

## VILLAGE DIARY

### September

- 6 Parish Council - Village Hall, 7.30pm followed by Planning Committee
- 4 Footpaths Walk - meet at Village Hall car park, 2.30pm sharp
- 8 WI - National Trust Coastlines - Village Hall, 2pm
- 10 Coffee Morning - Church, 10.30am to noon
- 11 Strawberry Tea Party (FOWC) - Manor Farm, 2-5pm
- 18 Wateringbury Players AGM - Village Hall, 6.30pm
- 21 History Society - talk by Robert Sackville-West - Village Hall, 7.40pm
- 24 School 40th Anniversary Celebration Day, 2-5pm

### October

- 7 Teston & Wateringbury Nursery Group AGM - Teston Village Hall, 8pm
- 19 History Society - talk by Paul Oldham - Village Hall, 7.40pm
- 21 Talk: "Wateringbury & the Battle of the Somme" - Church, 7.30pm

## WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Saturday 24 September, 2pm - 5pm**

*Celebrating 40 years on the Bow Road site, 1976-2016*

*\* Rededication of the school building by the Bishop of Rochester*

*\* School tours & performances \* Historical displays \* 1970s high tea \* Launch of 'Raise the Library Roof' Campaign*

*Past and present pupils, parents, staff and governors all welcome!*

*Please email [office@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk) if you have any old school memorabilia, photos or past pupils' work to lend us.*

**[www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk](http://www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk)**

## KENT CURIOSITIES - SCOTNEY CASTLE

Scotney Castle is near Lamberhurst in Kent. The gardens are the main attraction. Splendid trees and shrubbery surround the 14th century ruins of a Round Tower and moated Tudor manor house. For many generations the house was the home of the Hussey family. The house and lands are now a National Trust property.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Gillian Sessions and Cathy Miller, the organisers of the Christian Aid house-to-house collection during the past 11 years, would like to thank all those who have donated to this cause. Over this time a total of £10,293 has been raised. We hope that this worthy charity continues to receive generous support in the future now that the organisation of the collection is handed over to Becky Bowie.

### Holiday Cottage to Let in Wales

Cosy cottage in the small historic town of Llanidloes Mid Wales.

Three bedrooms - sleeps 4 adults + 2 smaller people. A few minutes' walk from local shops, eating places, the historic Market building and the Saturday Market. The accommodation is also suitable for people with limited mobility, with a stair lift and walk-in shower. TV, modern kitchen, electric heating plus a solid fuel fire. See website [www.shortbridgecottage.co.uk](http://www.shortbridgecottage.co.uk)

For more information and availability phone Carol on **01622 812838**

## FOOTPATHS GROUP

Firstly, apologies for the mix up of the starting venue last time. Also, thanks for the get well messages.

Our August walk took us via the Gransden path to Red Hill Farm to join the new paths that have been created by the KCC countryside team into the woods west of Livesey Street. Passing the old part-thatched cottage we went on to a busy Teston Country Park for a river side stroll back to the village.

The **next walk** is on **Sunday 4 September**, meet by the Village Hall at 2:30pm. The October Walk will have an earlier start of 2pm, again from the Village Hall.

Kevin Reynolds 813763

**VILLAGE PEOPLE** *Please let us have your news and tributes by 17 September for our October magazine. Entries are free*

**Retirement Good Wishes to Bob Edmunds** who has advertised his heating business in Rostrum for many years. Thank you Bob for all you have done in making so many homes much pleasanter to live in. We wish you a much deserved long and happy retirement. Good wishes too to Tony Goodwin who has been with Bob for 10 years and is carrying on the business.

## Welcome to Watringbury

**Dr Sujaya Mankragod** who joined the Watringbury Medical Centre on 27 June. Dr Edward Gaule will now be available on Monday and Wednesdays only.

**Rev Nick Williams** who will be our new vicar. Nick was born in the small mining village of Tonypany in the Rhondda Valley where his father was the local policeman. At the age of 19 Nick came to London to join the Metropolitan Police and over the next 30 years served in South and Central London. After a brief curacy at Holy Trinity,

Dartford and retirement from the police Nick became vicar of St Margaret of Antioch in Darenth. For the past 5 happy years he has been vicar of the Darenth Valley Benefice. We look forward to getting to know Nick, his wife Fiona and their 2 teenage sons David and Jonathan.

**Congratulations to Benny and Rupal Vyas** who are celebrating 12 years at **The Handy Stores** - and thanks to them for supporting and sponsoring many of our village events.

**Belated congratulations** to first time grandparents **Debbie and Andrew Hogan** on the arrival of **Bradley Frederick Simmons** who weighed in at 9lb 3oz on 11 May and of course to his parents **Stephanie and Sam**.

**Rostrum Amenity Fund** was pleased to make donations to Watringbury School's 40th Anniversary Library Appeal and The Friends of Watringbury Church for the Church Tower re-shingling appeal.

#### WAR NEWS SEPTEMBER 1916

September 15: First use of tanks. 20: Russian offensive against Austria-Hungary ends. 23: Zeppelin raids on England cause 170 casualties
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After the June fruit picking holiday school was open throughout July and August, closing on 25<sup>th</sup> August for five weeks hopping holiday. The shortage of men meant the hopping “passed off quietly”, but also caused a rise in juvenile delinquency. Hoppers had more money to spend in 1916 at the hopping stalls, but the takings of the village pubs must have been well down. In a raid by the police on Hermitage Farm, four “immigrant hoppers” (meaning not from Watringbury) were found to be army deserters and were arrested. No Hoppers hospital operated this year but a dispensary with a nurse did.

September was for the village the bloodiest month of the Somme Offensive. The vicar comments “What an anxious time this is for all who have boys at the front. They are not allowed to know for certain where they are, whether in the Great Offensive on the Somme or elsewhere.” Censorship was now more stringent and the vicar no longer published letters in the village magazine.

On 5th September **Albert Herbert**, aged 19, was killed in the assault on Guillemont. His parents had just moved to Watringbury, his father working in the Gas Works at the bottom of Bow Road. He was a regular soldier in the Duke of Cornwall’s Light Infantry and had been involved in many of the Western front’s earlier battles. His parents were still seeking news about him the following year.

On 15<sup>th</sup> September, **Thomas Weller**, 22, was killed at Ginchy. He went to Watringbury School but his family had moved from Hermitage Farm to West Malling. He was in the prestigious Royal Grenadier Guards. On the same day and at the same place as Thomas was killed so too was Raymond Asquith, the prime minister’s son, and Harold MacMillan was severely wounded. (Prime Minister 1957-63)

On 27<sup>th</sup> September **Lewis Newman**, 34, was one of 42 men from his battalion of the Royal West Kents killed by a single shell as they massed in trenches to assault Thiepval. Lewis had attended Watringbury School but the family moved from Cannon Lane to Mereworth. He was a volunteer who had enlisted just after the war began, rising through the ranks to sergeant.

On 29<sup>th</sup> September **William Cowlard**, 27, was killed. He had moved to Watringbury just before the war to work in the Kent Brewery. Married with 2 children, he only enlisted in April 1916 and was probably a conscript rather than a volunteer. In the Yorkshire Regiment he saw tanks in action for the first time. Further tragedy followed as his infant son was fatally burnt at home in Vicarage Cottages the following year.



None of the four have a known grave, but all are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Terry Bird For more details google *Watringbury Local History Society* and insert in search box ie: Hopping (1916);

## THE WATERINGBURY PLAYERS

Many thanks to all those who came along and supported our productions this year. We are delighted that we are now able to give away £400 to Crossroads and £400 to St John the Baptist Church from the 2016 pantomime Aladdin.

We are now busy planning the next pantomime which will take place on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 January 2017. If you are interested in joining as an acting member of our group then we would invite you to come along to the Village Hall on the following dates:

Sunday 4 Sep	18:30 (Pantomime Workshop)
Sunday 11 Sep	19:30 (Pantomime Workshop)
Sunday 18 Sep	18:30 (AGM and Script Reading)

If you are unable to make those dates but would still like to join us or would like to join our backstage team would you please let us know before the **cut-off date of 18 September** via the email below. There is annual membership fee plus a costume fee for each show.

### Child & Youth Membership

The Players are delighted to welcome young people from 7 years – 16 years providing that a parent or guardian also joins the group. The Children in Performance Law requires us to provide trained chaperones for dress rehearsal and shows and therefore we require one family volunteer to train as a chaperone for each performing child (brothers and sisters can be represented by the same volunteer). More details at the AGM. Please note that the **cut-off date of 18 September** will be strictly applied.

The Wateringbury Players Committee  
Email: [wateringburyplayers@hotmail.com](mailto:wateringburyplayers@hotmail.com)

### POPPY COLLECTORS WANTED

Our village organiser Larry Collins is seeking volunteers to help with the door to door collections for the Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal. So if you can spare an hour in early November to collect from a street in the village please contact [angelaecollins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angelaecollins@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01732 872302 evenings/weekends. Your help is much needed and will be appreciated.

### VACANCIES AT TESTON ALLOTMENTS

Teston Parish Council owns **allotments at Tonbridge Road, Teston** not far from the border with Wateringbury on the southern side of Tonbridge Road with views over the Medway Valley. We have a handful plots available at the moment and as there is currently no waiting list residents in Wateringbury are invited to apply for plots. The cost of rental for 1 year is currently £15.50. If you are interested in renting an allotment in Teston and would like to find out more please contact us using the details below.

Michelle Tatton, Clerk to Teston Parish Council  
Phone: 01732 521889 Email: [testonparish@aol.com](mailto:testonparish@aol.com)

### HISTORY SOCIETY

The first speaker in our new programme is Robert Sackville-West, whose talk on 21 September is entitled "Disinherited" and is about female members of his family who, through various misdemeanours, have been 'cast out' of Knole Park.

In June we held our AGM, which was followed by an enlightening talk by Pat Mortlock about Ightham Mote's previous owners and how their personal Ambitions and Respectability had played a part in changes made to the property and how Intrigue had affected its importance with the reigning Monarch. During the AGM, the present committee were re-elected with the exception of Ted Bates, who was stepping down after twenty years of service to the History Society, during which time he has acted as Chairman and written several articles for our publications and been involved in many projects including the "Stocks". Ted was given a small gift by the Chair to express our thanks for all he had done, and Jane, his wife a bunch of flowers. Joyce Manning our Chair for the last year, announced she too was standing down and was also given flowers and thanked for all her hard work over the past two years. We are very much in need of new committee members, and would welcome hearing from you if you are interested in joining us.

In July members of the History Society visited Syon Park near Richmond. The weather was good, and everybody enjoyed the excellent guided tour of the house and walking around the gardens, those who had not taken a packed lunch were very ably catered for in the restaurant. Reports afterwards said it had been one of our best 'annual outings'!

### **WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Our speaker at our July meeting was Kate Nash, who had come along to tell us about "handmade silver jewellery". Kate had been a teacher for many years, a job she really enjoyed, which she had shared mainly with young children and latterly with handicapped children. Due to family changes she decided to 'retire' and that was when she started her "homemade silver jewellery" business. We spent a very interesting afternoon learning the different methods and processes involved in jewellery making, both from very fine wire work to items made in solid silver. Kate also explained the history of hall marking silver, and her own mark. During the social part of the afternoon, Kate judged our competition, which this month was to wear a brooch, and Christine's was chosen, a small doll made by her grand-daughter, which Kate said took her back to when she was teaching.

In August we held our annual Garden Party, which is for members only (a very good reason to join the WI). The sun shone on us as we sat in a committee member's garden, enjoying home-made cakes of the very best WI standard, a raffle and a 'bring and buy' sale. Our thanks go to everybody who had worked hard to ensure the afternoon was a great success

Our next meeting is on the second Thursday in September, when Peter Jones will be coming along to give his talk 'The Neptune Coastal Campaign', covering the protection of National Trust Coastlines. The competition is a "Seaside Photograph".

**I was glad**  
***Songs of Joy & Reflection***

7.30pm on Saturday 8 October 2016  
**All Saints Church, Mill Street, Maidstone, ME15 6YE**

An international concert of English and German choral masterpieces by Kantorei Barmen Gemarke from Wuppertal, Germany and Kent chamber Choir, including: **Zadok the Priest** – Handel, **I was glad when they said unto me** – Parry, **Singet dem Herrn** – J S Bach, **Te Deum** – Britten  
*Conductors: Wolfgang Kläsener and Alan Vincent*

Tickets at £15 (£5 children and full-time students) are available on the door  
or  
in advance from Rebecca Moate, 07715 399320 or  
[rebeccamoate@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rebeccamoate@hotmail.co.uk)

## TESTON & WATERINGBURY NURSERY GROUP

Firstly we would like to say a very big thank you to all who joined us in celebrating our 50 year anniversary and sports day at the end of July. It was lovely to see so many of our old families and staff return to celebrate this momentous occasion with us. Many of our staff have been with us for a number of years and it's great to see new parents coming along who attended our preschool themselves when they were 3! Where does time go when you are having fun!

We would also like to thank the Teston Village Hall Committee for redecorating the hall during the summer holidays and cutting back the trees in the large garden will help to make it a brighter play area for the children.

Welcome back to all our children and families to what will be a very exciting start to the new academic year when we will be learning all about ourselves, where we live and the different cultures around the World. In our craft activities we are making gingerbread biscuits, pet puppets, and creating hand print trees for our display board. We are also talking about our family and bringing in our baby photos.

Our annual general meeting will be on Friday 7 October at 8.00pm. All are welcome when we will be saying goodbye to our outgoing committee members and welcoming our new team of parents. I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all who have contributed to our fundraising last year, without which we would not be able to give the children the varied activities we have available.

If you are interested in joining our preschool please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 and come along for a taster session.

*under the auspices of the Churches Conservation Trust*

**Musical Evening to commemorate the life of Hugh Robert Lachlan,  
Organist (d. in action 1916)**

In Music, Poems, Readings

Including Elegy for Cello & Piano by Antony le Fleming

Choral Works by Purcell, Bach, Schubert, Ireland

St Michael's Singers, Naomi Butterworth (Cello)

The Rev. Anthony Carr

**Saturday 1st October 2016, 6.00pm – 7.30pm**

**St Michael's (Old) Church, East Peckham, TN12 5NG**

Free Admission

Car parking in Old Church Lane or St Michael's House, Roydon Hall Road,  
TN12 5NH

## WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

As always, the summer has flown by and preparations for the new academic year are well under way. Our 40th anniversary celebrations on Saturday, 24th September are at the forefront of everyone's minds as we begin the countdown to the big day. We are delighted that the Bishop of Rochester will be rededicating our building in a brief opening ceremony and we will also be pleased to welcome the Mayor of Tonbridge & Malling. The school will be full of past and present pupils and parents, former headteachers, governors and vicars and we are grateful for the community support and interest that has already been generated. Please join us for a celebration of the life of our village school on 24th September from 2pm as we consider the last 40 years and look forward to the next 40.

Our school doors open on Wednesday 7th September and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children and three new staff members. Mrs Charlotte Brazil will be teaching in Year 4 and is a keen geographer and environmentalist. Mrs Sarah Rees-Porter will be teaching in Year 5 and is joining the Senior Leadership Team as Leader of Teaching

and Learning with specific leadership of English. Miss Abi Woodhouse joins as Deputy Head and will be teaching in Year 3. Miss Woodhouse brings a wealth of experience in Early Years and English and is looking forward to establishing her career in Kent following years of teaching in London.

Our traditional 'Wateringbury Walk' takes place on Friday, 9th September when all pupils in Years 1-6 walk the river path down to Teston Bridge. The children dress in class colours and create a rainbow of energy as they walk the 3.5 mile loop. This year, we are also introducing the 'daily mile' – 10 minutes of outdoor walking/running to enable each child to build up to running a full mile in 10 minutes by the end of the year. Exploring the outdoors and building fitness and stamina are an important part of the Wateringbury ethos and commitment to health and wellbeing.

I look forward to welcoming many of you to our school on Saturday, 24th September for our 40th anniversary celebrations!

Chasey Crawford Usher, Headteacher – [www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk](http://www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk)

## **JULY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

**Dispensation** - At the start of the meeting Councillor Dennis Stones declared interests in 3 areas which are considered by the council from time to time. After discussions Councillors agreed he could speak but not vote on matters relating to The Pear Orchard and the Village Fete and speak and vote on any items relating to the Village Hall. These dispensations will be for the life of the present council.

**Allotments** - All allotments were now being rented. Councillor John Evans was thanked for repairing the gate latch.

**Borough Councillor Simon Jessel** reported that he and others had raised objections to T & M Planning Committee's decision to grant permission for the Greensted redevelopment plan. The decision will now be the subject of an independent review.

**Crime Report** - A letter had been received informing the Council that the police would no longer give written reports of monthly crime statistics. The Clerk was instructed to write to the police informing them that Councillors were unhappy with this decision.

**Glebe Meadow Play Area** - A resident had requested the Council fence a small area of land near her property. Councillors decided that this piece of land is not owned by the Parish and therefore the Council is not responsible for erecting a fence.

**Planning** - Council had no objections to the alterations to elevations and change of cladding material at 10 Upper Mill. Council expressed concerns about the line of site for vehicles joining Red Hill as detailed in the revised design to that approved for the erection of a 4 bedroom dwelling and detached double garage at 18 Red Hill.

**Village Hall** - Councillor Stones reported that 2 regular bookings had been lost to other halls due to the problems of parking in the village car park which was owned and managed by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

**Public Discussion** - Matters raised were:

Overgrown vegetation from properties restricting already narrow pavements.

Possibilities for creating more car parking within the village.

Provision of Dog Warden contact details in the Rostrum magazine.

The Council were thanked for initiating the new surfaces around play equipment at the playing fields.

**Next meeting** The public are very welcome to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council at **7.30pm in the village hall on Tuesday 6 September.**

## **UPDATE ON THE RESHINGLING OF CHURCH TOWER**

Fundraising for the repair and restoration of the church spire is well underway. The spire is a key feature in the landscape of the village and essential for the Church to continue its work, supporting fairs, performances, services, talks, and the important social and charitable activities based in and out of the Church. The wooden shingles need to be replaced to

keep it in good condition for present and future generations. With the help of the Friends of Wateringbury Church, fundraising is underway to meet the cost of a little over £60,000. So far over £20,000 has been raised from donations and grants. Thank you to the Friends and all who have given and raised money. We are inviting people in the village and surrounds to help by sponsoring shingles. Please help us all you can. You can sponsor a shingle at the forthcoming Strawberry Tea Party on Sunday 11 Sep for as little as £1 a shingle or multiples thereof and have your name recorded in a special commemorative book which will be kept in the Church as part of this village legacy. Or contact Frances English, Secretary FOWC (01622) 812471 or email friends@fowc.org.uk, www.fowc.org.uk

### **COFFEE BREAK - Wednesdays 14 and 28 September - 10.30am -12.30pm**

We have really pleasant mornings so do come along. There are optional craft activities and for the past couple of meetings some have been trying their hand at drawing with guidance given if requested. We meet in the church for tea, coffee, cake and fellowship,. Everyone is most welcome. Pauline and Gillian

### **CHURCH THANKS**

**Godspell** A very big thank you to Wateringbury Players and Wateringbury School for the superb performances of **“Godspell”** at our Church in early July. The many members of the audience found the performances absolutely stunning. Outstandingly directed by Alison Wheddon who also played a prominent singing part in this well-known musical based on St Matthew’s Gospel. The acting and singing by both cast and joint choir was superb with great musical backing, lighting and sound. A truly memorable production with credit also to the producers Barry Fisher and Celia Pocock and musical directors Jonathan Overell and Claire Worrall. We were delightfully entertained and “God-spelled!” Warmest congratulations to all involved.

**Wateringbury Cubs** Our grateful thanks to the Cubs for caring for some of the grave gardens in our churchyard. Congratulations to them all for their hard work in helping to keep the churchyard tidy.

**August Cream Teas** Many thanks to all who helped with the catering and to all who came along to enjoy the teas and the beauty of our lovely village church. Special thanks to Benny and Rupal at The Handy Store for all the cakes, biscuits, sugar, tea and coffee they so generously donated for our Church cream teas.

**Fr Derek writes . . .** **parishofficeemwt@gmail.com**

*Canon Derek Carpenter is a retired priest living in East Malling who is assisting in the Benefice*

Pam and I have just returned from five days in France, visiting a place called Puy du Fou which is regarded as 'France's best-kept secret' – but one which more folk from England and elsewhere ought to discover. It presents outstanding pageants, indoors and out, of historical events in ways which are dramatic and spectacular. There are seven major



presentations each lasting about half-an-hour, featuring Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, the Vikings, a mediaeval tale with jousting and battles, the Musketeers of Richelieu, an aerial fantasy acted out by 170 birds from owls to eagles, and the destiny of an 18th century French naval officer in which the whole theatre containing 2,500 people moved sideways and upwards with, clearly, some amazing engineering. It is almost impossible to describe.

My favourite, which I saw twice two years ago and again this time, was an enactment of the Roman Games in a fabulously constructed Coliseum holding 6,000 of us, with chariot races, a triumphal procession with live animals – oxen, geese, emus and leopards among them – and an illustration of the persecution of Christians being fed to the lions, again with live animals and Christians caged or tied to the stake. It reminded me that there is still persecution of those of our faith two thousand years later, as there has been through the centuries, with violent attacks in India, churches burned and converts threatened, harassed and abused, Christians imprisoned in Iran, Sudan and Nigeria, and Chinese officials closing churches because they are 'a security threat' to next month's G20 summit.

I have been recently reading an account of the persecution of the Church in Madagascar during the 19th century – but through it all the church grew: 'men, women and children were hunted down, slain by the spear, poisoned, hurled over a precipice, flogged, burnt, exiled in heavy chains, reduced to hunger and poverty, hundreds were killed, thousands were flogged and fined . . . but still the church grew' (Couriers of Christ: J C Harris)

We have no such problems in our own country – but that should make us aware of the difficulties which do exist in other places, and that should make it the subject of our prayers and, where possible, our practical support: there are certainly agencies which invite our support as well as our concern.

Perhaps one of our failings is complacency, and not least in our own Christian commitment: with the coming of a new Incumbent for our three churches in this benefice, maybe those of us who regard ourselves as part of the Christian community here in Watlington, or at least supportive of it, can ask what it is that each of us has to offer to the life, work and worship of the church in this place, and be prepared to commit to it, whatever the cost.



### **STRAWBERRY TEA PARTY**

**SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2-5PM**

**MANOR FARM, OLD ROAD**

The Friends of Wateringbury Church (FOWC) invite you to come and join us in the beautiful gardens of Manor Farm (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Mark English). Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy a good old-fashioned English country house garden afternoon. - Glasses of Pimm's will be on offer and there will also be an opportunity to buy tea/coffee and homemade cakes and delicious local strawberries and cream donated by Hugh Lowe Farms. To complete the afternoon, a white elephant stall and raffle will be run while you relax and/or play garden games. Whilst some garden seating will be provided, you might like to bring along a rug/folding chairs. **Admission is free** and

pedestrian and car entry is via the farm entrance in Old Road.

### **WATERINGBURY AND THE SOMME**

**Friday 21 October 2016 - 7.30pm**

**St John the Baptist Church, Wateringbury**

Friends of Wateringbury Church invites you to an illustrated talk on Wateringbury and the Battle of the Somme in this Centenary Year given by Colonel William English (serving officer from Wateringbury) and local historian Terry Bird, Tickets are £5 and sold on the door. Further information [www.fowc.org.uk](http://www.fowc.org.uk), [friends@fowc.org](mailto:friends@fowc.org)  
Frances English 01622 812471

**FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES (FOKC) RIDE & STRIDE** takes place on **Saturday 10 September** 50% of sponsorship goes to FoKC and 50% goes to the church or chapel of your choice. This annual event is an excellent fund raiser for both the Friends of Kent Churches (who have agreed to donate £7,500 to help us with the re-shingling of our church tower) and for our own parish church. You can support it by riding or walking around churches on the day and gaining sponsorship for the number of churches you visit. It is also a great day just to visit some of our beautiful Kentish churches, all of which should be open to visitors. Sponsor forms from  
Peter Bond 01622 814793

### **COFFEE MORNING - SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER - 10.30am to Noon**

We look forward to seeing you at our coffee morning in the Church. There will be plenty of books to browse and the specialist stall will be a raffle. Richard and Ruth Dunn

## BENEFICE SERVICES

Visit our website for full details [www.wateringburychurch.org.uk](http://www.wateringburychurch.org.uk)

<p><b>Sunday 4 September</b></p> <p>8am Communion - East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Family Service – East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Family Service – Teston</p> <p><b>10am Morning Praise – Wateringbury</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday 11 September</b></p> <p>9.45am Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion - Wateringbury</b></p> <p>6.30pm Evensong - Teston</p>
<p><b>Sunday 18 September</b></p> <p><b>8am Communion – Wateringbury</b></p> <p>9.45am Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p><b>10 am Family Service – Wateringbury</b></p> <p>6.30pm Eucharist - Teston</p>	<p><b>Sunday 25 September</b></p> <p>9.45am Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion – Wateringbury</b></p> <p>6.30pm Eucharist - Teston</p>
<p>Every Monday – 2-3pm – Scout &amp; Guide HQ, Glebe Meadow – Toddler Praise</p>	
<p>Every Thursday - 9am in East Malling Church – Holy Communion</p>	
<p>Pilsdon Community, 27 Water Lane, West Malling - Rev Viv Ashworth invites you to the Barn Chapel to join members of the community for a Eucharist Service every Wednesday at noon and 6pm on Sundays</p>	
<p>To arrange for baptisms, weddings or other services please visit St James the Great Church, East Malling on Wednesdays between 6.30pm and 7.15pm or telephone on 01732 843282 email <a href="mailto:parishofficeemwt@gmail.com">parishofficeemwt@gmail.com</a></p>	

### Visiting Clergy

11 September - 10am Canon Brian Stevenson

18 September - 8am - Canon Derek Carpenter

25 September - 10am Canon Brenda Hurd

### **Special Services**

**2 October - 10am Harvest Praise** - Come and join us to celebrate all that God has given to us from the bounty of his creation.

**Benefice Service of Healing and Wholeness.** The next service will be a Taize style service in **Teston at 8pm on Tuesday 4 October.**

### **IN OUR JOYS - FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Baptism** - We welcomed into the family of the Church on 17 July

Bonnie-Louise Dowdeswell and Molly Ann Wilkinson

**Marriage** - We wish joy and happiness to

Greig Allan Taylor and Hayley Louise Burr (23 July)