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The Newsletter for  
The Benefice of  
East Malling,  
Wateringbury & Teston

# Beneficial News

50th Edition!!!!

What a wonderful achievement, can you believe it? It works out to be just over 8 years of producing Beneficial News and it has proved to be so invaluable for the smooth running of our Benefice. I must say that, whilst so many folk contribute by way of articles and information etc, Janet Saunders has almost single handedly been involved in it's production. In that time Janet has maintained it's standard and usefulness and has never missed a deadline! We are all so grateful to her for this. Thank you so much Janet.

Our 50th Edition is, as usual, packed with important and interesting information especially regarding our Lent and Easter arrangements. Please do take careful note of it all. As we travel through Lent together can I encourage you to consider joining us for our Lenten Study Groups (please see posters for information). I do take these activities very seriously and feel that it is important for your own faith journey's to do the same. Don't worry about your level of experience or knowledge, just pop along and we can learn to gether.

I have referred to the smooth running of our Benefice already and wish to invite you all to reflect on the role that you play in the life of the church. Please accept our invitation to attend our APCMs and consider ways in which you might be able to support the work of our Mission. With that in mind, I must thank all those who have worked so hard at Wateringbury in launching The Friends of Wateringbury. It was a splendid launch with guests including the Bishop and the Mayor. We look forward to receiving their support for the future.

Have a happy and holy Easter.

Revd Jim Brown

For Baptisms, Weddings and other arrangements with the Vicar please attend  
**Parish Office at The Vicarage on Wednesdays 6.30pm-7.15pm**

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## Summer Lectures

### "Film Night 2011"

We shall be viewing a number of very different films but all based on our faith as Christians, enabling us to reflect on the many ways in which we can serve, including laughter and pain!

This programme is subject to change:

#### 23rd June "The White African"

An amazing account of the life of a White African farmer, Ben Freeth, in Zimbabwe. *(Please don't miss it)*

#### 7th July "Joshua"

One to reflect upon. Who does his life remind you of?

#### 21st July "Heaven's Above"

This stars Peter Sellers so we will finish with some real laughter and fun but there is a serious side too!

**All at East Malling at the new time of 7.30pm**

### Services of healing & Wholeness

Tuesday 5th April at 8pm at Teston  
Tuesday 3rd May at 8pm at Wateringbury



### Who's who in the Benefice?

(Details of Wardens and Ministers for your quick reference)

Hon Asst Priest	Canon Derek Carpenter	01732 874420
Hon Asst Priest	Revd Alan Searle	01622 814443
Hon Asst Curate	Revd Pam Rink	01732 840061
Administrator	Janet Saunders	01732 845816

#### East Malling

Churchwarden and Reader	Alan Bramley	01732 846800
Churchwarden	David Chambers	01732 842582
Parish Children's Rep.	Sara Dove	01732 844619

#### Teston

Churchwarden	Ros Hutchins	01622 720931
Churchwarden and Reader	Dawn Page	01622 812691
Parish Children's Rep.	Gill Taylor	01622 812769

#### Wateringbury

Churchwarden	Patricia Berry	01622 814776
Churchwarden	Eddie Scarlin	01622 812148
Reader	Alastair Byron	01622 812023
Reader	Barry Fisher	01622 813206
Pastoral Assistant	Edna Craig	01622 812922
Evangelist	Lisa Glasscote	01622 812661
Evangelist	Pauline Welch	01622 814673
Parish Children's Rep.	Debbie Bond	01622 814793

## Holy Week & Easter



### PALM SUNDAY

6pm St James the Great, East Malling  
A Lenten Cantata - Music by GF Handel



### MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

#### 'No Ordinary Man' a series of illustrated meditations

There will be a different presentation each evening at 8pm  
Monday at St Peter & St Paul, Teston  
Tuesday at St James the Great, East Malling  
Wednesday at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

8pm St James the Great, East Malling  
Holy Communion followed by  
Feet Washing and Vigil 'til midnight

### GOOD FRIDAY

2pm Good Friday Devotions - Wateringbury  
2pm Solemn Liturgy - East Malling  
8pm At the Foot of the Cross - Teston



### EASTER SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion - East Malling  
9.45am Sung Eucharist - East Malling  
10am Eucharist - Wateringbury  
6.30pm Eucharist - Teston

### Good Friday & Easter Saturday Projects



For children from aged 5 to 11 (or younger if they are in Reception Class) at St James the Great Church, East Malling, Good Friday, 22nd April (9am-12 noon) & at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury, Easter Saturday, 23rd April (9.30am-12.30pm). These are activity mornings all based around Easter, helping to decorate the church and making things to take home.

There are services of **Holy Communion** at St John the Baptist at 7.30pm on Tuesdays (except for the first Tuesday each month when there is a service of Healing & Wholeness at one of the churches in the Benefice) and at St James the Great, East Malling, at 9am on Thursdays. These services are for everyone in the Benefice. If you need a lift, please speak to a churchwarden. The Thursday morning service at East Malling will be at 12 noon during Lent, preceding the Lent Course.

## Services

### Sunday 3rd April - Fourth Sunday in Lent & Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion - Teston  
 9.45am Service for Mothering Sunday - East Malling  
 10am Service for Mothering Sunday - Wateringbury  
 3.30pm Service for Mothering Sunday - Teston

### Sunday 10th April - Fifth Sunday in Lent

8am Holy Communion - East Malling  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 9.45am Family Service - Teton  
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury  
 6.30pm Evensong - Teston



### Sunday 17th April - Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion - Wateringbury  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 9.45am Family Service - Teston  
 10am Family Service - Wateringbury  
 6pm Passion Service - East Malling

### Sunday 24th April - Easter Sunday

8am Holy Communion - East Malling  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury  
 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston



### Sunday 1st May - Second Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion - Teston  
 9.45am Family Service - East Malling  
 9.45am Family Service - Teston  
 10am Matins - Wateringbury

### Sunday 8th May - Third Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion - East Malling  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury  
 6.30pm Evensong - Teston

### Sunday 15th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion - Wateringbury  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 10am Family Service - Wateringbury  
 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston

### Sunday 22nd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion - East Malling  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury  
 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston



### Sunday 29th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

10am Benefice Eucharist - East Malling

## Bishop James visited the Deanery in March



Bishop James spent the Monday and Tuesday visiting the Deanery, meeting as many people as time would allow!



On the last evening, Pilsdon provided a feast fit for a King, when the Clergy and their husbands or wives were joined by Readers, Pastoral Assistants, Evangelists and Members of Synod. Father Jim, as Rural Dean, presented the Bishop with a painting of the barn at Pilsdon. Everyone from the Deanery was invited to the Service of Welcome at St Mary's West Malling.

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2011

Monday 4th April - St Peter & St Paul, Teston  
 Monday 11th April - St James the Great, East Malling  
 Tuesday 12th April - St John the Baptist, Wateringbury  
 All meetings are in your own church.

The APCM reports will be available before the APCMs - please read them! You will be able to download the electronic version from the websites - Teston's and East Malling's APCM reports will be on [stjames.eastmallings.net](http://stjames.eastmallings.net) and Wateringbury's will be on [www.wateringburychurch.org.uk](http://www.wateringburychurch.org.uk). If you require a hard copy please put your name on the list at the back of your church.

## Special Events

### Mothering Sunday Service - St. Peter & St Paul, Teston

Sunday 3rd April 3.30pm - Traditional Posies, Simnel Cake and Tea.

### East Malling Singers Concert

Saturday 9th April at 7.30pm. Schütz - The Seven Last Words of Christ  
 From the Cross, Allegri - Miserere plus other instrumental works.  
 Tickets £8, £6 (concessions) and children free. Tel 1622 750943.

### Grand Annual Plant Sale - St John the Baptist, Wateringbury

Saturday 30th April from 10am to 4pm. Superb quality nursery plants and home grown plant stall plus St Jophn's craft stall - books, children's toys and games, raffle, home made cakes, cream teas and refreshments.  
 Further information 01622 813032

### Celebration for a Royal Wedding - St Peter and St Paul, Teston

Sunday 1st May 9.45am in Church and following...  
 fun on the Green... bring and share picnic.

### Garden Safari - St Peter and St Paul, Teston

Sunday 29th May. Visit Village Gardens and enjoy a Cream Tea. From 2pm to 4.30pm. Ticket £5 (includes Cream Tea). Available on the day.

### Plant Sale - St Peter and St Paul Teston

Saturday 14th May from 10am to noon in Teston Village Hall

### Tea at Three - St Peter and St Paul, Teston

Tuesday 17th May - in the church

### Music for a Spring Evening - St John the Baptist, Wateringbury

Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm. Concert by Kent Chamber Choir conducted by Alan Vincent. Tenor soloist William Morgan, organist Geoffrey Lester. Tickets £10 (children/ full time students £5) to include programme and interval nibbles. Wine not included but available for a donation. Tickets from 01622 813032 and Wateringbury Post Office.

### Wine and Wisdom for Christian Aid - St Peter and St Paul, Teston

Details to follow

### Further dates for your diary - June & July

18th June - Teston Fete  
 25th & 26th June - Wateringbury Patronal Weekend  
 17th July - East Malling Singers Concert  
 23th July - St James Fair