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The Benefice of
East Malling,
Wateringbury &
Teston

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Beneficial News

This is meant to be the first of the Summer Editions of Beneficial News and yet the heating is still on at home! I do hope that it does actually warm up for everyone this year and that you are able to enjoy a some decent weather. You all deserve it!

We have been focusing a great deal of our attention on the young people of our Benefice in many different ways of late. Our Youth Group's are busy with a variety of activities. Pioneers at Teston, as always, have been following a busy programme, numbers of young people seem to be engaging in the youth group at Wateringbury (WATCH) and East Malling's youth group have begun to join in with a number of activities with local churches, including a recent activity week-end away. We should celebrate their successes. Our younger children are, once again, preparing to receive their First Communion and Fr Derek and the Revd Pam are leading them in this preparation. At the Benefice Service on 30th June they will be received more fully into the life of the church when they take their First Communion. We look forward to being with them at that service.

There have been changes to the life of the school in Wateringbury as they have changed their status to become Voluntary Aided, thus strengthening their links with the church. Mrs Vinall will be retiring at the ending of this school year and so I should like to take this opportunity of thanking her greatly for her commitment and achievements over these past 7 years. We wish her much happiness in her retirement.

Much to look forward to but let's hope for that Summer!

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



This annual event took place on Thursday 16th May when the Churchwardens from Wateringbury and East Malling joined many others from the Deanery at St John's, Hildenborough.

From left to right, Eddie Scarlin, Joanna Fyson, Father Jim, The Venerable Clive Mansell, David Chambers and Sue Payne. Dawn Page and Ros Hutchins from Teston were unable to attend that day so went to Christ Church, Erith, earlier in the week.

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 6th June - Hymns

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 4th 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 Trottiscliffe 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.



Mike Pursey

Celebrations normally come singly, but in Mike Pursey's case two came together this May! On the Friday Mike was named as a Star of Maidstone Award Winner for his outstanding contribution to the Maidstone community. Then on the Sunday Mike celebrated his 80th Birthday with a luncheon at Oakwood Park, surrounded by many friends and family. Congratulations on both counts, Mike!

Services of Healing & Wholeness

Tuesday 4th June at 8pm at East Malling
Tuesday 2nd July at 8pm at Teston



Sunday Services

Sunday 2nd June - First Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 9th June - Second Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 16th June - Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 23rd June - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 30th June - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10am Benefice Eucharist - Teston

Sunday 7th July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 14th July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 21st July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28th July - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Around the Parishes

Easter seems a long time ago but for the younger members of the congregations Good Friday at East Malling and Easter Saturday at Wateringbury were busy times!



On Easter Saturday at Wateringbury they made hats (among other things). Rachel Rowlinson (left) proudly 'sprouted' a palm tree. And was Lottie Worrall (far left) putting the case for Women Bishops?

On Good Friday at East Malling around 80 children from the village took part in a variety of activities. They made the banners and the Easter garden (below left). They were also reminded of



the Easter story and enjoyed the Easter egg hunt. Great fun was had by all the helpers - oh, and the children too, who took their goodies home to enjoy later.



Tea Time around the Parishes this summer

Every Sunday from 2nd June to 8th 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. Refreshments also served every Tuesday from 10am to noon

Thursdays 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th August. Cream teas and home made cakes will be served at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury from 2pm to 4pm.

Further Dates for your Diary August & September

24th - 26 August - Flower Festival - Teston

Special Events

A Village Garden Safari - Teston

Sunday 9th June. Gardens open 2pm-4pm. Tickets £6, including Cream Tea 3pm-5pm, available at Teston Village Hall on the day. Every garden a work in progress!

Rosemary for Remembrance - Wateringbury

Saturday 22nd June from 10.30am-4.30pm. Dedicate your favourite flower in memory of a loved one or mark a special occasion. Dedication cards and vases provided. St John's choir will sing your requested hymns from 3.15pm. Refreshments, Home made cakes, cream teas. Tel 01622 814656.

The Fete On The Green At Teston

Saturday 22nd June from 2pm. Stalls, Games, Craft, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola, Raffle, Bar-B-Q, Teas and Refreshment. Children's Races, Melody Marshall Dancers and Dave the Music.

Patronal weekend - St Peter & St Paul, Teston

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June. Church open 11am-5pm both days. Cream Teas & Light Refreshments, Teston Camera Club Exhibition of Photographs, Floral displays, Village memorabilia, Craft and More Stall.

Wind in the Willows by Alan Bennett - Wateringbury

Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th July at 7pm. Performed by The Wateringbury Players and children from Wateringbury C E Primary School at St John the Baptist. Tickets £8 from Wateringbury Post Office and Handy Stores Bow Road. Concessions £5 for children up to 16 and senior citizens for the Thursday only. Tel 01622 813206.

East Malling Singers Concert

Saturday 13th July at St James the Great at 7.30pm. Lauridsen: O Magnum Mysterium and Lux Aeterna (extracts), Gounod: Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cécile. Tickets £10-12, Concessions £8-10, School children free! Tel 01622 750943

Ramsay Day - Teston

Sunday 21st July - Display of materials showing the Teston connection with the Anti-Slavery Movement. Church open from 11am. Special commemorative Service at 6.30pm.

Summer Fete - East Malling

Saturday 27th July from 11am to 2pm in the church. For further information please call 01732 845391.