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The Benefice of
East Malling,
Watringbury
& Teston

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Beneficial News

Another Summer Holiday approaches and I imagine families with school age children are all looking forward to spending some quality time together. Please do note that for the very first time the Benefice is holding a Holiday Club on three days during the school holidays. I wish Lisa and her team much success and am looking forward to joining in on occasions!

Right in the middle of the Summer Holidays we, alongside the rest of the Nation, will be marking the commencement of WW1 on the 3rd and 4th August. This is clearly a poignant moment for everyone and I urge you all, no matter what age you happen to be, to participate in one of the services taking place.

There are, however, many other events taking place in our extremely busy Benefice. Please do check out this edition of Beneficial News. I should also add at this stage that this will be the very first Beneficial News produced entirely by our new Administrator. Well done Sandra, keep up the good work! Janet is still in the wings providing invaluable support for a little while longer.

It was good to be present at a recent service of Commissioning for The Revd Matthew Buchan, Vicar of Leybourne, as Rural Dean of Malling. Fr Matthew is my successor as Rural Dean and I wish him much of God's Blessings for this vital role. I am pleased not to have this responsibility at this time but I will support Fr Matthew in all ways possible. Perhaps you can too through your prayers.

I am still following medical advice and taking my work carefully, trying to maintain work on a restricted basis. I have been so well supported and offered much kindness that I feel that my recovery is well in progress. Thank you for showing me so much of God's love and support.

God Bless

Reverend 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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Fr Derek's 50th Anniversary



It was a joy and a privilege for us all to be a part of Fr Derek's 50th Anniversary of Ordination a few weeks ago at East Malling on the 8th June. Fr Derek celebrated the Communion (a real joy for him and us too!) and The Bishop of Tonbridge, The Rt Revd Dr Brian Castle (for whom Fr Derek is Chaplain), was our preacher. Fr Derek had invited family, friends and colleagues from the past and we shared in fellowship following the service. The benefice presented Pam and Derek with a special "Afternoon Tea" hamper and we hope they enjoy their outing to London (Brown's Hotel) as they continue to celebrate this amazing occasion. Congratulations to both Pam and Derek.

This year's **Confirmation Service** will be on Sunday 26th October at 6.30pm in Snodland. 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.

Who's who in the Benefice?

(Details of Wardens and Ministers for your quick reference)

Hon Asst Priest	Canon Derek Carpenter	01732 874420
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Hon Asst Priest	Revd Pam Rink	01732 840061
Administrator	Sandra Corby	01622 815218

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

Watringbury

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

Around the Parishes



Father Jim received a warm welcome from the Toddlers in Watringbury on his return from sick leave. The group may be small in numbers but is very big in heart. The children had made a lovely, surprise, Welcome Back banner.

David Wilson-Green from Watringbury admitted that he had "lost the plot" when he decided to take on three Cycling Challenges in 2014, in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. From Left to Right (Giles Parry - Prostate Cancer top; Paul Crisp; Emma Lyon - Sister-in-Law; David Wilson-Green - Prostate Cancer top). David has raised over £1100 so far! Well done to him and all his fellow cyclists.



This year's mystery location for **St John the Baptist's Sundays Cool** picnic was....the grounds of Mereworth Castle! We enjoyed a bible verse treasure hunt, lots of team sports, an African water walk to explore the lake and a bring and share feast. Prizes were awarded, fun and fellowship were shared, the setting spectacular - a fitting celebration at the end of the Sundays Cool year with memories to treasure.



The Mothers' Union welcomed a new member to their ranks at the Benefice Service in Teston on 29th June 2014, with the enrolment of Edwin Bennett from Teston.

Sunday Services

Sunday 3rd August - Seventh Sunday of Trinity and Commemoration of the start of WW1

10am Family Service - East Malling
10am Family Service - Teston
10am Morning Praise - Wateringbury

Sunday 10 August - Eighth Sunday of Trinity

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

Sunday 17th August - Ninth Sunday of Trinity

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

Sunday 24th August - The Tenth Sunday of Trinity

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

Sunday 31st August - Eleventh Sunday of Trinity

10am Benefice Eucharist - East Malling

Sunday 7th September - Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

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

Sunday 14th September - Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion - East Malling
9.45am Eucharist - East Malling
10am Eucharist - Wateringbury
6pm Choral Evensong - East Malling
6.30pm Evensong - Teston

Sunday 21st September - Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity

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

Sunday 28th September - Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity

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

Parish Happenings

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**. There are services of **Healing & Wholeness** at 8pm at Wateringbury on Tuesday 5th August and at East Malling on Tuesday 2nd September. The next **Benefice Service** is on Sunday 31st August, 10am at East Malling.

All these services are for everyone in the Benefice.

Commemoration of the Start of WW1

It is hard to underestimate the significance of the First World War for our national life. The Church is conscious that people will wish to commemorate its centenary in a number of ways. There will of course be national events such as the planned Vigil Service in Westminster Abbey or Rochester Cathedral on the evening of Monday 4 August, but our churches are to hold local commemorations in a range of contexts. Our services will be taking place on the 3rd and also 4th August (11am in East Malling). I am hoping to commemorate the event with a Vigil service of prayer at 10pm at the War Memorial In East Malling too. I hope that folk may be wanting to mark this event over these two days in some way or another.

Tea Time around the Parishes this summer

Every Sunday up to and including 7th September at St James the Great, East Malling. Teas will be served from 3pm to 5pm.

Every Tuesday August. Teas will be served at St Peter & St Paul, Teston from 2pm to 4pm. Special "T@3" on Tuesday 19th August. Refreshments also served every Tuesday from 10am to noon.

Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 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 October and November

4th October, Harvest Supper, Teston
31st October, Shining Bright Party, Wateringbury
15th November, Christmas Craft Bazaar, Wateringbury
22nd November, Christmas Fair Teston
29th November, Christmas Market East Malling
20th December, East Malling Singers Concert

Special Events

Champions! Benefice Holiday Club

At Teston Church this Summer, 10-Noon, on Tuesday 29th July, Thursday 14th August and Thursday 28th August. Great for ages 4-11. These will be fun, sport and games related mornings, which will bring us back to thinking how Jesus ran the race for God, and how we too can run that race. Contact Lisa Glasscote on 07950 852899 or lisatalman@yahoo.co.uk

Ride and Stride

Saturday 13th 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:

- riding or walking around participating churches on the day
- sponsoring a walker/rider from your parish
- 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.

Teston Jumble Sale

Saturday 20th September, 2.30pm, Teston Village Hall.

Do you have any Jumble? We can store.

Proceeds to Teston Church.

McMillan Coffee Day at the Vicarage

Saturday 27th September 2014, 10.30am-3.30pm

A very warm welcome will await you at the Vicarage for this fundraising event. There will be cakes, books and "Angels" for sale.

Revd Jim and Jean look forward to seeing you.

The Friends of St. James the Great, East Malling

Harvest Supper Dance

Saturday 4th October at the Village Hall, East Malling commencing at 7.30p.m. There will be a fish and chip supper included and music from the 1960s, 70s and 80s will be provided by local band "The Connections". Tickets at £12 each can be obtained from Maureen Banfield (01622 717476), Pat Gill (01732 522355) or Jean Spinks (01732 870722).

Harvest Festivals

5th October, Teston & East Malling at 9.45am
Wateringbury at 10am