



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

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Beneficial News

As I write this message I realise that I am writing on the day of my 12th Anniversary as The Vicar of this Benefice. As I reflect on this event I know how blessed and privileged I have been to be your servant in Christ. This is much to do with how we have grown together and how we have supported one another in many different ways. I have felt this support and love over the past 12 years, not least of all at times of personal need.

Once again, Jean and I find ourselves the recipients of your love and support as we cope with my condition. It has been truly wonderful and I ought to use this as an opportunity to offer you all our sincere thanks. My clergy colleagues have been so important to me as they carry me through this time of difficulty, covering my duties. I thank them and their partners. My church Ministers, Wardens and PCC's have been nothing but totally supportive. Thank you to them too. I should not forget Janet and Sandra, for their Admin support which is going to prove so vital in my absence. But above all your prayers, messages, cards, gifts, text messages, emails, phone calls, visits and many other forms of greetings and best wishes has been overwhelming. Thank you for all of this.

Since my diagnosis I have shared with you, on a number of occasions, my experience of Angels. I have discovered that they are all around us and that we might be Angels to each other even though we may not know it. So please remember this over the next three months, we need to be Angels for each other, support one another and show one another the love of God that is for us all. That is the message of the Angels. So please, in the words of St Paul, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained Angels without knowing it." God Bless each and everyone of you.

The 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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Breakfast Club

"With the PM and others"



Guest speaker, Peter Coles (ex-DCI Special Branch and Prime Minister's Protection Officer, now Director of Security at Barclay's Bank)

Saturday 8th February 2014 at 9am in The Institute Hall, East Malling. A full English Breakfast will be served - so please get a ticket to enable us to arrange the catering.
All welcome.

Services of Healing & Wholeness

Tuesday 4th February East Malling
Tuesday 4th March Wateringbury



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

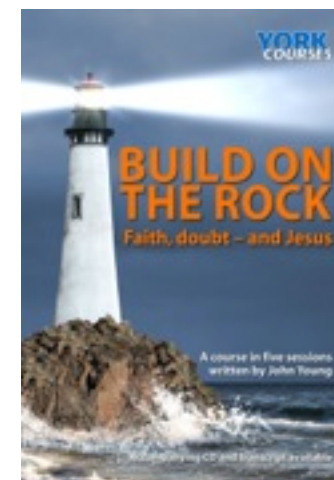
Teston

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

Lent Course



Build on the Rock (*Matthew 7.24*) starts by looking at faith and doubt. Is it wrong – or is it normal and healthy – for a Christian to have doubts? Is there any evidence for a God who loves us? We hear from many witnesses. At the heart of a Christian answer stands Jesus himself. We consider his 'strange and beautiful story' and reflect upon his teaching, his death, his resurrection and his continuing significance.

- Session (1) Believing and doubting
- Session (2) Jesus - our teacher
- Session (3) Jesus - our saviour
- Session (4) Jesus - conqueror of death
- Session (5) Jesus - Lord and brother

For the dates and venues please see the posters in your own church and also the Service Sheets.

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

At St John the Baptist, Wateringbury there are mid-week services as follow: On the second Tuesday of the month there is a **Taizé Service**, on the third Tuesday a service of **Holy Communion** and on the fourth Tuesday **Evensong with the Choir**.

All these services are for everyone in the Benefice.

Palm Sunday

There will be a performance of "The Cross of Christ" – anthems, readings and prayers for Holy Week – on Palm Sunday – 13th April at 6pm at St James the Great, East Malling. All members of Benefice Choirs are most welcome to take part!



There will be Saturday morning rehearsals on Saturday 8th February and Saturday 15th March, from 10am to 12 noon in the Church, and a final rehearsal on Palm Sunday at 4pm with a "bring and share" tea between the rehearsal and the Service. Anyone interested is also very welcome to attend Friday night choir practices, though a phone call beforehand would be useful to determine times!

Sunday Services

Sunday 2nd February - Candlemas

8am Holy Communion - Teston
 9.45am Family Eucharist - East Malling
 9.45am Family Service - Teston
 10am Morning Praise - Wateringbury



Sunday 9th February - Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 16th February - Third Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 23rd February - Second Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 2nd March - Sunday next before Lent

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



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

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Sunday 23rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

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



Sunday 30th March - Mothering Sunday

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

Around the Parishes - and beyond



Not often do you see three incumbents of the same church! Canon Don Ruddle (1979), Father Jim (2002) and the Revd Peter Mills (1995).



All the clergy in the Benefice, along with their respective husbands or wives, enjoyed a belated Christmas celebration at the King & Queen in January. Left to right: Dennis Rink, Joy Searle, Jean Brown, Pam Carpenter, Father Alan, Father Jim, The Revd Pam and Father Derek.

Special Events

Tea at Three, Teston

Served in the Church at Teston at Three
 Tuesday 18th February and
 Tuesday 18th March.



An Evening with East Peckham Silver Band

Saturday 1st March at 7.30pm at St. John the Baptist. Toe tapping music for the entire family to enjoy. Raffle proceeds will be donated to The Children's Liver Disease Foundation, a charity which supported a family who are members of the band and the church.



Tickets: £10. Accompanied school children & students: £3. Available on: 01622 813032 or from Wateringbury Post Office.

Saturday 1st March at 2.30pm - Jumble Sale - Teston

Lunches for Lent

A warm welcome awaits you at St. John the Baptist, Wateringbury on Wednesdays 12th, 19th, 26th March, 2nd and 9th April between 12.30pm and 2pm. Why not pop in for a chat over soup and bread, or cheese, tomato and bread? Cheese sandwiches will be available for children and tea, coffee, squash and small cakes will also be on the menu. Everyone welcome. Voluntary Donations invited for local charities. Transport available if needed locally. Further information: 01622 813032



Further Dates for your Diary April and May

5th April - East Malling Singers Concert
 10th May - Plant Sale, Teston
 24th May - Plant Sale, Wateringbury
 24th - 26th May - Flower Festival, Wateringbury