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

# Beneficial News

The Rt. Revd. Dr. Brian Castle  
The Bishop of Tonbridge

19th January 2012

## A message of congratulations to the Vicar and Benefice of East Malling, Wateringbury and Teston

All anniversaries should be celebrated, and not least the 10th anniversary of a scheme which has brought the parishes of East Malling, Wateringbury and Teston together into one Benefice under Fr. Jim's leadership.

I am delighted to be sharing the occasion with you. Each parish retains its distinctive characteristics and individual styles of worship, but their coming together enhances the mission and ministry which they are able to offer to the communities which they serve.

I send my warmest greetings as you reach this milestone and the assurance of my prayers as you journey together in the years ahead.

**Bishop of Tonbridge**

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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## 10th Anniversary Celebrations

All through this important year for our Benefice we shall be celebrating 10 years of worshipping and working together in our mission for the Kingdom in East Malling, Wateringbury & Teston.



Here are some important dates for your diary:

- The Benefice service for the 10th Anniversary. 29th January at 10am.
- Holy week Drama: 1st- 8th April
- 10th Anniversary Summer Lectures: May & June
- Benefice BBQ at The Vicarage: 22nd July 1pm-4pm
- Visit to The Holy Land: 4th-13th September (fully booked)
- Benefice Celebration Concert: 29th September

Throughout the year we will be recognising and giving thanks for all our different ministries by inviting folk to specific Sunday Services when we gave thanks, through prayer, for all that is achieved.

There may well be other events that are arranged and so watch this space. We look forward to the future and hope and pray that we shall continue achieve more for the Kingdom of God in our communities.

### 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

## Lent

### Lent Course - "No Ordinary Man"

This year we will be holding 5 group sessions for Lent, starting the week beginning Monday 27th February, under the heading of "No Ordinary Man". There will be evening and daytime opportunities - please see below and also check the weekly notices in your own church for any changes. Please feel free to attend any of the sessions.

<b>Wateringbury</b>	Mondays 8pm-9pm (coffee from 7.30pm), at St John the Baptist Wednesdays 1pm-2pm (light lunches from 12.30pm see below) at St John the Baptist.
<b>East Malling</b>	Wednesdays at 6 Reeves Court, East Malling at 8pm Thursdays 1pm-2pm at St James the Great
<b>Teston</b>	Tuesdays at 8pm at "South Cottage"

### Ash Wednesday

There will be services of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 9am at East Malling and at 8pm at Wateringbury on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February. These services are for everyone in the Benefice. If you need a lift please speak to a churchwarden.

### Lunches for Lent

These will be held at St John the Baptist Wateringbury on Wednesdays 29th February, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March from 12.30pm to 2pm. Why not pop in for a chat over soup and bread or cheese, tomato and bread with tea, coffee or squash. Cheese sandwiches and small cakes available for children. Everyone welcome, voluntary donations invited for local charities. Transport available if needed, locally. For further information please contact 01622 813032.

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 and 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. No Tuesday evening service at Wateringbury and no Thursday morning service at East Malling week beginning Monday 20th February. The Thursday morning service at East Malling will be at 12 noon from Thursday 1st March for 5 weeks, preceding the Lent Course.

### Services of Healing & Wholeness

Tuesday 7th February at 8pm at Teston  
Tuesday 6th March at 8pm at East Malling





## Services

### Sunday 5th February - Third Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion - Teston  
9.45am Family Service - East Malling  
9.45am Family Communion - Teston  
10.00am Matins - Watringbury



### Sunday 12th February - Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion - East Malling  
9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
10.00am Eucharist - Watringbury  
6.30pm Evensong - Teston

### Sunday 19th February - Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion - Watringbury  
9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
10.00am Family Service - Watringbury  
6.30pm Eucharist - Teston

### Sunday 26th February - First Sunday in Lent

8.00am Holy Communion - East Malling  
9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
10.00am Eucharist - Watringbury  
6.30pm Eucharist - Teston



### Sunday 4th March - Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am Holy Communion - Teston  
9.45am Family Service - East Malling  
9.45am Family Service - Teston  
10.00am Morning Praise - Watringbury

### Sunday 11th March - Third Sunday in Lent

8.00am Holy Communion - East Malling  
9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
10.00am Eucharist - Watringbury  
6.30pm Evening Praise - Teston

### Sunday 18th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent and Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion - Watringbury  
9.45am Family Eucharist - East Malling  
10.00am Family Service - Watringbury  
3.30pm Mothering Sunday Service - Teston



### Sunday 25th March - Fifth Sunday in Lent

8.00am Holy Communion - East Malling  
9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
10.00am Eucharist - Watringbury  
6.30pm Eucharist - Teston

## Around the Parishes

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Nativity Plays and in the Benefice the 'cast' ranged from infants in arms to secondary school children. All enjoyed playing their part in this wonderful story -

*Below left, Toddlers Nativity at East Malling; below right, Epifest at Teston*



*Below left, Epifest at Teston; below right, Nativity at Watringbury.*



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## Special Events

### *Tea at Three, Teston*

Tuesdays 21st February and 20th March. All welcome to join us for tea and cakes.

### *Starters and Puds*

Saturday 25th February at 7.30pm. The Friends of St James' Starters and Puds evening in The Institute in East Malling (behind the King and Queen). The main course is a talk by Kenwynne Barber - a 71 year old grandmother who has run about 80 marathons around the world! Tickets £7.50 from Pat Gill on 01732 522355.

### *The Testonites 2012 Revue "Happy & Glorious"*

Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th March at 8pm in Teston Village Hall. Tickets available from Teston Post Office Counter—£8.50 adult, £4 student. Includes Theatre Supper.

### *Benefice Choirs*

Members of the Benefice Choirs will sing Stainer's Crucifixion at 6pm at St James the Great on Palm Sunday, 1st April.

There will be two Saturday morning rehearsals for the Benefice Choirs from 10am to 12 noon on 25th February and 17th March and one compulsory rehearsal on the afternoon of 1st April, probably starting at 3.30pm.

All members of Watringbury and Teston Choirs are also most welcome to attend East Malling Choir practices on Friday evenings. Please check with Belinda Hunter (01732 843319) for details.

### *Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2012*

Monday 16th April - St Peter & St Paul, Teston  
Tuesday 17th April - St John the Baptist, Watringbury  
Tuesday 24th April - St James the Great, East Malling

All meetings are at 8pm in your own church, apart from Teston where the meeting is in the Village Hall.

Please read the reports before your APCM.

### *Further Dates for your Diary - April & May*

14th April - East Malling Singers Concert  
12th May - Plant sale - Teston