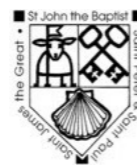




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The Newsletter for The
Benefice of East Malling,
Wateringbury & Teston

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Beneficial News

As you may be aware, we have a new Assistant Priest in the Benefice, and here is an introduction...

My name is Rev. Canon Liz Walker (but 'Liz' is absolutely fine) and I have been asked by Julie Conalty, our Archdeacon, to assist in the Benefice for two Sundays a month. The aim of this is to free Father Nick to take services in other churches as part of the process towards future changes in the structure of the Benefice. Initially this support is planned until Easter but will be reviewed again at that point. I have already met some of you at services in East Malling and thank you for your warm welcome. As I write this, I am looking forward to meeting the congregation at Wateringbury when I take a service there at the end of January.

Father Nick suggested that I told you a little about myself, so here goes. I was born and grew up in south London but have lived most of my life in Kent. I have two children, and now a grandchild, and family life has always been – despite the worries it sometimes brings, a great joy to me. I initially trained as a secondary school teacher and taught R.E. (and such subjects as Sex and Drugs Education!) for over 25 years. I trained as a Reader when I was 24 years old and was one of the first women Readers – good practice, as it turned out, for being in the first group of Women priests in 1994! After serving as a School Chaplain/Honorary Curate, I went into Parish ministry in 1997, serving in two parishes until my retirement late in 2015. My parish life was split between being Rector/Vicar and Diocesan Director of Ordinands – interviewing those who came forward to explore ordination in Rochester Diocese. I have a post-graduate diploma in Counselling.

When I retired I moved to Allington, Maidstone, to be nearer my family. I now cover services, am a Spiritual Director, and do some interviewing work for Bishop James – and enjoy doing less in my retirement!

APCMs

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings

are being held in April 2019

Tuesday 2nd April - 7.30pm - Teston
Sunday 7th April - 11am - East Malling
Wednesday 24th April - 7.30pm - Wateringbury

For inclusion in the APCM Booklet
please forward your Reports to parishofficeemwt@gmail.com
by noon on Thursday 28th February 2019

After the APCM, please notify Sandra, by email, of the following:

Name(s) of Churchwarden(s)
Names of PCC Members
Names of Sidespersons

And following the first PCC Meeting, after the APCM,

Name of PCC Secretary
Name of Treasurer
Name of Gift Aid Secretary
Name of Electoral Officer

Many Thanks!



Ash Wednesday Services

10am Wateringbury Church
7pm East Malling Church
Wednesday 6th March 2019



Simply Soup Lunches

Wateringbury Church
Wednesdays 13th & 27th March and 10th April
No charge.

Donations are invited for a
different charity each week.



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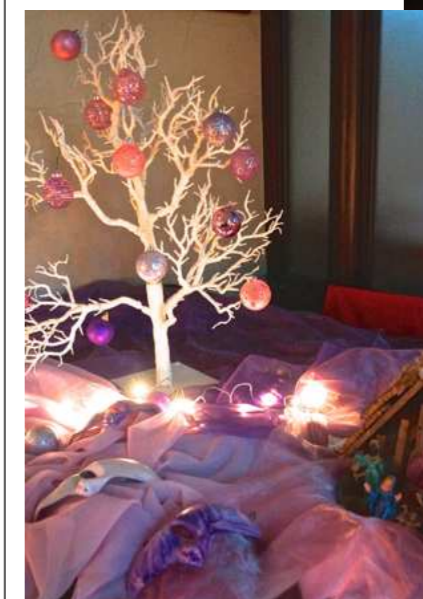
For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and other arrangements, please contact the Vicar
01732 843282 / email father.nick@btinternet.com
For all other enquiries, please contact the Parish Office Administrator
parishofficeemwt@gmail.com
Parish Office hours are Weds 9.30am-3pm & Thurs 9.30am-Noon

Around the Parishes

“EPIFEST”

The ever popular
Epifest
took place in
Teston Church
on the
5th & 6th January

Visitors travelled
from all over Kent
to come and see
the displays.



Well done to the talented
ladies who put the
displays together, and to
all who helped over the
weekend.



Sunday Services

Sunday 3rd February - Candlemas

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

Sunday 10th February - The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 17th February - The Third Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 24th February - The Second Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 3rd March - The Sunday next before Lent

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

Sunday 10th March - The First Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 17th March - The Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 24th March - The Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 31st March - Mothering Sunday

5th Sunday but there will be no Benefice service this month

Mothering Sunday Services

9.45am East Malling
 9.45am Teston
 10am Wateringbury

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

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
Assistant Priest	Canon Liz Walker	via Vicarage
Benefice Readers	Alan Bramley (EM) Alastair Byron (W) Barry Fisher (W) Dawn Page (T)	
Administrator	Sandra Corby	<i>parishofficeemwt@gmail.com</i>
East Malling		
Churchwarden	David Chambers	01732 842582
Reader	Alan Bramley	01732 846800
Parish Children & Vulnerable Adults Rep.	Michala Neaves	01732 321473
Wateringbury		
Churchwardens	Peter Bond Liz Gummer	01622 814793 01622 813852
Evangelist	Pauline Welch	01622 814673
Readers	Alastair Byron Barry Fisher	01622 812023 01622 813206
Pastoral Assistants	Edna Craig Becky Bowie	01622 812922 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

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th April - FoSJG Coffee Morning - 10.30am
 Messy Church - 3pm - Wateringbury
7th April - WATCH Club 4pm-6pm - W'bury Village Hall
15th - 17th April - Compline - 7pm - *service venues tbc*
17th April - Agapè Meal - Teston
18th April - Maundy Thursday Communion & Foot Washing - EM
Good Friday - 19th April - Easter Craft Cafe - 9.30am - EM
 Good Friday Liturgy - 12 noon-3pm - EM
 At the Foot of the Cross - 2pm Wateringbury & 8pm - Teston
20th April - Easter Fun with Faith - 9.30am - W'bury
 Easter Flower Displays - 2pm - EM
 & Easter Vigil - 8pm - EM
Easter Sunday - Dawn Service & 1st Eucharist - 5am - EM
 Easter Eucharist/Communion services - *to be confirmed*
4th May - FoSJG Coffee Morning - 10.30am
 Messy Church - 3pm - Wateringbury
5th & 19th May - WATCH Club - 5pm-7pm - W'bury Village Hall
17th May - FoWC Talk - 7pm - Wateringbury
21st May - Tea at Three - 3pm - Teston

Events

St John the Baptist Church

Wateringbury, 3pm - 5pm
 on Saturday 2nd February
 & Saturday 2nd March

For more details speak to Ruth Dunn
 on 01622 812342



WATCH Club Youth Group

(for ages 10-18yrs) meet Sundays
 4pm - 6pm (winter time)
 3rd February and 3rd & 17th March
 in Wateringbury Village Hall



The Deanery Synod

meeting will be held on
 Monday 4th February
 in Wateringbury Church
 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Tea at Three

will be served in Teston Church
 on
 Tuesday 19th February
 &
 Tuesday 19th March



Easter Craft Cafe - Good Friday

We will be holding an All-Age Drop-in Cafe
 at St James the Great Church, East Malling
 from 9.30-11.30am

Come along for refreshments, an indoor Easter Egg hunt,
 and Easter themed craft activities.

For more information, please contact Anna Ashbee
 (*annaashbee@hotmail.com* or 07786 912041)
 or see the St James Facebook page

