



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

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Beneficial News

It was a wonderful Easter and I hope you valued it as much as I did. All services were, in the main, very well attended and it was a great time of outreach as well as celebrating our Lord's Day of Resurrection. The next great day in the life of the church will be Pentecost and I pray that this day too is as wonderful as we celebrate the birth of the Church.

There are a number of matters that I should like to draw your attention to. Our "Summer Lectures" are about to take place and for the first time we shall be holding a "Prayer Labyrinth" at Wateringbury (see the boxes opposite). We are about to leave for our annual pilgrimage/holiday to Guernsey and so please remember the group in your prayers. Please remember too our Holy Land Pilgrimage for 2012.

In January the Benefice will be 10 years old and throughout the year I aim to stage a number of events which will enable us to give thanks to God for such a wonderful 10 years. There is much to give thanks for! We have a number of thoughts and ideas at the moment and so "watch this space"!

As I write I cannot help but think of my colleague and friend, and one of our priests, Revd Alan Searle. His condition is rather unclear at the moment but whatever the diagnosis states it will obviously involve a period away from his ministry. We are obviously all concerned for his well-being and pray for him, Joy and all of the family. Alan brings many gifts to us through his valuable ministry and we look forward to his full recovery.

May I wish you all a most splendid summer and (once we've had some rain!) the sun will shine on you all.

God Bless. 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 7th June at 8pm at East Malling
Tuesday 5th July at 8pm at Teston



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	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

Women Bishops

The Church of England is entering a most important stage in its history as the Deaneries and the Dioceses are being asked for their views and to vote on the legislation which seeks to make provision for the consecration of Women as Bishops. Women were first ordained as Priests in 1994 and most see this next move as a natural progression.

The Deaneries will be debating the issue during the summer and the Diocesan Synod will vote in October. The issue is rather complex and has been through many hours of synodical debate and motions have been passed which should lead to a final vote in Synod by July 2012.

Our Deanery Synod will debate the issue in June and vote in September

Whilst the majority see this as an inevitable step, there is a minority who are against the proposal but understand that they may well see the day when their Bishop is a woman. They have been preserved an "Honoured Place" in the Church of England. This means that the opponents should be able to remain in the Church of England.

Our prayer should be that God's wishes are fulfilled for the church and that, I am sure, also means that we should remain united in Christ. Please remember all of this in your prayers.

Pentecost Prayer Labyrinth

Monday 13th – Friday 17th June



Many churches have begun to explore the use of labyrinths with prayer stations. This kind of prayer activity is proving helpful to people who feel they need a structure to their prayers. At the same time it gives freedom to people who wish for a less structured approach, as Labyrinth can take as little or as long as you like and are completed at your own pace; you are free to leave out any you may feel uncomfortable with, or spend longer in prayer at a prayer station that really challenges or moves you.

Please come and join us at St John the Baptist Church Wateringbury on any of the days between 12:30 and 2:30pm where we will have a prayer labyrinth set up, in celebration of Pentecost.

A warm welcome will await you.

Lisa Glasscote and Pauline Welch.
St John The Baptist Church, Evangelists.

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.

Services

Sunday 5th June - Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 12th June - Pentecost

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



Sunday 19th June - Trinity Sunday

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



Sunday 26th June - First Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 3rd July - Second Sunday after Trinity

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



Sunday 10th July - Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 17th July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 24th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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



Sunday 31st July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10am Benefice Eucharist - Wateringbury

Around the Parishes



The Good Friday Project (at East Malling - above left) and the Easter Project (at Wateringbury - above right) were as much fun for the helpers as for the children!



The Deanery Lady Day Festival, with all the banners, was held at St James, East Malling. Jocelyn Wright, Diocesan President, read the lesson.

On the Sunday after the Royal Wedding there were yet more celebrations in Teston when members of the congregation had the opportunity to renew their own marriage vows and then to enjoy a picnic on the village green, with the bonus of a piece of wedding cake!



Ros Hutchins, Eddie Scarlin, Archdeacon Clive, Fr Alan and Dawn Page at the Archdeacon's Visitation in May. Alan Bramley and David Chambers attended one of the other Visitations, so all five of our Churchwardens have been formally 'sworn in'.

Tea Time around the Parishes this summer

Every Sunday from 5th June to 11th September (except for 28th August) at St James the Great, East Malling. Teas will be served from 3pm to 5pm.



Every Tuesday in June, July and August, Cream Teas will be served at St Peter & St Paul, Teston from 2pm to 4pm. Visitors will also be able to view an exhibition relating to the Teston Connection with the Anti Slave Trade Movement.

Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August from 2 pm to 4 pm at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury. Cream Teas and Home Made Cakes.



Special Events

Open Church and Tea at Three, Teston

Open Church (with refreshments) Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm. Tea at Three on 21st June and 19th July.

Monday 6th June Flower Arranging Demonstration

7.45pm at St James the Great, East Malling. Demonstration by Mr Edward Asquith, organised by the Guild of Church Flower Arrangers. All welcome, entrance £2.50.

Saturday 18th June - St James Summer Fair

10am to 2pm in and around St James the Great East Malling. Many attractions including ploughman's lunches, cakes, tombola, books, craft stall Grand Raffle and much more!

Saturday 18th June - The Fete on the Green

2pm Traditional Fete with Stalls and Sideshows, Children's Races, Grand Raffle, Refreshments, Bar-B-Q, Books, Cakes, Bric-a-Brac and Tombola. On Teston Village Green. All proceeds to St. Peter and St. Paul, Teston

25th & 26th June - Wateringbury Patronal Weekend

10.30am - 5pm on the Saturday and 2pm - 5pm on the Sunday Floral Displays and an opportunity to dedicate a rose/flower in memory of a loved one. Vases and dedication cards will be provided. Refreshments. Cream Teas, Home Made Cakes. Also on the Sunday Broomcroft Garden, 143, Canon Lane, Wateringbury will be open from 2pm-4pm by kind permission of Caroline and Simon Jessel in aid of church funds, parking available. Tickets for Garden and Cream Tea £6, Garden only £3.50 accompanied children free. Further information 01622 813032.

2nd & 3rd July Teston Patronal Weekend and Gift Day

11am to 5pm St Peter and St Paul, Teston
 Cream Teas and Exhibition - History of the Houses of Teston.

17th July - Outing to Dymchuch

Would you like to join us? Double Decker Bus affords great views - and excitement! Details ring 01622 812691.

23rd July - East Malling Singers Concert

7.30pm at St James the Great, East Malling. Carmina Burana - Orff; Cloudburst - Whitacre; with choirs, soloists, two pianos and five percussionists. Tickets 01622 750943 £8, £6 (concessions), children

Further dates for your diary - August & September

24th September - East Malling Singers Concert