



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

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Beneficial News

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

My comments in this issue of Beneficial news are broadly the same as in the parish magazines for one straightforward reason. The main subject I'm going to talk about needs to come to the attention not only of readers of the Beneficial News but also the readers of the various parish magazines we have, who may not attend any of our churches but who like to know what's going on and like to offer their views on those events. As you may be aware the new service pattern comes into use on Sunday 7th May 2017. The pattern is by no means perfect but it's the best of a difficult job and the consultation is now closed. For most people at Watringbury and East Malling there are some slight changes, and there are no changes at Teston. You will be able to find copies of the full service pattern on your Church notice boards but as I said there aren't too many changes to get used to. The new pattern allows me as Vicar of all three Churches to regularly and predictably be with you for services in the course of the month, something I am looking forward to. In addition if we are lucky enough to gain any additional 'staff' clergy (which is unlikely) then it will become possible for me to attend even more services across the benefice. On Sunday 7th May the day's services across all three churches look like this:

8.30am - Holy Communion (BCP said) - East Malling

9.45am - Non Eucharistic Family Service - East Malling

9.45am - Morning Praise - Teston

10.00am - Holy Communion (Common Worship sung) - Watringbury

For other weeks please see the church notice boards.

Special services, like Christmas and Easter are not included in this pattern, as I will endeavour to arrange additional clergy cover so if necessary a Eucharist can be held in all three Churches, but we'll deal with those things as they arrive. The other thing you may be aware of is that East Malling's PCC held their 'vision day' on Saturday 11th March in the St Benedict's Centre at Malling Abbey. The purpose of the day was to look at where they are now, where they would like to focus their efforts and resources in the future, and to feed into the Diocesan and Deanery conversations on our future direction. It was an interesting day and included an address by the Rural Dean on future planning in the deanery and the diocese, as well as an unexpected visit and conversation with Bishop James. East Malling PCC also succeeded in coming up with a clear direction for the future of their parish and over the coming weeks we will be working together to put ideas into place to make that vision a reality. Why am I bothering to tell everyone? Well, should they think the exercise is worthwhile, I'm hoping to hold a similar day with Teston and Watringbury PCC's so I can have a clear idea about what each PCC sees their future direction being, and how this fits with what the deanery and diocese are trying to do.

Yours in Christ

Fr Nick

WATCH Club Youth Group



WATCH Club were delighted when Fr Nick joined them for a Q&A session in March. He answered many questions ranging from,

“How do you become a Vicar” to

“What Super Power would you like to have?”

We hope that he will come and visit us again really soon.

Who's who in the Benefice?

(Details of Wardens and Ministers for your quick reference)

Vicar	Rev Nicholas Williams	01732 843282
Hon Asst Priest	Canon Derek Carpenter	01732 874420
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.	Linda Hoskins	01622 812738
Watringbury		
Churchwarden	Peter Bond	01622 814793
Churchwarden	Liz Gummer	01622 813852
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

For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and other arrangements, please contact the Vicar, 01732 843282 / email father.nick@btinternet.com
For all other enquiries, please contact the Parish Office Administrator 01622 815218 / email parishofficeemwt@gmail.com



Holy Week and Easter



Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday

8am - BCP Holy Communion - Watringbury

9.45am - Eucharist - East Malling

9.45am - Palm Praise - Teston

10am - Family Service - Watringbury

6pm - Benefice Choir sings "The Crucifixion" - East Malling

Monday 10th April

7pm - Compline - East Malling

Tuesday 11th April

7pm - Compline - East Malling

Wednesday 12th April

7pm - Compline - East Malling

8pm - Agapè Meal - Teston

Maundy Thursday

8pm - Holy Communion, Foot washing & Vigil - East Malling

Good Friday

9am - Good Friday Project - East Malling

10am - At the Foot of the Cross - Teston

1pm - Stations of the Cross - East Malling

2pm - Silent Devotions - East Malling

2pm - An Hour at the Cross - Watringbury

2.30pm - Solemn Liturgy - East Malling

Holy Saturday, 15th April

9.30am - Easter Fun with Faith - Watringbury

7.30pm - Easter Vigil - East Malling



Easter Sunday

6am - Dawn Service - East Malling

9.45am - Eucharist & Renewal of Baptism Vows - East Malling

9.45am Easter Eucharist - Teston

10am - Easter Eucharist - Watringbury



Sunday Services

Sunday 2nd April - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 9th April - Palm Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion - Wateringbury
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling
 9.45am Palm Praise - Teston
 10am Family Service - Wateringbury
 6pm Benefice Choir Event - East Malling
 6.30pm Evening Praise - Teston

Sunday 16th April - Easter Day

6am Dawn Easter Service - East Malling
 9.45am Eucharist & Renewal of Baptism Vows - EM
 9.45am Easter Eucharist - Teston
 10am Easter Eucharist - Wateringbury

Sunday 23rd April - The Second Sunday of Easter

9.45am Eucharist - East Malling
 9.45am Children's Church - Teston
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury
 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston

Sunday 30th April - The Third Sunday of Easter

10am Benefice Service - East Malling

Sunday 7th May - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - East Malling
 9.45am Family Service - East Malling
 9.45am Family Service - Teston
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury

Sunday 14th May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.45am Eucharist - East Malling
 9.45am Children's Church - Teston
 10am Matins - Wateringbury
 6.30pm Evensong - Teston

Sunday 21st May - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - Wateringbury
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling
 9.45am Children's Church - Teston
 10am Family Service - Wateringbury
 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston

Sunday 28th May - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - East Malling
 9.45am Morning Praise - East Malling
 9.45am Children's Church - Teston
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury
 6.30pm Garden Songs of Praise - Teston

Events in the Benefice

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Monday 24th April, 7.30pm - St James the Great, East Malling

Tuesday 25th April - 8pm - St Peter & St Paul, Teston

Wateringbury's APCM was held on 28th March

The APCM booklets will be available before the APCMs
 You will be able to download the electronic versions from the
 websites ; Teston's and East Malling's APCM booklets
 will be available on stjames.eastmallings.net
 Wateringbury's will be on www.wateringburychurch.org.uk.

Printed copies will also be available
 for those who have requested them.

Please read the reports before your APCM

Plant Sales

Teston Village Hall, Saturday 13th May, 11am-1pm

Plants, vegetables, crafts, accessories,
 and refreshments

Wateringbury church, Saturday 27th May, 10am-4pm

Top Quality Plants generously donated by local nurseries,
 plus Home Grown plant stall

Teston's Garden Safari

Sunday 28th May

Gardens open 2pm-5pm. Ticket £6 includes Cream Tea.

Garden Songs of Praise 6.30pm



Further Dates for your Diary

3rd June - South London Singers Concert - East Malling

4th June - Wateringbury Village Fete

4th June-3rd Sept - Afternoon Teas - East Malling

10th June - East Malling Summer Fete

11th & 25th June - WATCH Club Youth Group

17th June - Teston's Fete on the Green

20th June - Tea at Three - Teston

24th & 25th June - Teston's Patronal Weekend

1st July - East Malling Singers Summer Concert - East Malling

30th July - Benefice Service - Teston (*to be confirmed*)

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

The next **Benefice Service** is on 30th April 2017, 10am,
 at St James the Great, East Malling

These services are for everyone in the Benefice.

Events in the Benefice

Maidstone Music Festival Fundraising Concert

Sunday 2nd April, 4pm, at East Malling church

Enjoy a musical mystery tour!

There will be tea, coffee, wine, soft drinks, cakes, and a raffle.

Tickets: Adults £5 on the door, Children FREE



The Crucifixion

The Benefice Choirs and friends will be singing

John Stainer's "*The Crucifixion*"

at 6pm on Sunday 9th April, in St James' Church, East Malling.

Please do come and join in this famous sacred Cantata
 for choir, organ, soloists, & hymns for the congregation to sing.

Tea at Three

will be served in St Peter & St Paul church, Teston
 on Tuesday 18th April and Tuesday 16th May

Friends of St James the Great, East Malling

are holding **The Great Quiz** on Friday 21st April, 7pm
 for 7.30pm start in the East Malling Centre, Chapman Way

Teams of 6-8 members. Tickets £6 per person,
 includes a Ploughman's Supper

For more information and to book a place,
 contact Jean Spinks on 01732 220515

St George's Day Afternoon Tea

Sunday 23rd April in East Malling church
 from 3pm-5pm

Delicious homemade cakes,
 refreshments, and raffle

in aid of the Apple Tree Room



Travelling Trends Fashion Show

Friday 12th May, 7pm, East Malling church

Buy from a fabulous range of high street stores at bargain prices.

Tickets are £10 and include a welcome drink.

For tickets and information,
 contact Shirley Gurteen on 01732 521831

Innominata in Concert

at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury on Saturday 13th May

7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 from Wateringbury Post Office,

Handy Stores, and Jan & Mike on 01622 814324