

Eastling School News

It is a delight to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of Eastling Primary School. I am a married mother of three children who are at secondary school and beyond. Therefore I have first-hand experience of being a primary school parent. This enables me to appreciate the pressures, challenges and great pleasures of bringing up children.

Working closely with parents/carers and the wider community of Eastling is important to me. Together we can aim to improve the educational outcomes for all children in our care. This affords them the best possible choices for their future.

I have held various positions in education over 19 years. It is my privilege to become Head Teacher at Eastling Primary School. The warm, welcoming family atmosphere that permeates through this thriving village school, was apparent on my first visit.

My priority is to ensure that we maximise the life chances of all our pupils. The provision of a rich and exciting curriculum is the responsibility of us all. It is important that children are energised about their education. This school has happy, enthusiastic children, hardworking staff, a supportive community of parents/carers and a committed governing body.

I would appreciate the support of the whole community, as we further improve our school. My aim is for us to provide the best education.

Melanie Dale

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Saturday 9th September

10am - 6pm

No entry fee - all ages welcome.
£2.5 million raised in Kent so far.

Churches are open all over Kent. There are sure to be some in your area which you will be very welcome to visit. Plan your own route to start and finish any time between 10am and 6pm.

Go to friendsofkentchurches.co.uk for a list of churches open and entry forms.



Help feed local people in crisis
faversham.foodbank.org.uk

Thank you

Thank you to all those who kept the contributions coming through the summer holidays. It was gratifying to pop into church at different times and see that more food had arrived. Your regular contributions are much appreciated.

Food list for September

Urgent items: tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; UHT milk; packet soups; long life fruit juice; dog food

Also needed: chocolate bars as a treat




Mouse Makes

Can you find these harvest words in the hay bales?

HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED
SEEDS • SOW • LAND
PLOUGH • SCATTER
SOIL • GROW
CROPS • REAP

May all the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!
The land has produced its harvest,
God, our God has blessed us.
God has blessed us, may all people
everywhere honour him.
Psalm 67:5-7

WHEAT SW P I C K C
A P P L E R A I N R O K
U R G P P T P E A R S
T O R L B L E Y S S E D U
U B O U R O S E P O G
M O W M O U S E R T A
N U T S S G R A P E S R
O G O D E H S C R O P S

WATER • RAIN • SUN
AUTUMN • GATHER
PICK • REAP • BALE
TRACTOR • BARN • CART
HAYSTACK • FOOD
MOUSE • BREAD • LOAF
GRAIN • CORN
WHEAT • OATS
RYE • BARLEY

OLIVES • GRAPES • PIPS
PEARS • PLUMS • APPLE
BERRIES • NUTS • VINE
FIGS • BEANS • PEAS
POTATOES • FLOUR
ONIONS
PARSNIPS
RICE • SUGAR

B A L E B E R R I E S
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S C A T T E R E R E A P R A
U A T L O A F S O W A N
N O A T S D V I R I D
T H A N K S G I V I N G
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High Downs Parish

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Stalisfield and Throwley

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Otterden Picnic

is to be held at Otterden Cricket club on
Sunday 3rd September, at 1 pm.
All welcome, please bring your own eats
and drinks etc.

Contact Julie Murray 01795 890700

Harvest Festivals in our Churches

Otterden Chapel
Sunday 10th September,
3pm

Throwley Church
Sunday 24th September,
11am

Eastling Church
Sunday 1st October, 10am

Stalisfield Church
Sunday 1st October, 3pm



STALISFIELD

HARVEST SUPPER

in the Village Hall

**SATURDAY
30th SEPTEMBER
7.30pm**

The usual fare of Shepherd's
Pie and Fruit Crumble will be
available with traditional
entertainment.

£6 for Adults and £4 for children.

If you would like tickets, please contact Tracy on
0771 736 7936 / tracy@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk



EASTLING THE HARVEST AUCTION IS BACK!

To be held at The Carpenters Arms on
Thursday 28th September from 7.30pm.

Our chief auctioneer is Paul Adams assisted by his
'runner' Alan Willson.

All perishable gifts on the day please, anything else
call Alan on 890848, or the Carps on 890234, to
arrange delivery.

Proceeds as usual will be split between
Seniors' Christmas Lunch and charity:
of Marc and Carl's choosing.

So dig out all your unwanted treasure
(and your wallets!) and join us for
this entertaining evening.



COME & JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 12.30 PM

THROWLEY HARVEST LUNCH AT TOWN PLACE BARN

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WITH EITHER: DENI SAWARD THROWLEYCHURCHWARDEN@MAIL.COM
OR: ALISON YOUNG TIMYOUNG@VFAST.CO.UK 01795 890213

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE IS AT 11AM THROWLEY CHURCH
OVER LUNCH THERE WILL BE THE FIRST DRAW OF THE 100 CLUB

Enter all the angels, led by Michael

Saints' Days - St Michael and All Angels celebrated on 29th September

What is an angel? Easy, people think: a shining figure with glorious wings, who appears from time to time to do some mighty work for God or bring a very special message from him.

Well, that's right in one sense (apart from the wings, which owe more to stained glass windows than the Bible). But the fact that not all 'angels' in the Bible are 'glorious' or 'shining' should make us hesitate to categorise them in this spectacular way. After all, the three apparently ordinary men who visited Abraham and Sarah to tell them that she would have a son even though she was long past child-bearing age had none of those outward embellishments. Nevertheless, Abraham recognised them as divine messengers.

The Bible is full of angels, from the early chapters of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation, and often they had a key role in crucial events. It seems, from just two

instances, that Michael was their leader, an 'archangel'. In many stained glass windows he's seen with a sword, because in a vision in Revelation he led the angelic host who fought and defeated Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the Temple, to tell him that his elderly wife was to have a son, the forerunner of the Messiah, John the Baptist. An angel - Gabriel - appeared to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. An angel appeared 'in a dream' to Joseph, the village carpenter in Nazareth, to tell him to go ahead and marry his fiancée, Mary, and later - also in a dream - warned him not to go back to Bethlehem. A 'young man', whom we take to have been an angel, was sitting in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5).

Without going into every biblical reference to angels, those should be sufficient to show that the word covers an enormous diversity of experience. So the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of those who practice hospitality as sometimes 'entertaining angels unawares'. Sometimes people recognised angels for who they were, and sometimes they didn't. Angels, quite simply, are God's agents or emissaries, messengers and ministers of His will. Sometimes they are human; sometimes they seem to be spiritual beings.

Perhaps we could even say that *anyone*, in any situation, who is at that moment God's 'messenger' to us, or serves us graciously, is an 'angel'. So, when we say, 'Oh, be an angel and pop up to the chemist for my prescription', we may be nearer the heart of the matter than we think!

Eastling Church Flower Rota

September 2017

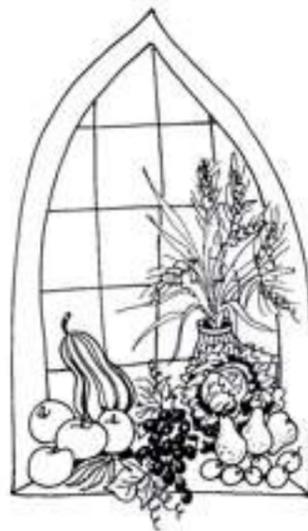
Sept 3rd - Bay Lees
10th - Tish Neaves
17th & 24th - Di Kemp
1st October - Harvest all hands from 10am on 30th September



Fireworks to celebrate

Mary's and Simon's wedding on 2nd September 2017

Following approval from Belmont Estate, the footpath between Eastling Rd and Eastling Church will be closed on Saturday 2nd September from approx 5.30pm - 10.00pm to allow a firework display to be set up and cleared away. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The area outside the Carpenter's Arms would provide an excellent viewing point of the display, which will be at approx 9.00pm and we hope that as many people will enjoy them as possible.
John and Bay Lees



Lord of the harvest, we thank you for all who have worked on land and sea to provide our daily food.

We remember our farmers and fishermen and those in other parts of the world who have planted the seed and tended the crops, and the fruit of whose labours we enjoy.

Grant that they may receive justice, a fair return for their labour and hope for the future with a stable climate.

We pray too for those who package and deliver our food, for shopkeepers and restaurateurs, for those concerned with the nation's health and for ourselves, that we may shop wisely and with thought for others.

We ask this in the name of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Churchfields, Eastling

As many villagers are aware, Churchfields obtained a stewardship scheme award to grant public access to the land. It was to allow the enjoyment of an old cherry orchard and vegetable plot. This scheme has now ended country wide. Therefore please note there is no longer public access to our land, which is now under a new tenancy as an equine centre. Obviously those having allotments at Churchfields are welcome as are those with express permission to visit. The public footpath running from east to west across Churchfields is, of course, open to all.

Julia and Graham Bailey.



September 29 Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

In the Bible, angels are messengers from God. The word 'angel' comes from the Greek word for a messenger and it appears hundreds of times in the Bible. But the only angels whose names we know are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael who are archangels, captains among the angels. Each of these three has a different task: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

In the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil and in the Old Testament he is in the book of Daniel, defending Israel against its enemies.



Gabriel is best known for his appearing to a young Jewish girl named Mary to tell her that she will give birth to Jesus.

Raphael is in the Old Testament story of Tobit where he guides Tobit's son Tobiah.

Eastling Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 28th September in the Village Hall.

All residents are welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk Needed

Throwley Parish Council needs a new clerk. We have 6 meetings a year (usually on a Monday evening) and the post includes, taking the minutes of the meetings, keeping the accounts (very few items!), making payments from the council bank account, and email contact with Swale Borough Council and KCC. In return we provide an honorarium of £750 annually. Duties are not onerous and council members are happy to assist with any initial queries or problems.

Please contact Frances Wilson on 07976 915550 or Roger Clarke on 01795 890332

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Village Warden 07794 010 394
or 01795 890848
Police 101 Emergency 999

After a slight hitch last month now back to normal.

It is the time of year when the pheasants and partridges have been let out of their pens and are enjoying the freedom of the countryside. It is also the time when we come together with the countryside and keep to the footpaths and bridle paths with our dogs on leads. This is more important towards the east of the village, from echo valley and down towards Hockey Farm. The gamekeeper has enough problems with the nasties that come in the area with their air rifles and catapults, so if we can cooperate it would be most helpful.

There was a recent burglary at Stalisfield in which jewelry items were stolen. It is very rare for criminals to walk to our villages to commit crime so please be alert for any strange vehicles or persons touring the area and let me know details, it does not matter if it is a false alarm as it is better to be safe than sorry.

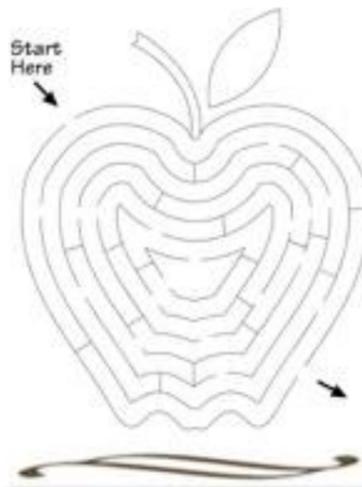
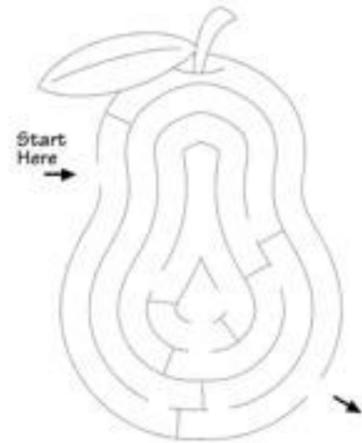
The scams etc do not go away, so be alert and do not give any of your personal details away unless you are absolutely sure to whom you are giving them. When drawing money from a cash machine always hide your pin details and if that's not possible walk away, as the person behind may be taking note and endeavour to steal your bank card at a later time.

Finally, no doubt we would like to thank Ben and his team of merry men for bringing in the crops and the professional way their vehicles have been driven on our roads.

Have a good month and take care, Alan

HARVEST PUZZLE

Can you find your way through these 2 fruit mazes?



What kind of nuts sneeze the most?
Cashews.

What's a vampire's favourite fruit?
Nectarine.

Services in our Churches

High Downs Parish

3rd September Trinity 12

Romans 12.9-end, Matthew 16.21 - end
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Led by Reader - Norman Fowler

10th September Trinity 13

Romans 13.8-14, Matthew 18.20
 Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in the Village Hall
Led by Murray Wilkinson
 Otterden 3 pm Harvest Festival
Led by Reader - Norman Fowler

17th September Trinity 14

Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18. 21-35
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Celebrant - Revd Canon Reg Humphriss

24th September Trinity 15

Philippians 1. 21-30, Matthew 20.1-16
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Celebrant - Revd Caroline Pinchbeck
 Throwley 11 am Harvest/ Patronal Festival
Led by Revd. Thomas Collett-White

1st October Trinity 16

Philippians 2. 1-13, Matthew 21.23-32
 Eastling 10 am Harvest Festival
Led by Reader - Norman Fowler
 Stalisfield 3 pm Harvest Festival
Led by Rev'd Caroline Pinchbeck

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

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 4 Measons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)
 Weald Cottage, Eastling

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From the Registers

Baptism

Ophelia Rose Vant and
 Beatrice Eliza Vant
 20th August 2017 at Stalisfield

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 12th & 26th
 September at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm, Beech Close,
 Faversham Info:01795 890338

Thursdays: Weekly prayer group, 10.30am, Pinks Farm
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Weekly study group, 10.45am, New House Farm,
 Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Then I Prayed

When I walked across this field
 Where corn once grew,
 And breathed the mingled odours
 Of the grasses new;
 As I stood to harken
 At the rooks that played;
 I closed my eyes just then
 and prayed.

When rain did mercilessly fall
 And winds raged ardent in their call,
 When grey clouds raggedly displayed
 Themselves onto the sky
 I prayed.

But when the sunlight came
 onto the stubble ground,
 And wind recaptured
 Made no sound;
 When the tearful rain did cease
 And dull cloud fade;
 I thought a while on all these things,
 And then I prayed.

Audrey Keen



PLUCKLEY QUILT & CRAFT SHOW 2017

Pluckley Village Hall (TN27 0QZ)

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September.

Doors open at 10.30am each day and entrance is £5
 to include tea/coffee and cake.

There will be a showcase by Inger Milburn,
 several trade stalls and some quilts for sale. There will
 be an auction of unsold "for sale" quilts at 4.00pm
 on Sunday.

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Common Ground
 Sundays 2017

3rd September Common Ground
 1st October Harvesting
 5th November Remembering
 3rd December God-with-us



all welcome
 bring family and friends
 uniting Christians
 of all churches and none

Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.

Warmlake Dance Academy from Sutton Valence visited us on 2nd August for a Tea Dance. We were treated to explanations of the type of dances the Academy can instruct upon and then given demonstrations of some basic foot work for us to absorb and put into action later on. Our Member Jan Beckenham and her husband Martin, not only organised this event, but also demonstrated and laid out tables with home baked cakes for our break. We all then had the chance to put the basic foot steps into practice with various levels of success!

Our next Meeting is Wednesday 6th September when we have Guest Speaker Nigel Wood, an artist, who will take us through producing our own Gift Cards. Nigel came to speak for us last year and was interesting and very well received.

Moving on to our October Meeting on Wednesday 4th, we are holding a 'Puddings Evening'. Each Member will bring along their favourite pudding for everyone to try and take home samples. Guests are always welcome to every Meeting, but you may like to come along to try some W.I. home made Puddings for a small cost of £2.

Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. meet at Stalisfield Village Hall the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. We are a very friendly group so if you wish to join us contact our Secretary Lesley Andrew on 01795 890581 or our President Stephanie Culver on 01795 890748.



If you're retired or semi-retired, you may have more time to indulge yourself - learn something new, develop an interest you already have, or make new friends. When you join Faversham & District U3A any or all of these are possible! With more than thirty different interest groups, theatre trips, days out, a variety of speakers at monthly meetings, sociable coffee mornings - you're sure to find plenty to suit you. We meet at 1.15pm on the third Wednesday of every month at the West Faversham Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road, Faversham where you are welcome to attend one meeting as a "taster" and pick up a membership form. Checkout the website u3asites.org.uk/faversham for full details and contact information - looking forward to seeing you!

Stalisfield High Life

Barn Dance

The inaugural barn dance was held at Stalisfield Village Hall on 22nd July, over 100 people enjoyed the English / American event, combination of traditional English dancing but with a bucking bronco to satisfy the more athletic! Burgers, hot dogs and assorted other BBQ delights kept the energy levels up all night, with thirst being quenched by traditional ales, wines and soft drinks - all at very competitive prices.

Thanks are given to the Plough for the very kind donation of a barrel of ale to get the evening started and a local business sponsored the bucking bronco so, as well as a fantastic night had by all, funds were raised for the continued maintenance of the hall. Another event is planned for next year so keep checking the website to ensure you get your tickets early as no doubt it will be a sell-out event!



Table Tennis

in Stalisfield village hall every Tuesday, 7-9pm.

Come and join us.

Contact Tracey Smith, email: traceysmith210@btinternet.com

Autumn Quiz

A date for your calendar:
Friday 13th October,
7.30pm in Stalisfield hall,
usual arrangements.

Contact: Ian on 01795 890475
ianmckay1@btinternet.com

A fuller notice will appear in
the October Good News.

Faversham Food Festival

www.favershamfoodfestival.co.uk

Friday 15th - Sunday 17th September

The various events in Faversham begin at 9am on 15th with the landing of freshly caught fish from the 'Louise' at town quay on Conduit Street, between TS Hazard and the swing bridge. Friday Night is Fish Night from 6.30pm with a fish supper down on the quayside - plenty of food, drinks and live music from 7.30pm.

Saturday morning sees the traditional Saturday Charter Market supplemented with Best of Faversham traders and guest food stalls as well as talks tastings and demonstrations at the Guildhall. Seek out the Abbey Physic Garden beyond the church for an afternoon of live jazz and a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

A busy Sunday includes the Medieval Fayre Food and Craft under the Guildhall, Faversham Oysters, Ale trail and Sausage trail, Punch and Judy, Childrens' Fancy Dress competition, Childrens' cookery and so much more.

This year's official charity is the Faversham Foodbank. All donations of money are greatly appreciated and there will be collecting tins around the town throughout the weekend.

September



2017

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Mondays	Zumba	9.30am	Stalisfield Village Hall
Tuesdays	Table Tennis	7 - 9pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Alternate Wednesdays	Eastling Walkers	10.30am	Call 01795 892194
Thursdays	Fitness Pilates	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
Thursdays	Zumba	6.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Fridays	Short Mat Bowls	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Eastling Hall

SEPTEMBER

3rd Otterden Picnic	1pm	Otterden Cricket Ground
6th Ott/den & S/field W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
9th/10th Woodfest & Country Fair	10am-5pm	Belmont Park
10th Harvest Festival	3pm	Otterden Chapel
15th Deadline for October Good News		Details see below
19th Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	A Member's Garden
24th Harvest/Patronal Festival	11am	Throwley Church
24th Harvest Lunch	12.30pm	Town Place Barn
26th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm, Eastling
28th Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
28th Harvest Auction	7.30pm	Carpenters Arms
30th Harvest Supper	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall

OCTOBER

1st Harvest Festival	10am	Eastling Church
1st Harvest Festival	3pm	Stalisfield Church
13th Autumn Quiz	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall

CONTACT THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the October 2017 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 & GARDENS

WOODFEST & COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September, 10am - 5pm

After a successful event last year, we are very excited about the Woodfest and Country Fair this year!

During your visit to the Woodland Area, you will be able to meet our stunning working horses and see saw milling equipment in action. There will also be a variety of traditional woodland crafts and demonstrations taking place including basket making, bow making, willow weaving, roof shingle making, mushroom carving, sweet chestnut hurdle making and more!

In the arena, this year, we have Xtreme Falconry, speed carving, terrier racing, dog and duck display and ferret racing.

The fun dog show will be on Sunday Only.

Adults £10, Concessions £8 and Children under 16 free.
For more information please visit our website.

AUTUMN FORAGE

Tuesday 10th October, 10am - 4pm

Join us on this fascinating day, for a journey to unearth the delights of Mother Nature's larder and store cupboard. £40.00pp including lunch. Spaces are limited, to book please call 01795 890228 or email events@belmont-house.org

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH

Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on Thursday, 12th October in Eastling Village Hall for a talk by Sue Scrivens 'Something for every month of the year' The talk will be followed by wine and nibbles. Free to members, non-members pay £4



The Plough Inn, Stalisfield; a family run, independent, award winning pub & restaurant offering an extensive menu of restaurant quality food and pub snacks as well as a large range of unique & locally produced drinks.

Dates for your diary

Throughout September, in Harvest Festival Style, we'd like to ask people to donate a tin or two during their visits in September, which we will pass on to the Salvation Army at the end of the month (can we fill the whole fireplace?).

October 13th - Hullabaloo playing live from 8.30pm

October 31st - Halloween back at the pub after the village trick or treating run.

Bonfire night will be in true tradition at The Plough, bring a 'guy' to sit by the fire with!

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