

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

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Beneficial News

Summer is here (according to the calendar at least) and many of you are off on your holidays. Do have a wonderful summer and enjoy yourselves but take care too!

It has been an interesting few weeks in the Benefice and I need to say a few words about Alan who, as you probably all know, has been unwell. It has been a difficult time for both Alan and Joy but he is definitely on the mend and should be back with us by the middle of August. Alan is a very hard working Priest but will be taking things very easy from now on! We all look forward to seeing him soon. Best wishes Alan. In the meantime, we have been managing, thanks to ministers in and beyond the Benefice. I am very grateful for their help and also for everyone's goodwill.

Pam Rink is still working very hard in her training with us and congratulations to her as well because she has been appointed as The Guardian of the Pilsdon community as from the Autumn. Well done Pam and we all offer you our prayers and support. Becky Bowie is working hard in her training too and we continue to offer her our prayers.

Life for me has been busy, as you can imagine, but with a local Benefice filling its vacancy (The BART group of churches now have a Vicar) and another (West Malling & Offham) to be filled very soon, life may begin to return to a more acceptable pace! Thank you for your continued interest and support. It is during these busy and difficult times that we need to trust and rely on one another and I am so grateful for that.

One thing is for sure and that is how we need to seek rest and recuperation from the routine side of our lives. Most of us need to rest and relax so that we can continue in the work that we are called upon to do. Jesus was the model for that and we would all do well to pay attention to his advice. I hope you find time every day for some prayer and rest. And, as I said at the beginning, do have a wonderful summer and enjoy yourselves but take care too!

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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Guernsey 2011



The holiday in Guernsey was a huge success. The weather was brilliant and made the time there even more enjoyable.

Many of us will already be looking forward to next year's trip!

Services of Healing & Wholeness

Tuesday 2nd August at 8pm at Wateringbury
Tuesday 6th September at 8pm at East Malling



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.	Hilary Fisher	01622 813768

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

Congratulations, Derek

Congratulations to Fr Derek, who has been made a 'Paul Harris Fellow'. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary International and in his honour Rotary Clubs the world over can choose a Fellow who 'meets high professional and personal standards set by the founder'. At a recent dinner, Derek was presented with a special certificate, a gold pin, and a gold medallion on a blue-and-gold ribbon. The award was in recognition of Derek's service to the community.



Derek said, "This came completely out of the blue! I am not a Rotarian, but was invited to a Malling Rotary dinner by Cllr. Liz Simpson who, it transpired, had proposed me for this award. I was stunned, but immensely proud and grateful to have been given it: my certificate says that the award has been made 'in appreciation of significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations'. I am happy to receive it on behalf of countless people who give tremendous support to their local community but whose work is seldom recognised."

All the Harvest Festivals are on Sunday 2nd October



St James the Great, East Malling at 9.45am
St Peter & St Paul, Teston at 9.45am
St John the Baptist, Wateringbury at 10am

Confirmation

If you are thinking about being confirmed or would simply like to know more about the Christian faith, then please speak to Father Jim. Our Confirmation Groups and Enquirers sessions will begin on 22nd September (separate sessions for adults and young people). All of these sessions are held at the Vicarage.



Father Jim would wish to emphasise that there is no obligation to be confirmed simply because you attend the groups. Pop along and see for yourself! The Confirmation Service will be at the Benefice Service at 3pm at St Peter & St Paul, Teston on Sunday 30th October.

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 7th August - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 14th August - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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



Sunday 21st August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28th August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 4th September - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion - Teston
 9.45am Family Service - East Malling
 10am Matins - Wateringbury
 6.30pm Festival Praise - Teston



Sunday 11th September - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 18th September - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 25th September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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



Benefice Mothers' Union visit to Burrswood

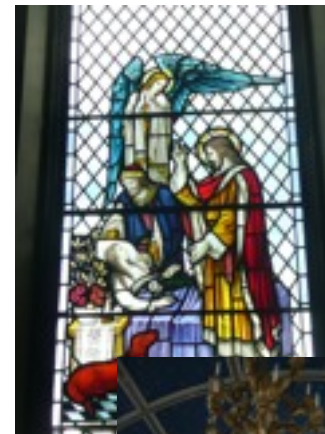
On Thursday 7th July a goodly number of us went to Burrswood, near Tunbridge Wells, where one of the Chaplains spoke to us for about three quarters of an hour about the founding of the hospital and explained that it is the only registered healing hospital in the country.

We then enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch in one of the conference rooms before we all visited the beautiful Chapel where we spent some time in private prayer. It is a very peaceful and spiritual place.

Some of us then went for a walk in the glorious grounds before afternoon tea in Bocky's Restaurant, following which there was the option of a little retail therapy in the well stocked shop which had a wide range of books and cards.

A most interesting and inspiring day.

Jean Brown, Enroling Member



Tea Time around the Parishes this summer

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



Every Tuesday in 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 16th August and 20th September.

Pet Service

Sunday 7th August at 9.45am on Teston Village Green. Bring along your Pets, and enjoy an outdoor Service of Thanksgiving for our companions. (In the Church if wet.)

Open Organ Afternoon

Sunday 21st August at St James the Great, East Malling. Always wanted to play the organ? Come and have a try between 3.30pm and 5pm. Enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake at the same time.

Flower Festival

Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September at St Peter and St Paul, Teston. "The Arts and Crafts." Open 11am to 5pm. With Refreshments, Stalls and Art and Ceramics Exhibition and Sale. Concert Saturday 7.30pm. Festival Praise 6.30pm Sunday 4th with The Archdeacon of Tonbridge.

Heritage Weekend

Sunday 11th September St James the Great Church, East Malling, will be open from 3pm-5pm and teas will be served. Visitors will be able to try their hand at bell ringing and the church registers will be on view.

Jumble Sale

Saturday 17th September at 2.30pm at Teston Village Hall

East Malling Singers Concert

Saturday 24th September at St James the Great at 7.30pm. Mozart's Requiem & Beethoven's Symphony No 7. Ticket £10, concessions £8, school children free. Tel 01622 750943.

Further dates for your diary - October & November

19th November - Christmas Fayre, Teston
 19th November - Christmas Bazaar, Wateringbury
 26th November - Christmas Market, East Malling