

**NEW SUNDAY SLOT  
LIFESTYLE**

EASTLING CHURCH  
10AM SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

All Age  
Worship

Help feed local people in crisis

**Fantastic!**

We were so delighted with the response to last month's special requests to help with the extra demand for food for families over the summer holidays. Thank you for your contributions. They were much appreciated by both the recipients and those who volunteer to help at the Foodbank.

**Please continue to give generously.**

**Food list for September**

**Urgent items: pasta; biscuits; toiletries including toothpaste and toothbrushes, shower gel, shampoo and soap; tinned spaghetti.**

**Also needed:** jam; tinned peas; tinned carrots; coffee; toilet rolls; tinned/packet custard; long life fruit juice; long life/powdered milk; sponge puddings; sugar (500g); tinned ham/meat; instant mash.

## Eastling School News

We start the new school year on Thursday 3rd September. Please note we have been warned of a potential closure of Kettle Hill Road at this key time that may be chaotic!

This year the school roll number grows to its largest for many years, although we still have places available for interested families. The school is due to receive a visit from our OfSTED colleagues and, since our last visit, we have been commended as a Top 100 school nationally and still maintain the "good with outstanding" category from the last inspection.

Our usual range of activities is immediately available with the popular school library on Tuesdays, Cinema Club on Fridays and after school activity every night of the week, including multiple music and sports events during the week. This year we have even opened an "After school" care facility through until 5:30pm, which we hope working families will find useful.

Special events this month include our "Meet the staff" event on the 10th September and an invitation for parents to come to lunch on 24th September, as well as a special visit by the Headway charity to warn children of the dangers of not wearing cycle helmets. Our Tigers' class (Years 3 and 4) are due to have their swimming sessions at the Faversham pool throughout the month as they develop their skills further.

Dave Walsh, Head Teacher.

**Mouse Makes**

Use the picture clues to solve the harvest crossword puzzle, then using the words in **bold** from the Bible quotes, fill in the remaining squares

**HARVEST PRAISE**

"Shout out praises to the Lord all the earth! Worship the Lord with joy! ... Acknowledge that the Lord is God ... Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Give Him thanks! **Praise His name.** For the Lord is good, His loyal love endures and He is faithful through all generations." - from Psalm 100

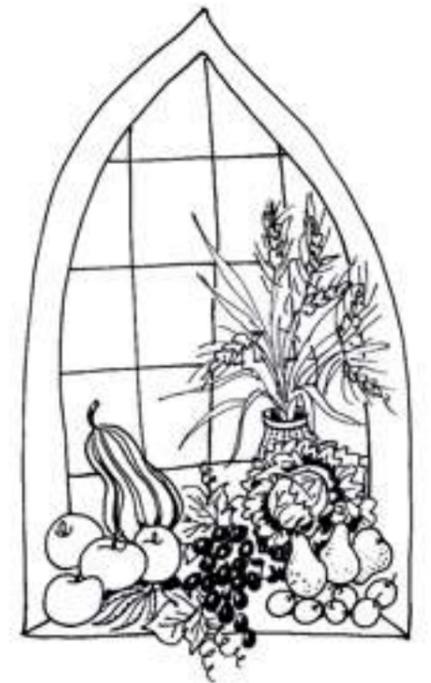
"May the people praise you God... The land yields its harvest, God, our God blesses us" - from Psalm 67

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# Good News Parish Magazine September 2015

## Harvest Festivals

- Otterden**  
Sunday 13th September  
3pm in Otterden Chapel
- Throwley**  
Sunday 27th September  
10am in Throwley Church
- Stalisfield**  
Sunday 4th October  
3pm in Stalisfield Church
- Eastling**  
Sunday 11th October  
8am Eastling Church  
10am in Eastling Village Hall



## The Madagascar School Project Science Block Fundraiser

### Tea and Cakes



Sunday 4th October

2.30 - 5pm Pinks Farm, Eastling  
Check out the school website at [www.madagascarschoolproject.com](http://www.madagascarschoolproject.com) for up-to-date information or come and view the latest DVD while having a cuppa.  
Traidcraft gifts and Christmas Cards to buy/order; Phoenix Cards available.  
Let's make this Science Block happen!

**OTTERDEN & STALISFIELD WI**

INVITE YOU TO  
**A WINE & WISDOM EVENING**

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2015  
7.30 PM

STALISFIELD VILLAGE HALL,  
STALISFIELD GREEN.

£10 PER PERSON. TABLES OF 6.  
LIGHT SUPPER OF PATE, CHEESE WITH WINE AND SOFT DRINK.

Please Contact:  
Julie Murray on 01795 890700 or [snoadfarm@gmail.com](mailto:snoadfarm@gmail.com) for details.

## HARVEST AUCTION

**FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER, 8pm**  
**at The Carpenters Arms,**  
**Eastling**  
**ALL WELCOME**

All donated items will as usual be greatly received and very much appreciated.  
This is an open invitation to all asking you to come to the local hostelry and have a great evening whilst bidding generously for the offered treasures.  
Please bring any donated items to the Carpenter's Arms during open hours, where we will be happy to store them until auction day. Perishables should be brought on the day of the Auction. Thank you.



## Harvest Supper Saturday 3rd October, 7.30pm

**Stalisfield Village Hall**  
Make sure of your place by telephoning Shirley on 01795 890167  
More details inside this magazine

The news magazine for the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley  
[www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews)

## Canon's Column

Two articles in the newspaper recently have caught my attention. One was an open letter from a group of religious leaders supporting the Right to Die initiative that is presently before parliament. The other was about ITV presenter, Tom Brady and his attempt to save a suicidal Greek man. Two things about the Tom Brady story stand out; in his account he said that only one of the ten or so police or other uniformed officers made any attempt to save the man or assist him. Secondly, a comment was made that suicides, particularly amongst pensioners and the elderly have increased considerably in Greece since their economic troubles began.

### The Right to Die?

The Right to Die question has received considerable media attention with various articles about people travelling to Europe in order to take advantage of very lax laws in certain countries. There was even the case of a perfectly healthy woman who decided to end her life because after working for years in a palliative care setting, she did not want to end up there. As much as I can sympathize with people who are in almost continuous pain and see no point in continuing to live, I have several serious reservations about the right to suicide and assisted suicide. People who are in these positions are more often at the most vulnerable points of their lives and it seems to me that we are allowing others to take advantage of these people.

The Greek people who are being squeezed by the cuts in pension and social benefits because of the financial problems the country is facing are also at a vulnerable point in their lives. They see no way out of the situation that has been thrust upon them and are engulfed with worry and despair. Are we going to allow and by allowing, encourage suicide as a solution to problems we don't want to become involved with?

Thomas Joiner, professor of psychology at Florida State University has studied and written extensively on suicide. His books, "Why People Die by Suicide" and "Myths about Suicide", were considered to be among the best and most readable resources in the field of suicide studies and prevention just a few years ago. He has a very simple understanding about what leads to suicide and the lethality of any attempt at suicide. And his understanding is really most applicable to the question of the right to assisted suicide.

Professor Joiner suggests that there are three conditions necessary for suicide to be considered or attempted. The first is what he has called 'thwarted belongingness.' This is basically the understanding that the individual is all alone in his or her plight. We most often see this in the suicides of those who have gone through a traumatic divorce or separation or in the case of a teenager who has become alienated from his or her family or been rejected by the peer group. Seniors who have no ongoing contact with family and friends and who are physically or socially housebound also fit into this category.

The second condition that sets up the desire for suicide or to end life is what is termed 'perceived burdensomeness'. The person who has dysfunctional or problem relationships with others might come to feel that he or she is a burden to family, friends or the system. Sometimes people have the feeling that others would be better off without them and they have a great disconnect with others. They can potentially be a high risk for suicide or have a wish to die.

To say that assisted suicide is wrong and to say that it is not an acceptable alternative to the problems facing an individual or a culture is not enough.

Those who are in the depths of their emotional and physical condition must be provided with alternatives that contribute to good emotional health and wellbeing.

If we accept the conclusions of Professor Joiner's research, then we must find ways not only of denying the lethal means but also of alleviating the problems of loneliness and detachment and the sense of burdensomeness. Recent research here in the UK has suggested that seniors who are actively involved with their church community have fewer emotional problems and are happier than those who are not. Another recent newspaper article suggested that seniors might be happier and more productive living in senior communities such as are available in many areas of Canada and the US. These communities have senior sized and planned housing units with community activity centres including recreation and exercise facilities, often with a pool, garden allotment and even wood workshops and artists' studios. There are often guest suites available for visiting families at nominal rent.

For a number of years organizations such as AGE UK has worked with communities and churches to deal with the ways in which ageing affects social contacts and isolated people. More needs to be done in this regard. New and creative ways need to be found to meet the needs of any in our society who are alone and out of contact with family and friends.

The problem of burdensomeness is really a significant one for many who rely on our social care system. The short home care visits and the discernment process for allocating home care and other support for disabled people and seniors all contribute to the sense that these people are a burden to society. As a society we need to work to prevent people from feeling that they are a burden to others by making sure that sufficient resources are available to provide the proper care for all people. Let's not allow the vulnerable people in our society feel that the only option open to them is through a Right to Die Bill.

Blessings,  
Donald Lawton

## Seven years ago I started on a journey....

I had no idea where that journey would lead but I knew it was one I had to travel. I attended a weekend introductory course in healing and wholeness; dipping my toe into work within the church. That led to more courses, these courses lead to courses within the diocese and one made me focus on what God was calling me to do. However being an ambitious person how was I to be sure it was God talking to me and not my inner ambition. More courses, more soul searching, I was directed down paths which lead nowhere! I was frustrated, unsure what God was telling me to do. My faith assured me that if one door closed God would open another, and he did. Two years ago I was before a selection panel, I was questioned, I met others whose own journeys had led them to that same day, that same panel, that same uncertainty "was this what God was calling us all to". A few of us went over to the cathedral afterwards to wait for the decision. It was time of prayer and waiting but we weren't alone. When that phone call arrived part of me worried about rejection, part of me worried whether I up to this new challenge? I answered the phone wondering if this would change the direction of my life. I had been accepted, now the hard work began.

As a single mum, working full time I was about to embark on a four year university course to become a reader. Was I mad? Would I be able to cope with all the reading, study of theology and writing academic assignments? I have had to do a placement in another parish, meeting new people, taking part in services different to my own. I have been away studying for whole weekends. Now, two years on and six passed assessments under my belt, I have been approved for licensing.

### What does being a Reader mean? What does a Reader do?

A Reader is a lay person trained and authorised to preach and teach. They can bridge the gap between the work place, communities and the church.

### What happens after licensing?

I have two more years of post licensing study to do and more assignments to write and pass. I can lead services, can preach and teach and serve God within my work place, my parish, the church and in my community. I will still be me, a hard working mum, and will continue to work within Adult education. I have made some good friends on my course; received some good support from those around me. My faith has strengthened and I see things differently. I have had to rise to new challenges, to preach sermons and to stand up for what I believe.

My licensing takes place at Canterbury Cathedral on 20<sup>th</sup> September. The service starts at 6.30. I will be presented with my Reader's scarf at this service and will stand proudly alongside those who shared the journey with me, walked their own path to get to that point. We will be surrounded by all those who supported us and share the one moment together, all as the family of God. If you would like to share this moment with us, please feel free to come to the cathedral, the service is open to all.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me, prayed for me, guided me and done the practical things to ensure I could do this worthwhile study. Most of all I would like to thank my son, Ryan, who was quiet when I needed to study, stayed out of my way as I wrote my assignments, was patient as I practised my sermons and accepted being shipped off to family when I was on study days or weekends. I know it hasn't been an easy two years and I realise I am only half way, but thank you Ryan for being supportive as I followed and answered God's call.

Caroline Ramshaw

### Caroline Ramshaw's Licensing Service: everyone welcome!

The service, conducted by Bishop Trevor, will be held in the Quire at Canterbury Cathedral, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. Eight Readers will be licensed.

For anyone needing a lift to and from the Cathedral, and those willing to give a lift, cars will be leaving Eastling Village Hall car park at 5.30pm.

Volunteer car drivers please contact Angela Cheeseman 01795 890629.



### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Village Warden: 07794 010394 or 01795 890848

Swale Police 101 Emergency 999



A motor vehicle was set on fire by the water works at the bottom of Kettle Hill on the night of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Vehicles are normally set on fire these days for two reasons; one it has been stolen, the other that it has broken down and is not taxed and insured. As this vehicle was not reported stolen the latter reason would apply. I understand the perpetrators are known.

### EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council, jseaman444@btinternet.com

A small red/maroon car has been seen touring the local villages with the occupants taking more than usual notice of the surroundings, so if seen please give me a ring, if possible with the registration number. Just a reminder that Kettle Hill Road will be closed, between The Street and the school, from the 24<sup>th</sup> Aug to the 4<sup>th</sup> September. Have a good month and take care. Alan, Village Warden

### Prayer Pointers

#### September 2015

Sundays	Give thanks for the Christian community worldwide.
Mondays	Pray for those starting new forms of education.
Tuesdays	For those who promote Your Holy word in our benefice.
Wednesdays	For those working hard to feed us.
Thursdays	Pray for those who are seeking work.
Fridays	For those dealing with the immigration problem.
Saturdays	Pray for blessings upon the peacemakers.



## Services in our Churches

## The High Downs Benefice

### 6th September Trinity 14

Isaiah 35. 4-7a, James 2. 1 - 10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 7. 24 - 37  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

### 13th September Trinity 15

Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a, James 3.1 - 12, Mark 8. 27 - 38  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am LifeStyle  
 Otterden 3 pm Harvest Festival

### 20th September Trinity 16

Jeremiah 11. 18 - 20 James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a, Mark 9. 30 - 37  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

### 27th September Trinity 17

Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29 James 5.13 - 20, Mark 9. 38 - 50  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Praise  
 Throwley 10 am Harvest Festival

### 4th October Trinity 18

Genesis 2.18-24, Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12, Mark 10. 2 - 16  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield 3 pm Harvest Festival

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

Rector Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)  
 The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
 4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
 Weald Cottage, Eastling

#### Churchwardens

Eastling Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)  
 Assistant Warden Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Parish Administrator Janet Payne (01795 890487)  
 E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden Jean West (01233 712270)

Parish Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
 E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

Throwley Glynn Howland (01795 890094)  
 Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)

### Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Monthly study group,  
 no meeting in August or September  
**Tuesdays:** Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm,  
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338  
**Thursdays:** Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm,  
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338  
**Fridays:** Weekly study group on Summer break.  
*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*

### Balaam's Donkey

A prophet called Balaam one day  
 Took his donkey away from its hay.  
 When Balaam said "Go!"  
 The donkey said "No!"  
 "There's an Angel of God in the way!"

by Nigel Beeton  
 Read the story in Numbers Ch 22

## Confirmation Preparation

May of us were baptized as infants with the expectation that we would at a later time, when of "discerning years", be presented to the Bishop and our church community to confirm as our own the vows to Christian life made on our behalf at our infant Baptism.

A date for a Spring Deanery Confirmation service has not yet been set but is in the planning. With this in mind, it would be worthwhile to begin a young peoples confirmation

preparation programme this fall.

If there are adults who would like to be confirmed or would like to review and renew their Christian commitment, we could also have a preparation programme for that as well.

Please email eastlingchurch@gmail.com with your name, email address, phone number, and age (if you are a young person) or call the Rectory, 01795 890 487, and leave the information.

## The Purpose Driven Life

I have six copies of the Rick Warren book, The Purpose Driven life. In Canada I was part of a group of men who meet weekly for lunch and read a chapter a week and discussed it. I would be open to doing this here if there is interest. Please contact Canon Lawton at donaldjlawton@gmail.com.

## Stalisfield High Life

### Stalisfield Ladies' Lunch

Thirty of Stalisfield's finest gathered in the village hall and assembled a feast for the Ladies' Potluck Lunch, hosted by Cat and Tracy. After a sparkling greeting the company concentrated on lively conversation followed by a serious attempt to ensure that the efforts in preparation of the banquet had not been in vain. Good fortune provided a warm, sunny day enabling tables to be erected on the outside rear decking where clear views over golden fields provided the backdrop. There appeared to be enough topics of conversation to avoid any awkward silences and the atmosphere could be described as animatedly decorous. Time slipped easily by. Subsequent emails expressing appreciation confirmed that the event was a success with many calls for a repeat.

### Stalisfield Pond Life

Inclement weather slightly delayed the start of the Stalisfield Annual Frog Races but rumours that the frogs were reluctant to relinquish the rain were quickly dispelled. The Clerk to the Course opened the meeting with an explanation of the system and the jockeys donned their racing colours ready for "the off". Excitement built as the froggy steeds proceeded along the course with occasional spills on the way as jockeys became overconfident and lost their rhythm. Animated commentary made sure that spectators missed none of the action. Once the first nose had crossed the finishing line the lucky punters besieged the losing bookie for their reward. The delivery of supper at half time allowed pulse rates to fleetingly subside, in preparation for the following races which included two events for children and the final race "ridden" by the winning jockeys which confirmed Andy McCarron as the Champion of Champions and revealed hidden natural talents in the Poole

### Autumn Quiz

A date for your calendar:  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.  
 At 7.30 in the hall, usual arrangements.

Tables of six maximum  
 Contact: Ian on 01795 890475  
 A fuller notice will appear in the October issue.

### Stalisfield Village Hall Stop Press

Thanks to the efforts of a curtain person in wresting quotes and timetables from apparently reluctant vendors, the Village Hall windows are fitted with curtains and they are splendid.



## Harvest Supper

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm

It is time again to remind ourselves that a mouse is that pesky little critter trying to steal from the grain store so recently filled by our farmers. At this time of the year we take a pause from the computer to spare a thought for the industry which keeps our larder shelves filled, whatever the weather and despite market vagaries.

Come and join us in the Stalisfield Village Hall in our annual celebration of the harvest among friends and neighbours. Convivial company, good food and harvest music are guaranteed. The bar will serve modestly priced drinks. Tickets are priced at the inflation proofed price of £6, children half price. Make sure of your place by telephoning Shirley on (01795) 890167, recording a message if necessary. If you have special dietary needs please check with Shirley for options.

This year in order to facilitate ticket distribution, two "box office" sessions will be held between 11 and 12am on the Saturdays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September in the village hall, when payment can be made and tickets collected. We hope that this alternative will ease the traditional payment and collection arrangements which of course will still be available for those unable to attend.

The meal is prepared by volunteer cooks and if you are able to join their band in preparing part of the simple menu Shirley will be delighted to hear from you. Disposable cooking containers are provided.

### Sewing classes come to Stalisfield

Relaxed and Friendly environment. Small class sizes.  
 Bring your own machine and develop confidence in sewing.  
 No machine? No problem! Use one of ours - please specify on booking.

All classes include all materials  
 Have fun, learn new skills and tricks of the trade  
 Take home a project to be proud of!

Tea and cake provided

- Get to know your machine; Make an apron to keep. 5th September OR 17th September. 1-4pm. £30
- Make luxury Christmas Bunting, large choice of colours/styles 22nd October. 1-4pm. £30
- Make a padded, luxury advent calendar 2 week course. £65. 12th AND 19th November
- Make a traditional, monogrammed Christmas Stocking Tue 1st December, 7.30-10.30pm. £35

Each new class is designed to teach something new and build on your skillbase

Book Now! Limited spaces available

Sew Clever

Call Su 01795890334

e-mail sewclever.info@yahoo.co.uk or find us at facebook.com/sewclever

The outstanding support of the village made all the effort well worthwhile.

## Painter's Forstal with Selling WI

meet again on Tuesday 15th September, at 2pm - 4pm. We will be having a talk on Nato HQ Brussels. If you are interested in joining our WI please contact our secretary by email : gilliansmith272@hotmail.com or call Pat on 01795 539629. We are a small but friendly group, and meet in Champion Hall, at Painter's Forstal. ME13 0DU.

## Craft Club

The next craft club will be on 9th September when we will be holding an Art Session in the Champion Hall at 11.15am, finish at 1.15pm. Tea, coffee and homemade cake are included for the cost of £5.



## Short Mat Bowls

New members are welcome to come along and try bowling for an evening. No experience needed, just come to Eastling village hall on Fridays, either 2.30 - 4.30pm or 7.30 - 9.30pm, and bring some flat-soled shoes.

The Eastling Cherries will have its first game of the new season away against Ash, on 9th October, then at home on 13th October. The home and away matches continue through the winter months, with the last away game against Aylesham on 1st March 2016 and then the final home match of the season on 8th March. You can read the reports here right through the season.

At the recent Swale Short Mat A.G.M. three officers stood down; Cliff Curtis, after many years as Chairmen, and Ray Anns, I think both were founder members of the Swale League, also Jim Prime. Their places have been filled by Peter Richards, Jan Davey, and Andrew Creed committee member. We wish them all the best for if they had not taken over I think the branch would have folded. Contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162.

## THROWLEY WALKERS

Fortnightly Wednesday 4+ mile walks start at 10:30am and about 2 hours.



### 9th September

From Perry Wood to Hogben's Hill and back past Shepherds Hill; finishing with a gradual climb to see the panoramic views from The Mount. Meet in the unmarked public car park uphill from and adjacent to The Rose & Crown, ME13 9RY. (NOT the tarmac pub car park downhill from, and the other side of, the pub).

### 23rd September

Gently undulating walk from opposite The Alma, Painter's Forstal, ME13 0DU, to Ospringe and back via Whitehill and Plumford 01795 892037; 07948 038993 annhutt@hotmail.co.uk



## Eastling Gardeners' Club

Meets on 15th October at 7.30 p.m. in Eastling Village Hall for a talk on 'The Vegetable Garden' by G.J. Francis

Followed by drinks and nibbles  
Free to members, non-members £3

## And the congregation replied...

Down in the southern United States, there are many churches known as 'answer back' churches. When the preacher says something, the congregation naturally replies.

One Sunday, a preacher was speaking on what it would take for the church to become better. He said: "If this church is to become better, it must take up its bed and walk." The congregation intoned "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk." Encouraged by their response, he went further. "If this church is going to become better, it will have to throw aside its hindrances and run!" The congregation chanted: "Let it run, Preacher, let it run!" Now really into his message, he declared: "If this church really wants to become great, it will have to take up its wings and fly!" "Let it fly, Preacher, let it fly!" the congregation shouted.

The preacher then bellowed: "If this church is going to fly, it will cost money!" Whereupon the congregation murmured softly: "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."



## BRIDGE LUNCH

at  
Stalisfield Village Hall  
on  
Thursday 15th October 2015  
from  
12.00 - 4.00 pm

in aid of St. Mary's Church, Stalisfield  
Ticket price: £12.50 per person (to include light Lunch & glass of wine)

Tickets from: Jean West 01233 712270  
Sheila Moger 01233 713212

## Caring/Sharing.

It seems a useful idea to start to make provisional plans for our mutual support into our next decade, if we wish to be able to live independently in Eastling. I have started to compile a resource list of groups and organisations who have done mutual support ranging from sharing carers to running village shops, pubs and even shared housing. It seems unlikely we will ever want the shop, pub or housing but it would be beneficial to know the models being operated by other rural communities.

If you spot an article or web site dealing with such matters please tell me and I will add it to the resource list. I am on 01795 890401 or julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk .  
Regards to you all  
Julia.

## Thank you

to all the kind friends who have sent messages cards and flowers and prayers of support during my recent stroke. It has been much appreciate.  
Thank you and God bless you,  
Angela

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Alan Willson  
on 01795 890848



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings. The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.

## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Our last meeting was a Craft and Cookery evening. Our own resident Fudge Expert Mrs Cynthia Foulger showed us how to make fudge and, whilst it was cooking, Mrs Lesley Reynolds and Mrs Carol Morris showed us how to make pretty card boxes to put the fudge into. A lovely evening was had by all. Our September meeting on Wednesday 2nd September, is a return visit from our local Morris Dancers, as we all enjoyed their last visit.

On Friday 18th September we are having a Wine & Wisdom Evening, costing £10 per person, with wine, juice, and a Ploughman's Supper included in the cost. at Stalisfield Village Hall.

Anyone wishing to join our group please contact Stephanie Culver 01795 890748 or Lesley Andrews 01795 890581.



## September 2015



1st Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
2nd Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
2nd ZUMBA Classes resume	7pm	Eastling Village Hall
2nd Otterden & S'field W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
3rd Fitness Pilates classes resume	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
3rd Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
5/6th Chilli Fiesta	10am-5pm	Leaveland Church
9th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
9th Throwley walkers	10.30am	Perry Wood
13th Country Fair	10am	Belmont Gardens
13th LifeStyle	10am	Eastling Church
13th Harvest Festival	3pm	Otterden Chapel
15th Deadline for October Good News		See below
15th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
15th Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	Champion Hall
17th Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
18th Wine and Wisdom	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
23rd Throwley walkers	10.30am	The Alma
29th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
29th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
OCTOBER 2nd Harvest Auction	8pm	Carpenters Arms
3rd Harvest Supper	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
4th Tea and Cakes	2pm	Pinks Farm, Eastling

## FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the October 2015 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th September 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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Belmont House and Gardens



## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

### BLOOMS AT BELMONT

Wednesday 9th September, 11.00am - 2.30pm

A follow-up to last year's successful event - this time with a twiggy twist. The session will begin with a demonstration using flowers which have been freshly picked from the Gardens. You can then enjoy a tour with our Head Gardener, Graeme, when you will have to opportunity to cut your own flowers. Lunch will be provided during the session.

Please call 01795 890228 or email: events@belmont-house.org for more information or to make a booking.

### COUNTRY FAIR

Sunday 13th September, 10.00am - 5.00pm

The Country Fair is a great family day out with a special unique atmosphere and a wide variety of activities for everyone interested in country life. Some of our displays this year will include 'The Galloping Acrobatics', 'Xtreme Falconry' display, ferret racing, terrier racing, fun dog show and, of course, great shopping and fine foods. Please note that the house will be closed.

£7.00 per person, children under 12 free! Dogs allowed on lead only.

### WOOD FEST

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th October, 10.00am - 5.00pm

The Belmont Wood Fest is a new event for 2015. This is a two day event for all the family, celebrating all aspects of our woodland. A variety of exhibitors from the wonderful world of wood will be demonstrating their traditional skills and craftsmanship. We have horse logging demonstrations and a falconry display.

There will be a variety of live music, local food and craft stalls.

Adults £10.00, Children under 12 are free! Dogs allowed on lead only.

If you would like a stall at this event please email: events@belmont-house.org

**Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH**  
[www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org)

## HELP WANTED WITH HORSES

Weekdays - afternoons and some mornings in term time - would suit 'school run' mother. No experience needed. Eastling area. Phone 01795 890737



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