



Beneficial News

Sadly, due to time constraints, there are no words from Fr Nick in this issue.

Instead, you have mine!

After that glorious summer, the weather's been a tad changeable lately, and at times turbulent, which in some ways could reflect how our Benefice may be feeling at this time, with all the uncertainty surrounding its much talked about break-up.

But we shouldn't fear the changes.

In the Bible
God is often telling people
"Do not be afraid"
"Be strong"
"Be courageous"

to Joshua in *Joshua 1.6, 7 & 9*
to King Hezekiah in *2 Chronicles 32.7*
and Paul's letter *1 Corinthians 16.13*
to name a few

And Jesus said
"Don't be afraid. Take Courage! I am here!"
Mark 6.50 (NLT)

If we believe God's Word, and keep it in our hearts,
and believe that Jesus is always beside us,
what should we fear?

Jesus said
"I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart.
And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give.
So don't be troubled or afraid"
John 14.27 (NLT)

So when you are feeling fearful of what might lie ahead, think on these verses. I hope you can put the fear behind you and be filled with that glorious peace of the Lord.

God Bless

Sandra

Could you be a school governor?

- Do you want to make a difference to your local community?
- Do you have prior governance or board level experience, or do you have experience of primary school teaching, Early Years education, care/social work or special needs?
- Do you have the confidence to ask challenging questions?

Watringbury CE Primary School currently has 2 vacancies for voluntary Foundation Governors to join our school's governing body. The governing body's role is to help to set and review the school's vision and strategic direction and agree targets for improvement; to hold the headteacher and school leaders to account for the academic performance of the school and its pupils; and to oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure public money is well spent. In addition, Foundation Governors help to ensure that the school's special Christian character and ethos is maintained. If you are interested in finding out more about the Foundation Governor role, please contact the Clerk of Governors Sara Wallis by emailing governors@watringbury.kent.sch.uk

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 Readers	Alan Bramley (EM)	
	Alastair Byron (W)	
	Dawn Page (T)	
East Malling		
Churchwarden	David Chambers	01732 842582
Reader	Alan Bramley	01732 846800
Parish Children & Vulnerable Adults Rep.	Michala Neaves	01732 321473
Watringbury		
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
Teston		
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

For all other enquiries, please contact the Parish Office Administrator parishofficeemwt@gmail.com Office hours 9.30am-3pm Tues-Thurs

Around the Parishes

The ever popular **Holiday Club** was held 13th to 15th August at Watringbury Primary School. 70 children over the 3 days enjoyed making crafts, learning forest skills, playing games, dancing and more. This is the fantastic ship-wreck Time Machine, built by Rod Moore, who had created a wonderful neon under-water world that generated lots of "WOW!"s from the children, as they crawled through to reach the Biblical period we were focusing on with our stories.



Confirmation Service

The Deanery Confirmation Service will take place at St Lawrence Church, Mereworth on Sunday 7th October at 7pm
There are no candidates from our Benefice this year

Events

Flower Displays

St James the Great Church, East Malling will be open Saturday 6th October from 2pm-4pm for you to enjoy their wonderful flower displays

Harvest Supper

Teston Village Hall, starting 7.30pm, on Saturday 6th October
Tickets: Adult £6, Children £3 (tickets include a theatre supper) are available from Dawn on 01622 8912691

The Friends of East Malling Church event

"Starters & Puds"
has **SOLD OUT**

Sunday Services

Sunday 7th October - The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - EM
 9.45am Family Service - EM
 9.45am Harvest Family Service - Teston
 10am Harvest Eucharist - Wateringbury

Sunday 14th October - The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 21st October - The TwentyFirst Sunday A'er Trinity

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

Sunday 28th October - Last 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 Parish Communion - Teston

Sunday 4th November - The Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday 11th November - The Third Sunday before Advent

9.45am Remembrance Service - East Malling
 9.45am Children's Church - Teston
 10am Remembrance Service - Wateringbury
 10.45am Act of Remembrance - War Memorial Teston
 5.15pm Service of Remembrance/Commemoration of 100 yrs
 Armistice & Lighting of Beacon - Teston
 6pm Evensong - East Malling

Sunday 18th November - The Second Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday 25th November - Christ the King

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

THERE ARE SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION
 at St James the Great, East Malling, at 9am every Thursday

Events



Come and see the
Carpet of Poppies
 in Wateringbury Church
 Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd November
 from 11am-4pm
 & Sunday 4th November from
 2pm-4pm



There will also be Displays, Ploughman's, & Cream Teas.

The school children and the Wednesday Crafters Coffee Breakers are in the process of making **249 poppies** that will be placed around Wateringbury. Each poppy represents every man connected to the school who served in WWI.

The Willington Players will be performing

"The Ghost Train"

a thriller by Arnold Ridley (who played Godfrey in Dad's Army)
 at the Hazlitt Theatre on Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm
 Tickets £14 (percentage will go to the Apple TreeRoom provided the
 tickets are bought through the church)

For details and tickets, contact Anna Ashbee on 07786 911041



Christmas Bazaar

Wateringbury Church
 Saturday 17th November from 11am-3pm

Christmas Fayre

Teston Village Hall
 Saturday 17th November from 2pm-5pm

Further Dates for your Diary

1st Dec - FoSJG Coffee Morning - 10.30am
 Messy Church - 3pm - Wateringbury

2nd Dec - WATCH Club Christmas Party - Wateringbury Church
 Advent Carols & Readings - 6.30pm - Teston

8th Dec - Angels & Cribs - 10.30am-4pm - Wateringbury

15th Dec - East Malling Singers Christmas Concert - 7.30pm - EM

16th Dec - Nativity Play - 10am - Wateringbury

Nine Lessons & Carols - 5.30pm - East Malling

Nativity Play - Teston - *time tbc*

18th Dec - Carols & Cake - 3pm - Teston

20th Dec - Nine Lessons & Carols - 8pm - Wateringbury

23rd Dec - Nine Lessons & Carols - 6.30pm - Teston

24th Dec

Crib Services - 3.30pm Teston, 4pm & 6pm EM, 5pm Wateringbury

9pm Christmas Eve Communion - Teston

11.30pm Midnight Mass - East Malling & Wateringbury

25th Dec - Family Communion

9.30am Teston

10am East Malling & Wateringbury

Events

St John the Baptist Church

Wateringbury, 3pm - 5pm
 on Saturday 13th October
 & Saturday 10th November
 For more details speak to Ruth Dunn
 on 01622 812342



WATCH Club Youth Group

(for ages 10-18yrs) meet 5pm - 7pm
 Sundays
 14th October
 11th & 25th November
 in Wateringbury Village Hall



Tea at Three

will be served in Teston Church
 on Tuesday 16th October &
 Tuesday 20th November



The Friends of Wateringbury Church Talk

"Network Rail"

will be on Friday 19th October, 7.30pm, in Wateringbury Church
 For more details email friends@fowc.org.uk
 or contact the Secretary on 01622 812471

East Malling Singers Autumn Concert

Handel's Messiah

will be on Saturday 20th October, 7.30pm, in East Malling Church
 Tickets, £12 (school children free) are available from Sue Greenham
 on 01622 750943 or email boxoffice@eastmallingsingers.co.uk

Shining Bright Party

"Whatever is lovely... think about such things"
Philippians 4:3

You are invited to a "Peter Pan Party"
 and to fly with us to Neverland!

Primary school aged children are invited to come to **Wateringbury Church**, (which is found second star to the right and straight on till morning) and join us in Neverland

on **Wednesday 31st October from 5-7pm**

for Peter Pan inspired crafts, games, dance, snacks and fun,
 including our outdoor treasure hunt, so remember your torch!

We will also have party food to help us celebrate.

This will be our **8th** year of holding a 'Non- Scary' party to
 celebrate 'All Saints' day. We are inviting children to come and help
 us celebrate in Peter Pan fancy dress, or wear their brightest clothes.

This event is free.

For more information, or to book on, please e-mail Lisa Glasscote
lisaglasscote@gmail.com