



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

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Beneficial News

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Lots of you will I'm sure remember from your youth the 1964 album released by Bob Dylan 'The Times They are a Changin' and the song by the same name from that album. The album wasn't universally popular but it still managed number 4 in the UK album charts in 1965. According to that well know academic source Wikipedia 'many feel that it captures the spirit of social and political upheaval that characterised the 1960s'. In many ways we live in similar times of great social and political upheaval and for us in this Benefice 'the times they are a changing'.

What do I mean? Well, you will know from my last piece in Beneficial News that not only the liturgical colour has changed recently (to green!), the thrust of our readings has also changed. That change is a call to us as hearers of the word to begin to put into action the things that we have been prepared for since Advent.

It gives me great pleasure to write that even though we are in the midst of what is the holiday season, traditionally a quiet time for churches, many of you have been active in thinking and praying about how we can move forward in our calling to mission. So I want to tell you about a few things that have begun to happen, small things, but things, if they are supported and nurtured by you the congregations of the Benefice, will inevitable reap rewards in the mission fields outside our Church doors.

So, let me begin with Teston. After much prayer and discussion, Teston, acknowledging the need for missional activity in the village, will be starting in September with a modified service pattern to make the Church more accessible and hopefully more attractive to more people. Whilst they are full of enthusiasm they can't do it on their own - they will need help from the many talented people we have across the Benefice and I hope that as many of you as are able will provide that help when it is requested. In summary they have decided to change both the style and format of their services.

The main Sunday services look something like this:

1st Sunday 9.45am - 'Food for Thought' - an informal praise service with food, teaching, singing & discussion for all ages.

2nd Sunday - 9.45am - Come and Praise - service of praise and teaching for children and carers & 6.30pm - Sung BCP Evensong.

3rd Sunday - 9.45am - The Parish Eucharist - a sung service taken from Common Worship, with Sunday school.

4th Sunday - 9.45am - Come and Praise & 6.30pm - Parish Eucharist (No Sunday School).

At East Malling, Alan Bramley, one of our Readers, is looking at ways to make the monthly Family Service more friendly to those who are unfamiliar with Church and is looking for people to help him with this.

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In an exciting development, Leybourne Church have offered to bring their popular Sunday evening SOS service over to East Malling, together with its worship band and singers. In addition I hope to use this opportunity to train those who volunteered for our Benefice worship band and to try and raise up leaders and a congregation for this type of service initially at East Malling but, if successful, across the Benefice.

At Watringbury we have an offer to host the second part of the Pilgrim Course, the first part of which has just ended at East Malling, and the opportunity has arisen to review our provision for young people, things that both have tremendous potential.

Lastly but by no means least our Prayer Walking initiative continues across the Benefice and at Watringbury has included members of other denominations. My thanks to those of you who have taken part both as prayer walkers and prayer supporters in all three parishes and for those who haven't managed it yet, I would commend the practice to your consideration - the next batch of dates will be published in the pew and information sheets soon.

So, all in all 'times are a changin' but surrounded by prayer and empowered by the Holy Spirit they show every sign of changing for the better.

Yours in Christ

Fr Nick

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
Reader	Alan Bramley	01732 846800
Parish Children's & Vulnerable Adults' Rep.	Michala Neves	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

WATCH Club Youth Group

Nine young people from WATCH attended an Activity Day on 1st July, organised by Young Kent. Zorbing, Archery, Rock Climbing, Karting, and The Caving Bus, were enjoyed by all.



Sunday Services

Sunday 6th August - The Transfiguration

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

Sunday 13th August - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 20th August - The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 27th August - The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - East Malling
9.45am Morning Praise - East Malling
10am Eucharist - Wateringbury
6.30pm Flower Festival Eucharist - Teston

Sunday 3rd September - The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - East Malling
9.45am Family Service - East Malling
9.45am "Food for Thought" (New Informal Service) - Teston
10am Eucharist - Wateringbury
6pm Choral Evensong - East Malling

Sunday 10th Sept. - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Eucharist - East Malling
9.45am Come & Praise (Child Friendly Service) - Teston
10am Matins - Wateringbury
6.30pm Evensong - Teston

Sunday 17th Sept. - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 24th September - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - East Malling
9.45am Morning Praise - East Malling
9.45am Come & Praise (Child Friendly Service) - Teston
10am Eucharist - Wateringbury
6.30pm Parish Communion - Teston

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Events in the Benefice



Wateringbury Local History Society

Heritage Day, Saturday 9th September
Come and join the Blue Plaque Unveiling Walk, 10.30am-noon
where 7 Blue Plaques will be unveiled
(meet at gates to Wateringbury Place - opposite Love Lane)
Then enjoy an Exhibition in church from noon-4pm
Ploughman's lunches and afternoon teas will be available

Teston's Jumble Sale

Saturday 16th September, 2.30pm Teston Village Hall
Bargains galore to be had! Clear out your cupboards and leave any
donations (gratefully received) at the Village Hall from 9.30am

Friends of St James the Great, East Malling

"Starters & Puds Evening", Saturday 23rd September
at the East Malling Institute, with "Fiddle & Faff"
Tickets £10 each from
Alan Bramley (01732 846800) or Jean Spinks (01732 220515)

Benefice Holiday/Pilgrimage 2018

This will take place at Shallowford House Christian Retreat Centre in
Staffordshire from Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018.

If we have enough people going we can take over the whole house.
There is a list up on the notice board in each of the three churches for
you to sign up if you would like to go.

The cost will be £350 per person.

This includes 4 nights full board accommodation (breakfast, lunch and
dinner) transport and some trips.

A **non-returnable deposit** of £50 per person is required to secure the
rooms. Cheques payable please to EMPCC. Hand to Alan Bramley.

The deposit deadline has passed but please
speak to Alan Bramley on 01732 846800 if you are interested.

Further Dates for your Diary

1st October - Confirmation Service - 6pm - East Malling
8th October - MMF Concert - 4pm - East Malling
13th October - FoSJB - Talk Two - 7.30pm - Wateringbury
21st October - EMS Autumn Concert - 7.30pm - East Malling
28th October - Charity Dinner - Barham Court, Teston
18th November - Xmas Bazaar - 11am - Wateringbury
& Xmas Fayre - 2pm - Teston

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

The next **Benefice Service** is on 29th October 2017, 9.45am,
at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury
These services are for everyone in the Benefice.

Events in the Benefice

Cream Teas

at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury
Come along and enjoy
delicious cream teas
at 2pm on Thursdays in August;
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st



Afternoon Tea

at St James the Great, East Malling
will be served at 3pm on the following Sundays;
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August, & 3rd Sept (with a book browse)

The Testonites present "The Rummage Sale"

A farce, with food, on Friday 11th August, 7.30pm in Teston Village Hall.
Tickets £7 from Dawn Page on 01622 812691

Tea at Three

will be served in St Peter & St Paul Church, Teston
on Tuesday 15th August & Tuesday 19th September

Holiday Club

Come along to the "**Big Top**" Holiday Club
at Wateringbury Primary School on 14th, 15th & 16th August
for lots of games, crafts, activities, and,
most of all, FUN!
Entry is free

For details contact Lisa Glasscote on 07950 852899
e-mail lisaglasscote@gmail.com



Teston's Flower Festival

St Peter & St Paul, 26th 27th & 28th August
Come along to see the floral and art/craft displays.
Theme "Songs - Old & New"

Cello Extravaganza

Wateringbury Church on Sunday 27th August, 6pm-7pm
As part of her 'Summer School', Naomi Butterworth is directing cellists
from Trinity Music College who will perform in groups
of up to twelve - music ranging from Bach to Gershwin.
Admission £5 (under 18s free) at the door.
Proceeds to the 'Save our Spire Fund'
Refreshments will be available.

Open Garden

Boorman Mews, Wateringbury
27th & 28th August, 11am-4pm, under the National Garden Scheme
Yvonne's garden has reached the finals of the
Kent Garden of the Year 2017.