

St. James the Great, East Malling

Reading & Notices for Sunday 13th January 2019

Readings

Old Testament Reading; *Isaiah 43.1-7*

43 But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
3 For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
4 Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
5 Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

New Testament Reading; *Acts 8.14-17*

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading; *Luke 3.15-17,21,22*

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to

clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’²¹ Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened,²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

Notices

C0 Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training

There will be a group training session for up to 25 people on Saturday 26th January 2019, 9.30am-12.30pm, in the Graham Cheeseman room at the St. Benedict’s Centre in West Malling. If you have yet to complete your C0 training and would like to book a place, please speak to Fr Nick *as soon as possible*. Attendee numbers are required for the booking.

There will now be a 9.45am Eucharist service on the last Sunday of the month, starting 27th January 2019.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday January 20th until Sunday 27th January 2019

Saturday 19th January

West Malling Baptist Church will be open from **1.30pm - 4.30pm** for a free time of prayer within a Prayer tent and other prayer stations within the Church sanctuary.

Prayer to launch this special week.

Sunday 20th January

Launch of WPCU in our own churches.

Resource material will be available online with ideas for the whole week.

Monday 21st January

St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church,

West Malling - a **7.30pm** service.

Tuesday 22nd January

Larkfield Methodist Church, New Hythe Lane – a reflection followed by prayer stations from **10.30 am until 12 noon**. Fellowship lunch available at 12.30pm. **Wednesday 23rd January**

The Barn Chapel at Pilsdon Community,

West Malling - an informal Communion service

12 noon ’til 12.40pm.

Thursday 24th January

St. James the Great, East Malling Church

10am Eucharist service, led by Rev. Nick Williams.

The Dorcas Centre, Brookfield School, Swallow Road, Larkfield, ME20 6PY a **7pm** Agape “Bring and Share Supper” arranged by Larkfield Community Church.

Friday 25th January

10.30am at **Mereworth church** a service to celebrate “the conversion of St Paul”, *followed by a ploughman’s lunch*. [As there is food involved, please contact Rev. Pat Dickin (01622 814568) if you intend coming] **10.30am** coffee morning at **Wouldham Church**, followed by a **12.15pm** Taizè style worship, led by Rev. Mike Hayes.

Choir Chapel at **Aylesford Priory**

6.30pm - Ecumenical Evening Prayer *tbc*

Saturday 26th January

Holy Trinity Church, New Hythe Lane, Larkfield, a Prayer Time from 3-4pm

Sunday 27th January

St. Mary's Parish Church, West Malling at 4pm.

Our final **UNITED** service.

Valentine's Dance Saturday 16th February 2019. The Friends of East Malling Church are organising this popular event to be held at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall, East Malling. Dancing will be to local band "The Connections" and the ticket price will include a fish and chip supper. Tickets are £15 each and can be obtained from Alan Bramley, 01732 846800, Audrey Allen, 01732 846540 or Jean Spinks 01732 220515.

APCM Reports - it's that time of year again!

Please email your completed reports to Sandra at *parishofficeemwt@gmail.com* as soon as possible but in any event by not later than Noon on Thursday 28th February 2019.

APCM dates are;

Teston - Tuesday 2nd April

East Malling - Sunday 7th April

Wateringbury - tbc

N.B. As Sandra works restricted hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays, please respect the report deadline. Any reports not received by 28th February may not be included in your church's APCM booklet and may have to be presented separately at the meeting.

Notices from around the Benefice

WATCH Club Youth Group meets twice monthly, on a Sunday, from 4pm-6pm in winter and 5pm-7pm in summer. Ages 10-18 yrs. Activities, games, crafts, food and refreshments. Free entry. All welcome. We meet this evening, 4pm-6pm, for our Epiphany Party in Wateringbury Church.

CMS Pioneers Youth Group, Teston

Meets on Wednesdays in term time, in Teston Village Hall or various locations depending on the activity. Do you know any youngsters who might like to join us? Contact 01622 812691.

For your diaries ...

Simply Soup - Lunches in Lent

Wednesdays 13th March, 27th March & 10th April, from 12.15pm to 1.30pm in Wateringbury Church

There is no charge - donations are invited for a different charity each week.

All welcome.

For Baptisms, Weddings and other arrangements, please contact the Vicar - details below

For all other enquiries email Sandra at parishofficeemwt@gmail.com

Please respect that Monday is the Vicar's day off

**Services, and other happenings, up to
Sunday 20th January 2019**

Tuesday 15th

10am & 2pm Open Church, Teston

3pm Tea at Three, Teston

7.30pm PCC Meeting, Teston

Wednesday 16th

10.30am Crafters Coffee Break, Wateringbury

1.30pm Toddlers, EM

7.30pm Pioneers Youth Group, Teston

Thursday 17th

9am Holy Communion, EM (NW)

1pm MU Meeting, North Pole Pub

7.30pm PCC Meeting, EM

Friday 18th

3.30pm Burial of Ashes, Wateringbury Cemetery (NW)

Sunday 20th

8.30am BCP Holy Communion, Wateringbury (NW)

9.45am Eucharist, EM (NW)

9.45am Parish Communion, Teston (BH)

10am Family Service, Wateringbury (RD/BB)

12 noon Baptism, Wateringbury (NW)

Please send all items for inclusion in the

Sunday Service Notice Sheets to Sandra at parishofficeemwt@gmail.com by 9am on Wednesdays

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