



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

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Beneficial News

Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! This short sentence, was used for the first time this year when a rather bleary eyed group of people from all three congregations gathered for the first communion of Easter, at Dawn on Easter morning, outside the church at East Malling. For Christians it heralds new hope, reminding us of the certainty that Jesus Christ has triumphed over death and evil and risen from the grave. Or it seems it only means that for some people.

I say that because as was reported by our newspapers and extensively by the BBC, half of the 2010 people surveyed on behalf of the BBC did not believe in the resurrection. Ok, you may say that is only to be expected, we are after all becoming a more secular society. We then discover that only 37% of Christians believe in the resurrection, which is a slightly different story (you can find the survey at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-39153121>)

Clearly something is wrong when 63% of those who describe themselves as Christians, don't subscribe to the major cornerstone of the faith. The question we need to ask ourselves is, why might this be and why should anyone else choose to believe what we say we believe when 63% don't believe it themselves. It's a problem, and on the face of things it is disheartening, but it is no bigger a problem and no less disheartening than the situation faced by the disciples following the crucifixion.

With the help of the risen Christ, they took heart. Their faith in the promise of Jesus was itself resurrected and they were inspired to take their faith out into the world around them, a faith that continues to this very day, and daily through acts of faith, compassion, and friendship which helps millions to know the love of Jesus Christ and his Church for all people.

These statistics are disappointing, but they shouldn't be disheartening. They tell us we need to make our Church more relevant to the people around us, we need to help people inside as well as outside the Church to regain belief in what Jesus Christ did for each and every one of us. Christians should see those statistics as a challenge, not a death sentence, and answering that challenge is the continuing task of all our Churches as people born again into the hope and joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave.

Yours in Christ

Fr Nick

Archdeacon's Visitation



Churchwardens
(left to right)
Ros Hutchins
(Teston)
Liz Gummer
(W'bury)
Dawn Page
(Teston)
and
Peter Bond
(W'bury)
at the
Archdeacon's
Visitation in
Tonbridge.

Who's who in the Benefice?

(Details of Wardens and Ministers for your quick reference)

Vicar	Rev Nicholas Williams	01732 843282
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Administrator	Sandra Corby	01622 815218
East Malling		
Churchwarden	David Chambers	01732 842582
Reader	Alan Bramley	01732 846800
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Teston		
Churchwarden	Ros Hutchins	01622 297340
Churchwarden & Reader	Dawn Page	01622 812691
Parish Children's & Vulnerable Adults' Rep.	Linda Hoskins	01622 812738
Wateringbury		
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

Recent Events

Easter Fun at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury, on 15th April



Benefice Café Church

There was a good turn out on Sunday 30th April for the inaugural Café Church at East Malling, where we enjoyed a talk by Anna Ashbee, a dramatised reading of the Road to Emmaus, activities, hymns, dancing, and, of course, refreshments and pastries - well, it was a café!



Thank you, and well done, to everyone involved.

Sunday Services

Sunday 4th June - Pentecost

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - East Malling
 9.45am Family Service - East Malling
 9.45am Family Service - Teston
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury
 6pm Choral Evensong - East Malling

Sunday 11th June - Trinity Sunday

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

Sunday 18th June - The First Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 25th June - The Second Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 2nd July - The Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 9th July - The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Eucharist - East Malling
 10am Matins - Wateringbury
 6.30pm Evensong - Teston

Sunday 16th July - The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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 23rd July - The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - East Malling
 9.45am Morning Praise - East Malling
 9.45am Children's Church - Teston
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury
 6.30pm James Ramsay Day Eucharist - Teston

Sunday 30th July - The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10am Benefice Service - Teston



Events in the Benefice

Malling District Scouts

Friends of Comp Wood raising funds for the campsite

Pimms & Strawberry Tea

Saturday 17th June, 3pm -6pm at 7 Teapot Lane, Aylesford
 Entry by tickets, £10, (limited to 50) ordered/bought beforehand
 For details contact Fr Derek on 01732 874420
 or Maureen Banfield on 01622 717476

Teston's Patronal Weekend

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th June from 11am-4pm
 The Church will be open and decorated with the theme of "Family"
 to celebrate our Patron Saints, Peter & Paul.
 Come and see the displays. Refreshments available.
 On Sunday at 6.30pm there will be a Eucharist service

East Malling Singers Summer Concert

Saturday 1st July, 7.30pm, East Malling Church
 Featuring Innominata and other guests.
 The Singers and their guests will present a selection of traditional
 music from around the world. Tickets are available from Sue
 Greenham at sue@willshouse.co.uk (01622 750 943) cost £12 and
 £10 (concessions), children go free.

Teston's Outing to Dymchurch

You are invited to join us for our annual day out
 to Dymchurch on Sunday 9th July
 Leaving Teston Village Hall at 10am & returning by 6pm.
 Tickets: Adults £12.50, Students/Children £6
 For more details contact Dawn Page on 01622 812691



Further Dates for your Diary

Cream Teas 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st August - 2pm - W'bury
 Afternoon Tea - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August, & 3rd Sept
 3pm-5pm - East Malling
 14th-16th August - Holiday Club, Wateringbury Primary School
 15th August & 19th September - Tea at Three - Teston
 26th-28th August - Flower Festival - Teston
 9th September - Blue Plaque History Displays - Wateringbury
 16th September - Jumble Sale - Teston

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

The next **Benefice Service** is on 30th July 2017, 10am,
 at St Peter & St Paul, Teston
These services are for everyone in the Benefice.

Events in the Benefice

The South London Singers Concert

'Music for a Summer's Evening'

- Sacred & Secular

in aid of the Apple Tree Room

Saturday 3rd June, 7.30pm, in East Malling Church.
 With harpist Keziah Thomas, & accompanist David Thorne
 Director of music: Julian Collings
 Tickets are £10 from Fr Derek on 01732 874420,
 Anna Ashbee on 01732 352436, or on the door.



Wateringbury Village Fete

Sunday 4th June, 12.30pm,
 Wateringbury Playing Fields
 Stalls, games, food, refreshments, music, raffle, and more.
 Come along and join in the fun!



Tea at Three

will be served in St Peter & St Paul Church, Teston
 on Tuesday 20th June and Tuesday 18th July

Afternoon Tea

will be served at 3pm in St James the Great Church, East Malling
 on the following Sundays; 4th, 11th, 25th June, and
 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th July

East Malling Summer Fayre

Saturday 10th June, 11am-2pm
 in St James the Great Church, East Malling
 Stalls, Raffle, Hot Dogs, Cream Teas,
 Plants, Books, and Cakes.
 Something for everyone!

East Malling Garden Safari

in aid of the Comp Wood Campsite Appeal
 Sunday 11th June, 12 noon - 5pm
 8 gardens will be open for you to enjoy
 BBQ at Ivy House from noon
 Teas at Paris House and St James the Great Church
 Tickets, £4, and further information from Fr Derek on 01732 874420

Teston's Fete on the Green

Teston Village Green,
 Saturday 17th June, from 2.30pm
 Stalls, Games, Teas, Cakes, Children's Races,
 Tombola, and Grand Raffle
 Come along and enjoy this traditional village fete!