. The children's Christmas Shopping afternoon will be on Friday 2nd December and the School Christmas Disco will be on the last day of term Friday 16th December. More details to follow.  
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 01795 890519.



## PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The children enjoyed attending the Summer playgroup sessions run by Vicky and Lisa. Our Autumn Term starts on Friday 2nd September at the normal time of 9.30am - 11.25am. This term the children will be looking at the changing colours of Autumn and the harvest.  
Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager.  
01795 890519



## Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 8th September at 8pm  
Lee Ault will give a talk on  
THE CAGED LADY.  
Victorian Costume with all the props.  
The presentation will be given 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 £2.  
Further information from 01233 712035.

## Eastling Village Hall

VJ Day Celebration on 10th July. The Trustees would like to say what an enjoyable day it was and how much those attending appreciated the get together. In particular to mention that the raffle raised £116 which was passed on to the Royal British Legion.

Don't forget.....

## Paper Shredding

in the village hall on Wednesday, 7th September between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. and again between 7.00 and 8.00 p.m.

Bring your old correspondence along for shredding (a Trustee will be in attendance) and let us know whether you would use such a facility on a regular basis.

The shredded paper will go into the recycling bins, so you will also be supporting our waste paper collections and generating extra income for the Hall.



**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 contact Mr Tony Stephens on 890010.

## Afternoon Club

September Activities

1st Bingo  
15th Visit to The Winter Gardens, Margate  
29th Bingo

## Thank You

The Chairlady and members of the Afternoon Club wish to say a huge 'Thank You' to Gill, Mervyn and customers of The Alma for donating the contents of the 'Pig's stomach' - a very generous £59.00. A greatly appreciated gift.

## Coffee Pop-In

Pop in for a coffee, or tea, bring along your toddler or Grandmother - all welcome in Eastling Village Hall on Wednesday mornings between 9 and 11am - it's free!



## Pop-In specials:

**7th September:** Homemade Cakes for sale (proceeds help to fund Pop-In) and Fair Trade Christmas cards, gifts and other goods for sale or order. Call Hilary on 890338 for more details.

**14th September:** Second Hand Eastling School uniform sale (proceeds to F.O.E.S.). Call Jill on 890519 for further details.

## Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

September meeting is on Tuesday 20th, 2.15pm in the Champion Hall.

Mrs P Baxter will talk about 'Hope Romania' A charity for Romania's street children and orphans. Competition will a souvenir from abroad, plus flower of the month.

New members welcome; come along on 20th or phone 532756 for more information.

## Diary

|                                                      |                 |                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1st Afternoon Club (Bingo)                           | 2pm             | Champion Hall                    |
| 6th Bishops' Evening                                 | 7.30pm          | Eastling Village Hall            |
| 7th Pop-In reopens                                   | 9 - 11am        | Eastling Village Hall            |
| 7th Paper Shredding                                  | 9.30am and 7 pm | Eastling Village Hall            |
| 7th Ospringe Parish Council                          |                 | Champion Hall                    |
| 8th The Caged Lady                                   | 8pm             | Charing Parish Hall              |
| 9th Craft Club                                       | 6.15pm          | Champion Hall                    |
| 10th Cycle Ride around Kent's Churches               | 10am - 6pm      |                                  |
| 11th New series of Freestyle begins                  | 10.30am         | Eastling Village Hall            |
| 12th Painter's Forstal gardeners' club               | 6.45pm          | Nichol Farm                      |
| 15th Deadline for October Good News                  |                 |                                  |
| 15th Afternoon Club visit to Winter Gardens, Margate |                 |                                  |
| 16th Children's Cinema                               |                 | Eastling School                  |
| 18th Stalisfield Harvest Festival                    | 10am            | Stalisfield Church               |
| 20th W.I.                                            | 2.15pm          | Champion Hall                    |
| 21st Ospringe in Bloom Awards                        | 7.30pm          | Champion Hall                    |
| 23rd Craft Club                                      | 6.15pm          | Champion Hall                    |
| 24th Wine & Wisdom                                   | 7pm             | Eastling School                  |
| 27th Magazine Folding                                | 2pm             | Usual Venues                     |
| 28th Short Mat Bowls                                 | 2.30 - 4.30pm   | Eastling Village Hall            |
| 29th Afternoon Club (Bingo)                          | 2pm             | Champion Hall                    |
| 30th Deadline for Harvest arrangements               |                 | Eastling Church                  |
| OCTOBER 1st Tea and Cakes                            | 2 - 6pm         | Pinks Farm, Eastling             |
| 5th Eastling Gardeners' Club                         | 8pm             | Eastling Village Hall            |
| 8th Autumn Feast                                     | 7pm             | Painter's Forstal                |
| 21st Halloween Disco                                 |                 | Eastling School                  |
| 22nd Race Night                                      | 7pm             | Ospringe School                  |
| NOVEMBER 10th Christmas Shopping                     |                 | Eastling Village Hall            |
| 12th Craft Fayre                                     | 10am            | Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal |
| 12th Wit & Wisdom                                    |                 | Eastling Village Hall            |