



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

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## Beneficial News

Some of you have asked where we are with the Deanery Mission and Ministry Plan (DMMP). As you may be aware the proposals put forward in the DMMP have been presented to the three worshipping congregations in the Benefice over the past few weeks. Congregational responses have been collated by the Churchwardens of all three parishes. A wider response from the non-worshipping community was sought through the pages of the respective parish magazines with submissions again being collated by the respective Church Wardens and the Parish Office. Prayerful consideration of the proposal was encouraged. The results of the congregational consultation were presented to and discussed by each PCC. A conscious decision was taken in consultation with me to make the offer that this could be done in my absence to allow frank and open views to be exchanged. This was taken up by two of the three PCC's. Each PCC then came to a settled view of the way forward. These responses have been brought together into a single document which represents the settled views of the three parishes that make up to the Benefice of East Malling, Wateringbury and Teston. I have added additional comments of my own which represent my views alone, although these do in some cases echo the views expressed by some PCC and Congregational members. In summary the outcomes of the consultation show a significant majority of respondents in all three parishes supported the proposal as presented in the DMMP.

To give this a little more detail all three PCC's supported the proposal as set out in DMMP. This position was qualified in respect of Teston's PCC who found the plan acceptable with one abstention, however they wanted more information on how Barming proposed to accommodate them before they would commit themselves as being wholly in favour or against. I as your Vicar support the proposal as outlined in the DMMP. We need also to remember that we are at the beginning of a journey. Our wishes may not coincide with the wishes of Barming and Mereworth, and so some compromise in the DMMP may be called for, and I have no doubt we will be informed of any compromises in due course. The thing we need to remember and to pray over is that our overriding consideration should not be our own individual feeling and attachments but what is best for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God in this area.

Yours in Christ  
Fr Nick

## Re-Commissioning of Lisa Glasscote



On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, Lisa was re-commissioned as an Evangelist for the Benefice, by The Venerable Julie Conalty, Archdeacon of Tonbridge, during the Eucharist service at East Malling Church.

Congratulations Lisa!

We pray that Lisa's ministry in our Benefice will be blessed and fruitful.

### 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
Benefice Evangelists	Lisa Glasscote	01622 812661
	Pauline Welch (W)	
Benefice Readers	Alan Bramley (EM)	
	Alastair Byron (W)	
	Dawn Page (T)	
	Sandra Corby	01622 815218
Administrator		
<b>East Malling</b>		
Churchwarden	David Chambers	01732 842582
Reader	Alan Bramley	01732 846800
Parish Children & Vulnerable Adults Rep.	Michala Neaves	01732 321473
<b>Wateringbury</b>		
Churchwardens	Peter Bond	01622 814793
	Liz Gummer	01622 813852
Evangelist	Pauline Welch	01622 814673
Readers	Alastair Byron	01622 812023
	Barry Fisher	01622 813206
Pastoral Assistants	Edna Craig	01622 812922
	Becky Bowie	01622 813396
Parish Children & Vulnerable Adults Rep.	Debbie Bond	01622 814793
<b>Teston</b>		
Churchwarden	Ros Hutchins	01622 297340
Churchwarden & Reader	Dawn Page	01622 812691
Parish Children & Vulnerable Adults Rep.	Linda Hoskins	01622 812738

**For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and other arrangements, please contact the Vicar**

**01732 843282 / email [father.nick@btinternet.com](mailto:father.nick@btinternet.com)**

For all other enquiries, please contact the Parish Office Administrator  
01622 815218 / email [parishofficeemwt@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficeemwt@gmail.com)

## Around the Parishes

The second **Seven O'Clock Service "SOS"** took place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, led by our re-commissioned Evangelist Lisa, with music and song provided by the Leybourne Worship Band and some very familiar faces.



## Events in the Benefice

### St John the Baptist Church

Wateringbury, 3pm - 5pm  
on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
& Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May



For more details speak to Ruth Dunn  
on 01622 812342



### Tea at Three

will be served in Teston Church  
on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April &  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May



### WATCH Club Youth Group

(for ages 10-18yrs) meets  
4pm-6pm in Wateringbury Village Hall  
on  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

East Malling - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April - 10.45am  
Teston - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April - 7.30pm  
Wateringbury - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April - 7.30pm

## Sunday Services

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Day

6am Dawn Service & First Eucharist - EM  
 9.45am Easter Eucharist - EM  
 9.45am Easter Parish Communion - Teston  
 10am Easter Eucharist - Wateringbury



### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April - The Second Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April - The Third Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Benefice Service - Teston

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - East Malling  
 9.45am Family Service - East Malling  
 9.45am *New service* - Teston - look out for details  
 10am Eucharist - Wateringbury

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - Wateringbury  
 9.45am Eucharist - East Malling  
 9.45am Parish Communion - Teston  
 10am Family Service - Wateringbury  
 7pm SOS - East Malling

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Trinity Sunday

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

## Events in the Benefice

### “Stand Up Mongolia - Stories and Songs”

Stories: Richard Dove  
 Songs: Michael Ormiston

at St James the Great, East Malling  
 on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (including one drink)  
 available from

Anna Ashbee (01732 352436 or [annaashbee@hotmail.com](mailto:annaashbee@hotmail.com))  
 Richard Dove ([richarddove2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richarddove2003@yahoo.co.uk))  
 and Shaun & Shirley Gurteen (01732 521831)

### Annual Plant Sales

#### Teston

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, from 12 noon  
 in the church

Plants, vegetables, crafts,  
 accessories, & refreshments

#### Wateringbury

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-4pm  
 A wide variety of plants and shrubs  
 for gardens of all shapes and sizes



### Teston's Garden Safari

will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
 from 1.30pm-5pm

Go along to the  
 Village Hall on the day  
 to buy your £6 Safari ticket  
 which includes a Cream Tea



### Further Dates for your Diary

2<sup>nd</sup> June & 7<sup>th</sup> July - Messy Church - 3pm-5pm - Wateringbury

Friends of St James the Great Coffee Morning - 10.30am

9<sup>th</sup> June - Snodland & W'bury Production - 7.30pm - Snodland

10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June & 15<sup>th</sup> July - WATCH Club - 5pm-7pm

16<sup>th</sup> June - Fete on the Green - 2pm - Teston

17<sup>th</sup> June - SOS - East Malling

19<sup>th</sup> June & 17<sup>th</sup> July - Tea at Three - Teston

23<sup>rd</sup> June - Summer Fayre - 10am - East Malling

Patronal Festival "A Bit of a Sing" - 7.30pm - Wateringbury

30<sup>th</sup> June - East Malling Singers Summer Concert - 7.30pm - EM

29<sup>th</sup> July - Benefice Service - 10am - Wateringbury

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

The next **Benefice Service** is on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 10am, at St Teston  
**These services are for everyone in the Benefice.**

## Events in the Benefice

### Cream Teas and a Silent Auction

will be held at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury  
 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30pm-5pm

Delicious Teas to enjoy

Plus an opportunity to join in

SEALED BIDS SILENT AUCTIONS FOR 3 PICTURES

Bids Close at 4.30pm



### Olive Oxley & Other Artists

#### Various Media Art Exhibition and Sale

#### including a Great Big Book Sale

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018,  
 2pm - 4pm in St Peter & St Paul Church, Teston  
 Refreshments

### The Friends of St James the Great Church, East Malling

will be holding a **Quiz Night** on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
 7pm for 7.30pm in the East Malling Centre, Chapman Way.

Tickets £6 per person, with tables of up to six.

Includes a Ploughman's Supper.

Tickets from Jean 01732 220515 or Alan 01732 846800



### Canterbury Cathedral Choristers

in Concert at St John the Baptist Church,  
 Wateringbury, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm  
 Adults £10, Accompanied Children £2  
 Tickets from PO/Flannagans Local Produce  
 Store, Tonbridge Road, & Handy Store,  
 Bow Road, or from 01622 299713

This expected to be a popular event so we  
 recommend buying your tickets in advance.

### Benefice May Day Walk - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Save the date - Please join us for fun and fellowship  
 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May for a Benefice Walk,  
 when we will walk around all three churches.

More information from Shirley Gurteen

([s.gurteen125@btinternet.com](mailto:s.gurteen125@btinternet.com)) or see the flyer in your local church

### The Friends of Wateringbury Church

invite you to

a Talk on Morgan Cars

in Wateringbury church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, at 2.30pm