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

## Beneficial News

Not only are we approaching Christmas but also the end of the year. A good time to reflect. What happened to 2013? It has been a particularly full year once again (when is it never?) and I hope you've been able to participate and enjoy much of it within the life of the church. There have been new ventures, missions, changes of services and new ones too. As mentioned last time, the youth groups are growing and evolving in different ways. It is a splendid opportunity for me to thank you all for such commitment and effort. Thank you, I do appreciate everything that folk do amidst the busyness of their lives for the sake of the Kingdom.

With Christmas now well organised I do hope you can manage to come along to the variety of events that are provided for you and the community. In our church magazines I have encouraged folk to attend a service during the Christmas period and help put CHRIST back into Christmas. Why not try and encourage a friend or neighbour to do just that and bring them with you.

Many of you, I am sure, will be wondering what is happening to me during my current illness. I am still around although I have stepped back a little from the usual high number of services and commitments. In February I will be embarking upon more intensive hospital treatment which will necessitate my being off work for 3 months. Please hold me and my family in your prayers and I simply ask that you continue in all your good work for the Lord's sake.

May your Christmas be a happy and holy one. 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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## Pattern of mid-week services

There are services of **Holy Communion** at St James the Great, East Malling, at 9am every Thursday.

Starting in January there will be Tuesday evening services at St John the Baptist at 7.30pm on the second, third and fourth Tuesday in the month. On the second Tuesday it will be a **Taizé Service**, on the third Tuesday it will be a service of **Holy Communion** and on the fourth Tuesday it will be **Evensong with the Choir**.

All these services are for everyone in the Benefice.

## Services of Healing & Wholeness

Tuesday 3rd December at 8pm at East Malling  
Tuesday 7th January at 8pm at Teston



## 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 Priest	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 297340
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

## Advent and Christmas Services



### Sunday 1st December

9.45am Family Toy Service - East Malling  
10am Christingle - Wateringbury  
6.30pm - Advent Carol Service - Teston



### Tuesday 10th December

7.30pm - Advent Taizé Service - Wateringbury

### Sunday 15th December

10am Nativity - Wateringbury  
6.30pm Nativity Play with congregational carols - Teston

### Thursday 20th December

8pm Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight - Wateringbury

### Sunday 22nd December

4pm Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight - East Malling \*  
6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight - Teston

### Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December

3.30pm Crib Service - Teston  
4pm Christingle & Crib Service - East Malling  
5pm Crib Service - Wateringbury  
6pm Christingle & Crib Service - East Malling  
9.30pm Christmas Eve Communion - Teston  
11.30pm Midnight Mass - Wateringbury  
11.30pm Midnight Mass - East Malling

### Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December

8am Holy Communion - East Malling  
9.30am Family Communion - Teston  
10.30am Family Communion - East Malling  
10.30am Family Communion - Wateringbury

\* This Carol Service will be signed (BSL)



## Nativities

(All in Church)

11th December - East Malling Toddlers 1.30pm  
15th December - Wateringbury 10am  
15th December - Teston 6.30pm \*  
16th December - Wateringbury Toddlers 2pm



\* Please bring a torch

## Sunday Services

### Sunday 1st December - Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion - Teston  
 9.45am Family Toy Service - East Malling  
 10am Christingle - Wateringbury  
 6.30pm Readings and Carols for Advent - Teston



### Sunday 8th December - Second Sunday of Advent

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

### Sunday 15th December - Third Sunday of Advent

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

### Sunday 22nd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion - East Malling  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury  
 6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight - Teston

### Sunday 29th December - First Sunday of Christmas

10am Benefice Eucharist - Wateringbury

### Sunday 5th January - Epiphany

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



### Sunday 12th January - Baptism of Christ

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

### Sunday 19th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

### Sunday 26th January - Third Sunday of Epiphany

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



## Around the Parishes - and beyond



A pumpkin with a heart welcomed 52 children to the Shining Bright Party on 31st October. On arrival the children enjoyed making some Shield of Faith bunting - the theme of the evening was "The Spiritual Armor of God" and not being afraid.



The Revd David Commander and Helen Commander with Bishop Trevor Willmott at David's Induction Service at St Nicholas, Sandhurst in October. How many times did he toll the bell?



Talking of bells... Sue Payne, left, Bell Tower Captain at East Malling moonlighting at Wateringbury with, right, the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling at his Ring-a-thon on Sunday 20th October.

## Special Events

### *The Kent Chamber Choir, Wateringbury*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury. Alan Vincent - Conductor Helen Lacey – Soprano Geoffrey Lester – Organ. Doors open at 7pm and tickets, available at the door, are £10 (£5 children and full-time students). Advance bookings tel: 01622 813032 / 07834 600563 or email [g.diment@btinternet.com](mailto:g.diment@btinternet.com) or [rebeccamoate@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rebeccamoate@hotmail.co.uk). Tickets also available from Wateringbury Post Office.

### *Tea at Three, Teston*

Served in the Church at Teston at Three - Carols and Cake on Tuesday 10th December and Tea at Three on Tuesday 21st January.

### *East Malling Singers Concert*

Saturday 21st December at 7.30pm at St James the Great, East Malling. Tickets £10-12, Concessions £8-10, School children FREE! Email [boxoffice@eastmallingsingers.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@eastmallingsingers.co.uk) or call 01622 750943.

### *Epifest*

Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th and Monday 6th January at St Peter & St Paul, Teston. A celebration of the showing forth of the Christ Child to the Gentiles. The Church will be dressed for the arrival of the wise men and open from 3.30pm- 6pm each day. The Festival will conclude with A Service For Epiphany at 8pm on Monday 6th.

### *Carol singing round the Villages (all in December)*

**East Malling** Christmas Lights "Switch On" at the King & Queen, Sunday 1st at 4pm. Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th Carol singing round the village 6pm-8pm. Collecting for the Children's Society.

**Wateringbury** Friday 6th at 7pm at the North Pole pub, Wednesday 11th at 3pm at Greensted, Saturday 21st at 11am at Teston Farm Shop.

**Teston** Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th - meet at Teston Village Hall at 6pm. Collecting for Christian Aid.

If you want to join the choirs please contact Belinda (01732 843319), Dawn (01622 812691) or Barry (01622 813206). Remember to bring a torch and wrap up warm!

### *Further Dates for your Diary February and March*

1st March - Jumble Sale - Teston

13th, 14th & 15th March - The Testonites 2014 Revue