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

## Beneficial News

Happy Easter to you all! Alleluia! "He is not here. He is risen!" What more need we say about Easter? Well there is always more to be said and I thank you all for enabling our churches to do just that. Spreading the Good News of the Risen Lord, week by week to those we meet and serve. Our Benefice has had such a wonderful Easter this year and thanks to all those who have worked so hard, particularly during Holy Week, to make it so successful and enjoyable. Our Children's Easter events were again a wonderful occasion for our churches.

Our Youth Ministry is also succeeding in so many areas in our three churches (See photos of a recent event in Wateringbury) and some members of East Malling Youth Group are off in April on a Youth camp event. We are also holding a course for those young children interested in being Admitted as 1st Communicants (See info in this issue). This is all good news.

There is other news on the children front as we offer our prayers to Wateringbury School which, tomorrow (1st April), becomes a Voluntary Aided School. This will mean more direct control from the church and the ability for the Governors to manage the school more independently of the Local Authority. It marks a significant change in the life of the school, building on the results of a recent OFSTED and following the recent announcement of the resignation of Mrs Vinall, the Heateacher. Mrs Vinall has been a remarkable Head and we thank her for all that she has achieved at Wateringbury School (more news to follow).

Easter is an exciting time for the life of the church and I look forward to the future as ever. Thanks to you all and remember "He is not here. He is Risen" Alleluia!

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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## Communion before Confirmation



A few years ago all three PCCs in the Benefice voted to allow children to receive communion before they are confirmed and we are just about to start the third preparation course for children aged around 8 years.

There will be a meeting at St James the Great, East Malling on Sunday 21st April at 3.30pm for all parents so that we can give details of the short course which start early May. There will be six sessions, all held on Tuesdays after school. At the Benefice Service at Teston on 30th June the children will be given their Certificates of Admission and receive Holy Communion for the first time. For further information please speak to Fr Jim or Fr Derek (01732 874420).

### 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 & Vulnerable Adults' Rep.	Michala Neaves	01732 321473

#### Teston

Churchwarden	Ros Hutchins	01622 720931
Churchwarden & Reader	Dawn Page	01622 812691
Parish Children's & Vulnerable Adults' Rep.	Hilary Fisher	01622 813768

#### Wateringbury

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

## Summer Lectures

### 'Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs'

*'Speak to yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.'* Ephesians 5, 19

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Psalms

Canon Neil Thompson (Precentor – Rochester Cathedral)

The Precentor is 'the one who sings first': the member of the Chapter with responsibility for overseeing the cathedral's ministry of worship in liturgy and music. The daily rhythm of prayer and worship, and the remarkable resources of the cathedral in its musicians and spaces, provide an exciting ministry whereby human lives are caught up in the divine drama.

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Hymns

Canon Michael Saward (Hymn-writer)

Guest organist: Nigel Groome

(Organist and Director of Music at St George's, Beckenham)

Canon Michael Saward has written over a hundred hymns, of which "Christ triumphant, ever reigning" is his best known, usually sung to the hymn tune "Guiting Power" (named after the village of Guiting Power in Gloucestershire) by John Barnard. He is a long-term member of the Jubilate Group of hymn-writers and an active member of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Spiritual Songs

The Music Group from the BART Group

Made up of a number of amateur christian musicians from the Parishes of Birling, Addington, Ryarsh and Trottscliffe the group helps lead music in a more contemporary style of worship.

**All on Thursdays at 8pm at St James the Great, East Malling**

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 9th April at 8pm at Teston

Tuesday 7th May at 8pm at Wateringbury



## Sunday Services

### Sunday 7th April - Second Sunday of Easter

10am Benefice Eucharist - Wateringbury  
7pm Taizé - Wateringbury



### Sunday 14th April - Third Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



### Sunday 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 12th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 19th May - Pentecost

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

### Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday

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



## Around the Parishes



Becky Bowie receives her Certificate for her studies in Ministry. This was presented to her at a recent service at Paddock Wood and is pictured above with the Rochester Diocesan Director of Training, Canon Chris Dench. Congratulations to Becky!

WATCH club have managed to raise funds for Comic Relief and in the process they had some real fun themselves. They held a Comic Relief Café and they appeared in PJ's or Onesies.



They even baked their own cakes which (see left) raised a lot of money for the benefit of other less fortunate children. An amazing sum of £183.45 was raised!!! Fantastic and well done to all!

### Introduction to Bible Study

(First Timers only!)

If you have never had the opportunity to familiarise yourself with the Bible before then now is your chance. A short course designed for those who have never been to a Bible Study before will be led by Revd Jim. This is your chance to ask that question you've been burning to ask but have never felt able to in the past! We shall start at the beginning and who knows where we will end up. Why not pop along, it will be very relaxed but instructive. Starting Monday 13th May at 8pm in The Vicarage.

(More details to follow)

## Special Events

### Tea at Three, Teston

All served in the Church at Three. High Tea at Three on Tuesday 16th April and 21st May. The church is open Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon and from 2pm to 4pm.

### East Malling Singers Concert

Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm at St James the Great, East Malling. John Rutter and Duruflé Requiems with young singers and instrumentalists plus music for cello and piano with Laura van der Heijden,



BBC Young Musician 2012 and Sylvia Trench. Tickets £10, concessions £8, children free, available from 01622 750943.

### Annual Plant Sale - Wateringbury

Saturday 4th May from 10am to 4pm at St John the Baptist. Superb nursery plants plus home grown stall, St John's crafts, cards, good condition books and toys home made cakes, cream teas and refreshments. Further information please contact 01622 813032.

### Plant Sale - Teston

Saturday 11th May from 10am to 12 noon in Teston Village Hall.

### 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 June & July

9th June - Garden Safari - Teston  
22nd June - Rosemary for Remembrance - Wateringbury  
22nd June - Fete - Teston  
29th & 30th June - Patronal weekend - Teston  
13th July - East Malling Singers Concert  
21st July - Ramsay Day - Teston  
27th July - Summer Fete - East Malling