



**The Newsletter for
The Benefice of
East Malling,
Watringbury
& Teston**

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Beneficial News

This is definitely my final Beneficial News article which, for me, seems so strange. I created this media 12 years ago to provide a form of internal, cross-Benefice, news. I do feel it has achieved its purpose and created its own identity. It has also served the purpose of helping to provide, amongst other activities, a Benefice identity too. I thank Janet and Sandra for their creative input. They have been tireless in their efforts to make sure that it is brought to you on a regular basis, in fact I can't recall an edition ever being late. Well done to them both. But what of the future? It has certainly been agreed in principle that Beneficial News will continue throughout the interregnum and hopefully beyond that too. You will, however, need to keep Sandra furnished with articles, events and photos etc. During the next few months it will be a more important media than ever as the Benefice strives to maintain its identity and promote its activities during the forthcoming vacancy.

There are going to be many opportunities for me to say good-bye to you all. I have been privileged to have been invited to so many farewell events with Jean, and we shall be together as a Benefice on the 11th October when I will attempt to see you all, to say goodbye. So I need not say too much in this article other than "Thank You". Thank you for your amazing support, love and friendship which has combined to create a most wonderful experience in my, and Jean's, lifetime. I am most aware of those who have been so intimately involved in ensuring that we have worked so well as a church, notably our brilliant ChurchWardens and my clergy, and other minister colleagues. There are too many to name but I must mention The Revd Pam Rink, who leaves us at the end of October to pastures new (she has no idea where just yet) and, of course, The Revd Alan Searle, who has recently announced his retirement as from January. I am indebted to them both and our prayers are with them, and Dennis and Joy, for the future. Our team of clergy has reduced from four to one in the space of a few months! Your prayerful and practical support should be with Canon Derek as he helps in every way possible. Derek will, at the same time, be attempting to stand back a little to create the space required for my successor. Not an easy balancing act but I have every confidence in Derek. We are a very well supported and loving group of churches who are used to worshipping and working together for the benefit of the Kingdom. Jean and I will never forget the warmth of your love and support. Thank you and be assured of our continued love and prayers for you all.

God Bless
Revd Jim Brown

For Baptisms, Weddings and other arrangements please attend
**Parish Office at
The Vicarage on
Wednesdays
6.30pm-7.15pm**

The Vicar (until 11.10.15)
The Revd Jim Brown
**The Vicarage, 2 The Grange,
East Malling, ME19 6AH**
Office tel: 01732 843282
**Email:
parishofficeemwt@gmail.com**

Farewell Eucharist

All are welcome to attend Fr Jim's final service in the Benefice
**on Sunday 11th October, 10am,
at St James the Great, East Malling,**
to say farewell to Fr Jim and Jean
as they leave us to enjoy their retirement.

A small reception will be held in the church after the service.

Fr Jim and Jean look forward to seeing you at the service
and value your prayers at this time.

*"May there always be work for your hands to do,
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine on your windowpane,
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you,
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you."*



Healing Service - Taizè

Tuesday 6th October, 8pm
St Peter & St Paul, 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
Associate Vicar	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	Peter Bond	01622 814793
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

Confirmation Service

Over the last few months, a number of adults and young people have been attending Fr Jim's Confirmation Courses at the Vicarage, exploring Christianity, the Bible, and Faith.

The candidates;
Alison Carpenter, Thomas Carpenter, William Carpenter, Rachel Hynard, Toby Boorman, Becky Prince, Eleanor Loveday, Clara Wilson-Green, and Suzanna Ward, will be Confirmed and blessed by Bishop James at the Confirmation Service which will take place on Saturday 4th October, at 6.30pm, in St Lawrence's Church, Mereworth.
Please do go along and support the candidates on their faith journey.

Farewell to Rev Pam Rink

Pam's last service in the Benefice is on **Sunday 25th October 2015** and this will now be a Benefice Service so that we can all say farewell to her on that day. The service will be at **10.00am at St. John the Baptist, Watringbury** and we hope as many people as possible will be there to wish Pam well for the future and thank her for her ministry in our Benefice.

Other Events in the Benefice

Breakfast Club, Fr Jim's "My Life to Share"
10th October, 9-10am at the Institute Hall, East Malling



Open to All

Tickets from
Alan Bramley, Barry
Fisher & Dawn Page



East Malling Singers

East Malling Church, Saturday 17th October, 7.30pm.
Come and sing Dvorak: Mass in D
and Bruckner Motets: Ave Maria;
Christus factus est; Locus iste; Os justi

MMF Fundraising Event

18th October, East Malling Church, from 1pm

Tea at Three

will be served in St Peter & St Paul, Teston
on Tuesday 17th November

Evensong

St John the Baptist, Watringbury
24th November, 7.30pm

Sunday Services

Sunday 4th October - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 11th October - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Farewell Eucharist - East Malling

Sunday 18th October - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 25th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

10am Benefice Eucharist - Wateringbury

Sunday 1st November - All Saints Day

8am Holy Communion - East Malling
9.45am Family Eucharist - East Malling
9.45am Family Service - Teston
10am Matins - Wateringbury
4pm Thanksgiving & Remembrance - East Malling

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

9.45am Remembrance Service - East Malling
10am Remembrance Service - Wateringbury
10.50am Remembrance Service - Teston
6pm Evensong - East Malling

Sunday 15th November - Second Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King

9.45am Eucharist - East Malling
10am Eucharist - Wateringbury
6.30pm Personal Thanksgiving & Remembrance - Teston

Sunday 29th November - First Sunday of Advent

10am Benefice Service - Wateringbury



Around the Parishes



The **Benefice Holiday Club** ran over 3 consecutive mornings. We started off with just over 40 children on the first day. Many children decided they wanted to come back again and by day 3 we had over 70 children!

Each day we acted out Bible stories on a stage that had been transformed into a fishing boat. We sang, danced, played sports and games, and did some cheerleading. We had a choice of 10 crafts each day with a nautical theme, Bible snacks and more, and the sun shone on us! Best of all were all the happy little faces. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the craft, they were well used, to make lighthouses and fishing boats amongst others. A BIG thank you to all those who helped on some or all of the days - you ensured the smooth sailing of this year's Holiday Club. Thank you so much, Lisa Glasscote.

Teston's Flower Festival

The Festival took place over the August Bank Holiday weekend, where the theme for the displays was "Kentish Villages".

A range of villages were represented by the very creative floral designs, including Dymchurch, Yalding, Biddenden, Wateringbury, and of course Teston! The event proved very popular, with visitors coming from near and far, and on the Saturday evening the Testonites provided the entertainment.

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

Benefice Service,
10am, 29th November, at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury
These services are for everyone in the Benefice.

Further Dates for your Diary

1st Dec - Healing Praise, East Malling
5th Dec - Kent Chamber Choir, Wateringbury
8th Dec - Cake & Carols, Teston
13th Dec - Angels, Cribs & Teas, Wateringbury

Special Events in the Benefice

Wateringbury's Harvest Quiz Night

Saturday 3rd October, in the Village Hall
7pm for 7.30pm prompt start

Dust off your thinking caps and come along and have an enjoyable evening. Tables of 6 to 8 people. £8 per person. Please book your table or individual places by email to byron3bc@btinternet.com
Bring your own refreshments.
Tickets include free tea/coffee and slice of apple pie in the interval.

Teston's Harvest Supper

Saturday 3rd October, 7.30pm in Teston Village Hall
Meal incl. Soup, Ham/Cheese Ploughman's and
Apple Pie & Cream. Please bring your own beverage!

Shining Bright "Hero" Themed Party

Saturday 31st October, 5-7pm, St John the Baptist, Wateringbury.
School aged children (4-13yrs) are invited to come along in Hero fancy dress. Games and activities and sweets galore. For further information and bookings, please contact Lisa Glasscote on 07950 852899 or email lisaglasscote@gmail.com

Come Dine at Barham Court

This popular event is taking place on Saturday 7th November, 7pm for 7.30pm, and gives us an opportunity to dine in the Cradle of the Abolition! Tickets are £30, and include a three course meal, a welcome drink, and a recital by the renowned harpist Margaret Watson. Dress code is Black Tie, or Lounge Suit.

Grand Christmas Craft Bazaar

11am to 3pm, Saturday 14th November 2015
at St. John the Baptist, Wateringbury.

From beads to bags, and plants to pashminas – over 20 stalls full of items by local craftspeople. Refreshments, mulled wine and mince pies. Raffle, cake stall, tombola and much more.

Christmas Fayre, Teston Village Hall

2.30pm on Saturday 21st November

Gifts, Crafts (handmade by Teas'n Craftees) Cakes, Christmas Goodies, Grand Raffle and Tombola. Father Christmas will be there!

East Malling's Christmas Market

Saturday 28th November, at the Village Hall, 1.45pm- 4.00pm.
The Beneficiary will be Choices, a local charity working to eliminate domestic abuse.