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

## Beneficial News

Happy New Year everyone and let us pray for a successful and faith-filled 2013! Last year was, as usual, a busy year and I am so delighted with all the growth and new ventures that our churches undertake. I am now looking forward to our new Taizé services at Wateringbury and to this year's Lent Course, "My Grace is Sufficient". It was produced by the diocese and includes a DVD of our Bishop in discussion with a theologian, Dr. Paula Gooder (see article on the right). I am also planning a course on an introduction to the Bible, aimed at anyone who has never engaged in any kind of Bible study (details to follow).

It has, however, been a wonderful year for our Benefice as we celebrated our 10th Anniversary. But it hasn't been too good for the Church of England and that means us too! The huge disappointment surrounding the rejection of the measure which would have permitted Women to be ordained Bishops continues to affect us all. But I wish to especially mention our colleague and friend Canon Derek Carpenter who has been so intimately affected by the measure's failure. Fr Derek works so hard for WATCH (Women and the Church) and is continuing to do so despite being so saddened. Thank you Derek, we know your efforts will pay off eventually and we hold you and your WATCH colleagues in our prayers. Other issues which are challenging us include a new Archbishop, Same-Sex Marriage issues and The Ordination of Bishops who are in Civil Partnerships. These national issues are still matters which can affect our own understanding of our faith and can test and challenge us all in different ways. We need to support one another during these difficult and challenging times ahead through our prayers.

Finally, here is my challenge. Why not try something new this year? If you have never been to a Healing service or Lent Course, or perhaps you have never read the Bible, or know nothing of Taizé worship then make 2013 the year to explore your faith by taking part in something new. I wish you all much happiness and success for this new year.

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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## "My Grace is Sufficient"

By Bishop James and Dr Paula Gooder

The healing ministry is one of the greatest opportunities the church has today for sharing the gospel. Many in our society realise there is a spiritual as well as a physical and mental dimension to healthy living. "Wholeness" is the in-word: it is what everyone longs for.

During this Lent course we shall be exploring the healing ministry and its practical out working in the life and mission of the church. The topics we shall be covering are:

1. What do we mean by healing?
2. Coping with failing health
3. Understanding death and resurrection
4. Ways of praying
5. Is your church a health centre?

Each session will include a brief introduction along with excerpts from a DVD featuring Bishop James and Paula Gooder, a key passage, questions to help groups to explore the topic further and suggestions for practical action and further reading.

### 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
<b>East Malling</b>		
Churchwarden	David Chambers	01732 842582
Churchwarden	Sue Payne	01732 841585
Reader	Alan Bramley	01732 846800
Parish Children's & Vulnerable Adults' Rep.	Michala Neaves	01732 321473
<b>Teston</b>		
Churchwarden	Ros Hutchins	01622 720931
Churchwarden & Reader	Dawn Page	01622 812691
Parish Children's & Vulnerable Adults' Rep.	Hilary Fisher	01622 813768
<b>Wateringbury</b>		
Churchwarden	Joanna Fyson	01622 814980
Churchwarden	Eddie Scarlin	01622 812148
Reader	Alastair Byron	01622 812023
Reader	Barry Fisher	01622 813206
Pastoral Assistant	Becky Bowie	01622 813396
Pastoral Assistant	Edna Craig	01622 812922
Evangelist	Pauline Welch	01622 814673
Parish Children's & Vulnerable Adults' Rep.	Debbie Bond	01622 814793

## Lent

### Ash Wednesday

There will be services of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 9am at East Malling and at 8pm at Teston on Ash Wednesday, 13th February. These services are for everyone in the Benefice. If you need a lift please speak to a churchwarden.

### Lent Course - "My Grace is Sufficient"

This year we will be holding 5 group sessions for Lent, starting the week beginning Monday 18th February, under the heading of "My Grace is Sufficient". 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.

Wateringbury	Mondays 8pm-9pm (coffee from 7.30pm), at St John the Baptist Wednesdays 1pm-2pm (light lunches from 12.30pm) at St John the Baptist.
East Malling	Wednesdays at 8pm at 6 Reeves Court, East Malling Thursdays 12.30pm-1.30pm at St James the Great
Teston	Mondays at 8pm at "South Cottage", Teston

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 12th February. The Thursday morning service at East Malling will be at 12 noon from Thursday 21st February for 5 weeks, preceding the Lent Course.

### Services of Healing & Wholeness

Tuesday 5th February at 8pm at Wateringbury  
Tuesday 5th March at 8pm at East Malling



## Sunday Services

### Sunday 3rd February - Candlemas

8am Holy Communion - Teston  
 9.45am Family Service - East Malling  
 9.45am Family Communion - Teston  
 10am Morning Praise - Wateringbury  
 7pm Taizé - Wateringbury



### Sunday 10th February - Sunday before Lent

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

### Sunday 17th February - First Sunday of Lent

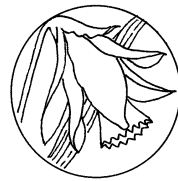
8am Holy Communion - Wateringbury  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 10am Family Service - Wateringbury  
 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston

### Sunday 24th February - Second Sunday of Lent

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

### Sunday 3rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion - Teston  
 9.45am Family Eucharist - East Malling  
 9.45am Family Service - Teston  
 10am Matins - Wateringbury  
 7pm Taizé - Wateringbury



### Sunday 10th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion - East Malling  
 9.45am Mothering Sunday Service - East Malling  
 10am Family Communion - Wateringbury  
 3.30pm Mothering Sunday Service - Teston  
 6pm Choral Evensong - East Malling

### Sunday 17th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

### Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion - East Malling  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 9.45am Palm Praise - Teston  
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury (leave from the Village Hall car park at 9.30am)  
 6pm Olivet to Calvary - East Malling

### Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

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



## Holy Week and Easter

### PALM SUNDAY

6pm St James the Great, East Malling  
 The Benefice Choirs sing  
 "Olivet to Calvary" (J.H.Maunders)



### MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

8pm St James the Great, East Malling  
 Agapé Meal

### TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

8pm St John the Baptist, Wateringbury  
 Meditation through Art

### WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

8pm St Peter & St Paul, Teston  
 Drama of the Cross

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

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



### GOOD FRIDAY

9am Good Friday Project - East Malling  
 10.30am At the Foot of the Cross - Teston  
 2pm An hour at the Foot of the Cross - Wateringbury  
 2pm Solemn Liturgy - East Malling

### EASTER SATURDAY

9am Easter Project - Wateringbury  
 7.30pm Easter Vigil - Pilsdon

### EASTER SUNDAY

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



### Benefice Choirs

There will be a performance of "Olivet to Calvary" (J.H.Maunders), given by members of the Benefice Choirs at 6pm on Palm Sunday. There will be workshop / rehearsals from 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup> March, with a final (compulsory) rehearsal on the afternoon of Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm.

ALL members of Wateringbury & Teston Choirs are most welcome to attend East Malling Choir practices on a Friday evening. Please check with Belinda Hunter (01732 843319) for details!

## Special Events

### Tea at Three, Teston

All served in the Church at Three. High Tea at Three on Tuesday 19th February and 19th March.

### Testonites 2013 Revue

Thursday 14th, Friday 15th & Saturday 16th March at 8pm at Teston Village Hall. Don't miss this extravaganza! Tickets £8.50 Adults, £4 Students (include Theatre Supper) available from Teston Church, or phone 01622 812691. Proceeds to St Peter & St Paul, Teston.

### Lunches For Lent

St John the Baptist, Wateringbury on Wednesdays 20th and 27th February and 6th, 13th and 20th March from 12.30pm- 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. Further information please phone 01622 813032.

### Jumble Sale

Saturday March 2nd at Teston Village Hall, doors open 2.30pm. Proceeds to Teston Children's Church.

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2013

Monday 22nd April - St James the Great, East Malling  
 Tuesday 23rd April - St Peter & St Paul, Teston  
 Wednesday 24th April - St John the Baptist, Wateringbury  
 All meetings are at 8pm in your own church  
 Please read the reports, all of which will be available by 7th April, before your APCM.

### Further Dates for your Diary April & May

13th April - East Malling Singers Concert  
 4th May - Annual Plant Sale - Wateringbury  
 11th May - Plant Sale - Teston