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

Beneficial News

It was a wonderful Easter in the Benefice which, I am sure, was valued and enjoyed by you all. I particularly appreciated the play, "Before the Cock Crows", written by Dennis Rink and produced by David Walsh. What a privilege to have seen the play that was home produced and with our own actors too! Well done to all those involved. The play was an event that has enabled us to continue with our 10th Anniversary celebrations. Of course, there are a number of other events still to come and we are currently in the middle of our series of Summer Lectures (see the last edition for details). These events all contribute towards the life of our very busy and active Benefice and I do hope that you value all that we do and seek to achieve in our service to God.

Ministry, particularly lay ministry, continues to be at the heart of all that we engage in as a church. I am so grateful to all those who have undertaken roles of leadership and for those who hold office, especially our Church Wardens (for details of Church Wardens please see article in this issue). Two very exciting celebrations this year will mark the commencement of two new ministries. Firstly, The Revd Pam Rink is to be ordained Priest in September (date and location to be confirmed). Secondly, Becky Bowie, from Wateringbury, will be licensed as a Pastoral Assistant in October at Rochester Cathedral. We all have a role to play by supporting them at the start of their ministries. Do please watch out for further details and come along to be with them at their respective services.

But what about you? Do you feel called to some kind of work in God's church? When we come to church on a Sunday we don't simply leave our skills and talents behind in our homes. No, we all come bearing gifts. Are you prepared to share them with others for the benefit of Gods Kingdom in our churches? Come along to a Vocations Roadshow (details in the far column). Please pray for this who are being called. It could be you!

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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Archdeacon's Visitation

On Tuesday 15th May the Church Wardens from Teston (Dawn Page and Ros Hutchinson) and Wateringbury (Eddie Scarlin) were sworn in at the Archdeacon's Visitation at St Peter & St Paul, Aylesford.



Dawn Page, Father Jim, Ros Hutchins, Archdeacon Clive and Eddie Scarlin.



David Chambers and Sue Payne (left), the Churchwardens from East Malling were unable to attend that evening and had attended another Visitation, still with Archdeacon Clive, at Christ Church, Tunbridge Wells the week before.

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	David Chambers	01732 842582
Churchwarden	Sue Payne	01732 841585
Reader	Alan Bramley	01732 846800
Parish Children's Rep.	Michala Neaves	01732 321473

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

The Big Society



On Saturday 19th May The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, was a guest at a Diocesan conference "The Big Society". Lisa Glasscote, Pauline Welch, Dawn Page, The Revd Pam Rink and Fr Jim were among a 400 strong audience in Beckenham who heard the Archbishop speak about his vision of how the church of the future can make a difference to the lives of the needy in our society. There were a number of

other inspirational speakers on subjects such as housing, sex trafficking and other social needs.

The day was led by the Bishop of Rochester, The Rt Revd James Langstaff, who thanked the Archbishop, and all the speakers and contributors, and concluded the day with his vision for our Diocese and it's engagement with the social needs of the communities we serve.

It was a worthwhile day and served to stimulate the thoughts of those who attended. We need to be continually alert to the needs of those whom we serve and our church leaders have led the way!



Here I am Lord

Archdeaconry Vocation Roadshow on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm at Mascalls, Paddock Wood. Everyone welcome.

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.

Services of Healing & Wholeness

Tuesday 29th May at 8pm at East Malling
Tuesday 3rd July at 8pm at Teston



Services

Sunday 3rd June - Trinity Sunday & Diamond Jubilee

8.00am Holy Communion - Teston
 9.45am Diamond Jubilee Service - Teston
 10.00am Diamond Jubilee Service - East Malling
 10.00am Jubilee Praise - Wateringbury



Sunday 10th June - First Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 17th June - Second Sunday after Trinity

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



Sunday 24th June - Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 1st July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion - Teston
 9.45am Family Service - East Malling
 9.45am Celebrate our Saints - Teston
 10.00am Matins - Wateringbury



Sunday 8th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 15th July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 22nd July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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



Sunday 29th July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Benefice Eucharist - Teston

Around the Parishes



Good Friday Project at St James the Great - a lot of making, singing and excitement as well as a lot of eating of cakes and just the odd Easter Egg!



At first glance it looked as if Members of Teston's Church Choir performed at the Testonites' Review in March, but if you look closely it was a male voice choir masquerading as the church choir!



Pretty in pink at Wateringbury's Easter Saturday Project.



Benefice 10th Anniversary BBQ



Sunday 22nd July from 1pm to 4pm in the Vicarage Garden. Make sure you put this date in your diary. Further details will be in your own church's news sheet.

Tea Time around the Parishes this summer



Every Sunday from 10th June to 9th September at St James the Great, East Malling. Teas will be served from 3pm to 5pm.

Every Tuesday in June, July and August. Teas will be served at St Peter & St Paul, Teston from 2pm to 4pm. Special "Tea at Three" on Tuesdays 19th June, 17th July and 21st August.

Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th August. Cream teas and home made cakes will be served at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury from 2pm to 4pm.

Special Events

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Carpet of Flowers St John the Baptist, Wateringbury

Sunday 3rd June - Tuesday 5th June (Sunday 2pm-5pm, Monday and Tuesday 10.30am-5pm). Come and see the Carpet of Flowers depicting the Jubilee. Also exhibition of Wateringbury from 1952, Jubilee Cake Raffle, Cream Teas, Home Made Cakes, Refreshments.

Monday 4th June 2pm - 4pm Churchyard Fete, 2.30pm-3.30pm musical entertainment by Tony Pepper on guitar and Peter White on keyboard. Jubilee Village Guided Walks at 2.30pm and 3.30pm organised by the Wateringbury History Society, with printed booklet.

Tuesday 5th June afternoon, music by harpist Carys Hughes. Evening Service of Thanksgiving at 7.30pm.

The Fete On Teston Village The Green

Saturday 23rd June at 2pm. Traditional Village Fete.

"Rosemary for Remembrance?"

Sunday 24th June 1pm-4pm St John the Baptist, Wateringbury. An opportunity to dedicate your favourite flower in memory of a loved one. Dedication cards and vases will be provided. Cream teas, home made cakes and refreshments. Further information 01622 814656.

St Peter & St. Paul Teston, Patronal Weekend - "New Life"

Saturday 30th June & Sunday 1st July. Church open 11am to 5pm. Refreshments.

Outing to Dymchurch

Sunday 8th July. Join us on The Double Decker to Dymchurch for a Day by the Sea. Leaves Teston Village Hall at 10am, returning 6pm approx. £8 Adult, £5 Child (accompanied) Tel 01622 812691.

East Malling Singers

Saturday 14th July at 7.30pm at St James the Great, East Malling. A special summer concert to mark the end of the choir's 40th anniversary season. Tickets £8, £6 (concessions), children free. Tel: 01622 750943 or at the door.

A Pageant

Sunday 15th July starting at 3pm on Teston Village Green.

Further Dates for your Diary August & September

25th-27th August - Flower Festival - Teston

29th September - Benefice 10th Anniversary Concert