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

Beneficial News

As this copy of Beneficial News arrives in our churches we have experienced a bit of a heatwave, to say the least! I do hope you are coping and that this summer, as the children embark on their school holidays, continues to bring some wonderful weather.

The heat can often have a slowing down effect on us but not so in the life of the Benefice. So much has taken place and this edition of Beneficial News is a testimony to this. In addition, we have said our farewells to Mrs Vinall, Headteacher of Wateringbury CE School. Mrs Vinall served this community well for a number of years. She has been an amazing Head Teacher, taking the school forward in a most positive way. She will always be remembered by us all as a very friendly, loving and fair minded person. We wish her well in her retirement and offer our prayerful support to Mrs Crawford-Usher who will serve the school as Acting Head Teacher over the coming months.

Our mission to the communities we serve continues. It is encouraging to learn that the Youth Group at Wateringbury is growing and is moving to a larger, more suitable location in the Village Hall. We continue to pray for them and their leaders. I am also grateful to those engaged in the mission to Bradbourne in East Malling. We feel it was a great success albeit the events planned were poorly supported. Teston is always at the forefront of mission and events staged recently in the church and community have been met with much enthusiasm. I am so grateful for all that you do in the service of Christ. I pray that the heat doesn't slow our mission down, however, do have a wonderful 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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Confirmation

This year's Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm at St Mary the Virgin in West Malling. The Confirmation Course will start soon after the Summer Holidays in September.



Please let Fr. Jim know if you are interested in being confirmed this year. He is very happy to talk it through with you. More details to follow.

Please note that there will be no **Taizé Service** in August. The next Taizé Service will be at Wateringbury on Sunday 1st September at 7pm. That same evening there will be **Choral Evensong** at East Malling at 6pm.

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

Parish Holiday / Pilgrimage 2014



The 'Group of 2013' at Condetta in May.

Next year's Parish Holiday will, for the first time, be in this country, staying in Shallowford House in Staffordshire. It is a 19th century house set within 5 acres of gardens, woodland and meadows, with the opportunity of visiting Lichfield Cathedral and the Potteries. The House has been booked from Monday 26th May until Friday 30th, and notices will be placed in all three churches on the first Sunday of August – so reserve the dates now and be prepared to sign up then. If you are likely to be away on that day but would like your name to be added please contact Fr Derek (01732 874420). Further details will be on the notices. The likely total cost will be £280.

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.

All the Harvest Festivals are on Sunday 6th October

St James the Great, East Malling at 9.45am
St Peter & St Paul, Teston at 9.45am
St John the Baptist, Wateringbury at 10am



Services of Healing & Wholeness

Tuesday 6th August at 8pm at Wateringbury
Tuesday 3rd September at 8pm at East Malling



Sunday Services

Sunday 4th August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion - Teston
 9.45am Family Service - East Malling
 9.45am Pet Service - Teston
 10am Matins - Watringbury

Sunday 11th August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 18th August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 25th August - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 1st September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion - Teston
 9.45am Family Service - East Malling
 9.45am Family Service - Teston
 10am Morning Praise - Watringbury
 6pm Choral Evensong - East Malling
 7pm Taizé - Watringbury

Sunday 8th September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion - East Malling
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling
 10am Eucharist - Watringbury
 6.30pm Evening Praise - Teston

Sunday 15th September - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 22nd September - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 29th September - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity and Michaelmas

10am Benefice Eucharist - East Malling

The Benefice Service

There was a lot happening at the Benefice Service on Sunday 30th June at St Peter & St Paul, Teston! 12 children were admitted to Communion before Confirmation, three new members were enrolled to the Benefice Mothers Union and Frances Selman was enrolled as the new Enrolling Member - oh, and the sun shone!



The twelve children make their promises: Left to right, back row : Lucy Tallon, Gina Johnson, William Carpenter, Ben Carpenter, Toby Boorman, Amber Scott, Tilly Barton-Strong, and Sarah Bond. Front row, left to right: Alex Harris, Pippa Wright, Archie Wright and Findlay Harris.



Jean Brown, the retiring Enrolling Member enrolling the Revd Pam Rink, May Bennett and Sylvia Buss.



Father Jim enrolled Frances Selman, the new Benefice Mothers Union Enrolling Member. Frances presented Jean with a beautiful bouquet and an engraved vase.



Special Events

Teston Flower Festival

24th - 26th August at St. Peter and St. Paul Teston. Floral displays, Art, Craft, Ploughman's Lunches and Teas. Open 11am to 5pm daily. Concert at 7.30pm Saturday 25th August.

Ride and Stride

Saturday 14th September. It's time to dust the cobwebs off your bicycle, oil the chain, check the brakes and warm up your leg muscles! This annual event is an excellent fundraiser for both The Friends of Kent churches and our own parish churches. You can support it by:

- a) riding or walking around participating churches on the day
- b) sponsoring a walker/rider from your parish
- c) Welcoming riders to your church on the day, signing their timesheet and offering refreshments.

Further details are available on the red and yellow notices in your own church.

Jumble Sale

Saturday 21st September 2.30pm in Teston Village Hall. (Items can be stored)

Tea Time around the Parishes this summer

Every Sunday to 8th September at St James the Great, East Malling. Teas will be served from 3pm to 5pm.

Every Tuesday in August. Teas will be served at St Peter & St Paul, Teston from 2pm to 4pm. Special "Tea at Three" on Tuesday 20th August. Refreshments also served every Tuesday from 10am to noon

Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th August. Cream teas and home made cakes will be served at St John the Baptist, Watringbury from 2pm to 4pm.

Further Dates for your Diary October & November

5th October Harvest Supper Teston
 19th October East Malling Singers Concert
 16th November Christmas Bazaar Watringbury
 23rd November Christmas Fair Teston & Christmas Market East Malling

