

November 2014

VILLAGE DIARY

November

- 4 Parish Council - Hall - 7.30pm followed by planning committee
- 13 Jean Scofield - Flowers for Christmas - WI - Hall - 2.30pm
- 15 Christmas Craft Bazaar - Church - 11am-3pm
- 19 Norman Hopkins – 'The Huguenots of Kent' - Hall - 7.40 for 8pm
- 22 School Christmas Fayre - School - 12-3pm
- 22 An Evening with Mike – Karaoke and Disco – W'bury Club - 7.30 pm

December

- 2 Parish Council - Hall - 7.30pm followed by planning committee
- 7 Police Male Voice Choir - Christmas Concert - Church - 3pm
- 14 Greensted Christmas Bazaar - The Orpines - 3pm
- 17 Magic Lantern Show by Bruce Cook - History Soc - Hall - 7.30pm
- 24 Maddie Hart – Whitney Houston Tribute – W'bury Club - 7.30 pm

ADVERTISING IN ROSTRUM IN 2015

We will shortly be inviting bookings for adverts in Rostrum for 2015. If you wish to advertise in the magazine, which has a print run of 940 and is published ten times a year, please contact Rostrum, preferably by e-mail, at rostrum2@hotmail.com. Existing advertisers should be contacted by 14 November.

WATERINGBURY WORKING MENS' CLUB

The Committee has planned some great entertainment so do join us:

Mike's Karaoke and Disco will be returning to the Club by popular demand on **22 November**, commencing 7.30pm.

Christmas Eve, Maddie Hart – a Whitney Houston Tribute.

Party time and Traditional night on 31 December to welcome the New Year in.



Grand Christmas Craft Bazaar 11am to 3pm on Saturday 15 November at the Church

From beads to bags, and plants to pashminas –
over 20 stalls full of items by local craftspeople,
as well as refreshments, mulled wine and mince pieces.
Raffle, cake stall, tombola and much more. Entry Free.

OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was chaired by the vice chairman Richard Tripp.

Allotments there are no vacant plots in the village but some are available in Teston.

Cemetery Councillors agreed to expenditure of £300 to buy back two plots bought some years ago which the purchaser no longer wished to use. The present grass contractor was retiring at the end of 2014. It was agreed that James Wooley be asked to take on the work until the end of the present contract period.

Speedwatch The chairman thanked Charles Stroud and his small team for all their hard work and were pleased to learn that the overall speed of vehicles through the village had reduced. Councillors were still very dismayed at the number of vehicles travelling above the speed limit. They hoped more people would join the Speedwatch volunteers, a worthwhile activity, and make our village roads safer.

Sports and Recreation Association Mike Witts reported that Phase 3 of the renovation programme has started. An area of 1,000 sq metres has been fenced off. It will be levelled and reseeded during

October. Autumn fertiliser has been spread. He was happy to report that many favourable comments had been received about the high standard of maintenance and the excellent facilities available on the playing fields. The areas of Meadow Flowers this summer had looked superb. The Association were considering a total renovation of the main football pitch, about 6,000 sq metres, in Autumn 2015, grants were being sought to help meet the estimated cost of £4,500.

Bow Road Bank A resident expressed concern at the overgrown state of the bank. Much of the vegetation needed hard pruning as it was obstructing the narrow footpath by the bus stop. The bank is owned by Russet Homes and its lack of concern and failure to effect an ongoing maintenance programme is a cause of much frustration. The clerk will again contact them.

KCC Councillor Matthew Balfour reported that the County Council was in the process of transforming itself into a Commissioning Authority with the aim of providing existing services at less cost as Central Government was reducing its financial support to local authorities year by year. The KCC draft budget for the coming year is scheduled to be placed on the KCC website by mid October. It was hoped that members of the public would take the opportunity offered to comment on the draft. **T & M Councillor Simon Jessel** reported that the planning application for additional homes and other facilities at Kings Hill will be heard at Hadlow Manor Hotel on Tuesday 14 October. This venue had been chosen as in excess of 50 people are expected to speak and it is anticipated many others will go along to listen to the discussions. In response to a question from a member of the public Simon replied that the latest plans do include a burial ground at Kings Hill but as yet there are no plans to build a secondary school.

Police matters Once again no crime report had been received from the police. The PSCO likely to be assigned to the village was still undergoing training. It will be some weeks before this is completed.

Street Lighting A street light in Old Road, which has not been working for some time will be removed and not replaced

The **next meeting** of the council will be on **Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 7.30pm** in the ground floor meeting room of the village hall. The council welcome members of the public to its meetings.

VACANCIES AT TESTON ALLOTMENTS

Teston Parish Council owns allotments at Tonbridge Road, Teston not far from the border with Wateringbury. As there is presently no waiting list residents in Wateringbury are invited to apply for plots. The cost of rental for 1 year is currently £15.50. For more details please contact. Michelle Tatton, Clerk to Teston Parish Council Phone: 01732 521889 Email: testonparish@aol.com

WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE The WI - Inspiring Women

This month's Club Meeting is on **13 November at 2.30** in Wateringbury Village Hall. **Jean Scofield**, our well known local flower arranger, will give a demonstration on a Christmas theme. Why not come along as a visitor? Our club is known for its friendliness and you will receive a warm welcome.

Last month's speaker, Peter Hartley, was very popular. Peter has worked in the Queen's service for many years and gave a very authoritative account of palace life and the history of Maundy money. Several members brought along treasured Maundy coins. We have taken advantage of WI district trips and events. Our excursion to some of the medieval churches of Romney Marsh (with a lovely WI lunch, of course!) was informative and good fun. We have also enjoyed a lunch, gentle walk and social/scrabble afternoon. To find out more please contact Elizabeth-01622 812018 or 07977 125000. elizabethastrid@aol.com

VILLAGE PEOPLE *Please let us have your news and tributes by 17 November for our December/January joint issue*

Birthday Greetings to Vera Tate who celebrates a special birthday on 19 November.

Congratulations to Alastair Byron who celebrates 30 years as a reader with Wateringbury Church on 3 November.

Grand-daughter Congratulations to:

Mike and Maggie Hoiles and to parents **Fleur and Dominic Stoppani** on the arrival of Lyra Winnie on 5 October at St George's Hospital, Tooting. (weight 6 lb. 4 oz).

Ray and Gillian Sessions on the birth of **Georgia Jane Bissett** (weight 8lb 12oz) on 15 October in Pembury Hospital and to parents **Joanna and Sean** and big sisters **Ella and Lois**.

SINGERS WELCOME!

New SATB choir starting in January to perform Mozart, etc in local churches.
Please contact Antony le Fleming 01622 817842 antleflaming@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY CHURCH

We would like to thank all those who supported us at our Strawberry Tea Party this year. With fine and sunny weather, we had over one hundred people coming along to spend an afternoon in the garden at Manor Farm enjoying strawberries and cream, Pimm's, homemade cakes and tea, croquet, badminton and boules. After expenses we raised £722 - a fantastic amount. All proceeds go directly towards our charitable aim. Again, many thanks for your support. Frances English – Secretary FOWC

www.fowc.org.uk friends@fowc.org.uk

BRIDGES OF THE MEDWAY - ROAD AND RAIL BRIDGES NEAR ROCHESTER The road bridge carries the M2 motorway and the rail bridge the Eurostar railway line into Europe.

ABBEYFIELD GREENSTED in The Orpines are holding a **Christmas Bazaar at 3pm on 14 December** to raise money for our Wish Appeal Charity. Donations of prizes for our Grand Prize Draw, be it an item, a service, or whatever, gratefully received. We are also hoping Santa will visit us. If anyone can help us contact him please phone Heather Emberley at Greensted on 01622 813106.

WHAT? MAIDSTONE MENCAP QUIZ

Where? Maidstone Mencap Cobtree Hall Mote Park
School Lane entrance (off Willington St) Maidstone ME15 8EB

When? Saturday 1 November - Doors open 7.00pm

Cost? £6 each/Teams 6-8

Contact? Rita 07790 643218

EAST FARLEIGH FARMERS MARKET - SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

We hope to have extra stalls in the run up to the festive season and many of our usual stallholders will be offering expanded product ranges suitable for Christmas. This is an opportunity to find special presents which are completely unique for your friends and family.

PADDOCK WOOD CHORAL SOCIETY Music Director : Adrian Pitts

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday 13 December

St Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood 7.30pm

The heart-warming embrace of Christmas will be enhanced by candlelight, wine and mince pies, with a donation to Hospice in the Weald. Tickets £12 (£2 under 19) available from Box office: 01892 822448

or by email: xmas14@paddockwood-choral.org.uk

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WHERE MEMORIES MEET - 188 Tonbridge Road

Book your Christmas Afternoon Tea - £14.50 per person

includes, festive cakes as well as macaroons,

4 deliciously merry sandwiches, mini scones and warm mulled wine.
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WATERINGBURY FOOTPATH GROUP

Next walk - Sunday 2 November, meet village hall for a village stroll at 2pm. All welcome. Further details from 01622 812338.

Last month 16 walkers met at the village hall for an Autumnal stroll around the paths of the village, going to the top of Red Hill via the path along Wateringbury Place and through the orchards some were surprised to see a new addition to the village, a Vineyard at Red Hill Farm. Then a short walk along Teston Lane and along the now closed Ktridge Lane into Cattering Wood before returning along Canon Lane. One point of note was what looked like new housing at Kings Hill coming up to the boundary of our village, I sincerely hope they come no further. A good walk with good company in splendid sunshine. Kevin Reynolds

HISTORY SOCIETY

In November Norman Hopkins is coming along to tell us about 'The Huguenots of Kent'. Norman has been to the society in the past and we are sure this talk will be as entertaining and informative as his last one entitled 'History and Influence of the English Bible'.

The first speaker in our new programme was Richard Filmer who came along to tell us about 'Bricks and Brickwork'. Richard explained that the basic brick is still made throughout the world using a mould very similar to that used by the ancient Egyptians. The earliest Kentish recorded brickworks were in Sandwich where Kentish Clay was used, the finished colour of the brick depends a great deal on where the clay is dug, e.g. in London's Kensington and Chelsea, where the buildings have been cleaned they now show the original colour of yellow brick. Richard showed us how each century had produced differing bricks and especially in Victorian times where highly decorative bricks were favoured, and how the difficulties encountered in building unusual shaped properties were overcome. We can only hope our present day bricks will last as long as those used in some of the houses Richard showed us.

Just a reminder (with Christmas in mind), the Society has a number of publications for sale, containing snippets of local gossip as well as historical events connected with the village; these can be purchased from Wateringbury Post Office and are also on sale at our monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday evening of each month in the hall at 7.40pm.

POPPY APPEAL HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

The annual appeal for the Royal British Legion who help ex military personnel in so many ways, is now underway. Please support this appeal

WAR NEWS, OCTOBER 1914 For more details see the web-site of Wateringbury Local History Society. (<https://www.sites.google.com/site/wateringburylocalhistory/>).

"Race to the Sea" in October saw Allies and Germans contend the Channel coast: Battles of Armentières, Yser, Messines, and First Battle of Ypres.

10 October: Antwerp surrenders to Germans.

12 October: Germans take Lille.

27 October: British dreadnought *Audacious* sank by mine off Ireland.

October 1914 saw the first death in action of a Wateringbury man. **Robert Head**, 24 years old, was born in Wateringbury, educated at Wateringbury School and lived at what is now Waterside Mews. Although he died in October 1914 the news of his death did not reach his parents until late January 1915.

Robert was a Lance Corporal in the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) which had been dispatched to France immediately following Britain's declaration of war. The BEF was small compared to the other countries' armies, but it represented a substantial portion of the British Army. It was well trained and equipped but, because of its small size, the German Kaiser referred to it as "contemptible" and the soldiers adopted the nickname "Old Contemptibles" as a badge of pride.

Robert was in the 6th Dragoon Guards cavalry regiment originally formed in the 17th century. The cavalry in the BEF was regarded by the French as a strong part of our contribution. After the Boer War, which ended in 1902, there had been pressure to disband the cavalry but instead doctrine changed to emphasise the use of dismounted firepower (sometimes with the horse being made to lay down), with all cavalry men carrying rifles, entrenching tools as well as swords. Robert was on foot when he was killed.

Robert was involved at Messines in what Sir Max Hastings in his book "*Catastrophe*" regards as "one of the bloodiest and ...most dangerous [days] of the [Ypres] battle". Messines was a village 6 miles to the south of Ypres. Although the report below speaks of trenches, our typical image of WW1, in fact at Messines a lot of the fighting was house to house in the village. It implies Robert was not killed by artillery, the most common cause of death in WW1; at the first battle of Ypres shells were in shortage on both sides. After this first battle of Ypres, trench warfare became the norm and the war on the Western Front became static.

A friend, writing to his parents, said: Robert "volunteered to leave the trench to try and find out if the Regiment were still in their position on the left of our trench. He had not gone twenty yards when a horde of Germans came up, hundreds in number...I am so sorry that poor 'Bob' went, but he deserved the V.C. for the gallant duty which he performed." Robert did not get a V.C. but he is recognised on the Menin Gate at Ypres and on both the school and church war memorials. There were many more Wateringbury deaths to follow his.

Terry Bird

WATERINGBURY CRICKET CLUB

We have finished the season and have therefore had our AGM. Both our Chairman and President decided to stand down. Kevin Hogwood and Cliff Hickmott have been dedicated and committed members of the Club for many years and we, as a club, would like to thank them for all they have done. Kevin is remaining on the committee as our Welfare Officer, for which we are very grateful. The following persons were voted into the following positions:

President - This position is currently not filled. Chairman - David Burbridge
Vice Chairman - Matt Rye Club Captain - Richard Benjamin
Vice Captains - Jim Robinson and Dan Vallance
Secretary - Raine Goodchild Fixtures Secretary - Trevor Hambley
Treasurer - Steve Farndon Media - Abbi Vallance
Welfare Officer - Kevin Hogwood

If you would like more information about our club or further information about when we play then please contact Abbi Vallance 07773681677.

NETTLESTEAD AND WATERINGBURY PRE SCHOOL & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (Charity No. 1144343)

What a brilliant start to the new academic year a visit from the Fire Brigade. They arrived in style to be greeted by lots of excited, curious children who clambered and climbed into the cab and explored the equipment. Everyone got to try out the hoses and take home a special fire safety story book.

Not to be outdone parents, family and friends also got a visit from a special guest – Dolly Parton (tribute act) visited the village on Saturday 20 September and was a complete success. Thank you to everyone who made this such a brilliant evening we sold 147 of the 150 tickets available, but we did have to 'work 9 to 5' to achieve this goal!

Afterschool Club would like to say Thank You to Bradley for coming along to train our up and coming football players. Bradley has just started secondary school and has volunteered his time to coach the club children who want to develop their football skills.

Finally we would like to say another Thank You to the outgoing committee who have worked so hard to support the children and families of the pre-school. Welcome to the incoming committee. If you wish to come along and join our fun then please ring: 01622 813120
email: nettlesteadandwateringbury@yahoo.com
or visit: www.nettlesteadandwateringbury.co.uk

TOXICARIS

This is a disease contracted from the faeces of dogs, cats and foxes. The most prevalent of these is from dogs. A 2 year old child running across a playing field fell and got dog waste on her hand, she then rubbed her eye. Spent 4 days in hospital on antibiotics and continues to be treated. If no success the eye will have to be removed. A 15 year old boy playing rugby fell and fractured his leg; faeces present in the grass entered the wound. The leg was amputated. There is a lot of information on the internet which doesn't make pleasant reading.

It cannot be stressed enough how important it is that dogs are regularly wormed and dog owners and handlers pick up after their dog at home, on pavements, on footpaths and particularly in playing fields.

A WORD IS THE END PRODUCT OF A THOUGHT.

This simple maxim is all that's required to create the foundation of a good actor. Add to this several years of hard knocks, hours of vocal exercises and you're ready for a rewarding career. But there are other benefits to being good at acting. A few weeks ago, I started running a drama class for 8 to 13 year olds on Saturday mornings and I've been really impressed by the youngsters. The improvement in their audibility and diction has been really noticeable and it underlined to me the importance of this skill in all aspects of our lives.

Most of us are fortunate enough to be born with the required mechanics to speak clearly. Unfortunately, these moving parts don't always receive the attention or exercise they deserve. So what? I hear you mumble. Well, for most people the biggest frustration in life is not being listened to. But how can people listen to you if they can't understand what you're saying?

At some point in our lives we're all called upon to say a few words. Don't leave it to the last minute to try and resurrect the vocal toolbox, it'll let you down when you need it most. The next time you're reading a book alone or perhaps driving to work, hum a little, sound out the words, try some old tongue twisters (we all know one) and get your mouth working. We can't all be news readers, but if we want to be heard, we need to produce words of quality.

Tudor Price Acting and Vocal Coach www.tudorprice.co.uk

FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY SCHOOL

So a hello from me as I step into the Chair of the FOWPS and a big thank you to Gail Isted and the other members who left the Committee at the AGM.

A new era dawns and although we are slightly fewer in numbers, the determination, willingness and passion remain in order to have fun and raise funds for the school. The playground equipment that we raised funds for over the last year will be installed shortly. We will be sending out a survey in the new year months to determine new projects for the year ahead.

As I write this we are in the midst of planning the **Christmas Fayre** which is on the **22 November from 12.00-3.00pm**. This is always one of the highlights of the calendar, so please come and join us for a fun afternoon and even the big man himself has promised to be there! There are many stalls planned such as secret wrap, tree and biscuit decorations as well as the grotto which has always been a popular attraction. Thank you to Ward and Partners who approached us to sponsor this event. We still have opportunities for any local businesses wishing to sponsor any of our stalls. Please advise if you wish to take up this opportunity. Further details can be found on our website which is www.FOWPS.org.uk so please check it out. My email address is chairman@fowps.org.uk so please feel free to get in touch.

We look forward to another enjoyable and successful year supporting the school and the community that it supports.
Craig Lighthouse

TESTON AND WATERINGBURY NURSERY

As always, it has been another busy term at the Nursery with all involved continuing to work hard. We were therefore thrilled that all the hard work has paid off as we have been successful in our Annual Kent Quality Mark review which shows our commitment to continuous improvement within the setting.

This Term is all about autumn and winter with activities reflecting this theme. The children will be learning about hibernating animals, as well as helping some of the animals at this time of year by making bird feeders. Fireworks will also play a big part this term. The children will also be heading out for a visit to Teston Church and beginning Christmas preparations for the Big Concert in December.

If you would like to find out more about our Nursery Group please visit us at www.testonandwateringburynursery.co.uk

The Kent Police Male Voice Choir presents a

Concert of Seasonal and Non Seasonal Choral Music

Musical Director: Martin Rendle

Accompanist: Karen Barton

Sunday 7 December at 3pm at the Church

Tickets: Adults £10 to include programme

Children/Full Time Students £5

Further information and advance tickets: 01622 813032

Tickets also available from Wateringbury Post Office

BENEFICE MOTHERS' UNION

On **6 November** Mike Latham will talk on The Challenge of Living with Downs Syndrome. The meeting will be in **East Malling Church** and starts at the much earlier time of 9am. There will also be a communion service.

WATCH CLUB - Village Hall - 5.30-7.30pm

All young people in school years 6 and above are welcome to the village hall to join in a range of fun activities. The next meetings are:

Sundays 9 and 30 November and 7 December.

More details from Lisa 07950 852899

CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD AUTUMN CLEAN

Saturday 8 November 9.30am to Noon

Volunteers are much needed and will be much appreciated, to go along to help prepare the church and churchyard for the annual parish Act of Remembrance. Please go to the church at any time

during the morning and take 'tools' suitable for the job which you would like to do. Tea and coffee will be provided.

IN OUR JOYS AND SORROWS - FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism - We welcomed into the family of the Church on 21 September Elizabeth Lefournour daughter of Carolyn and Joseph.

THOUGHT OF MARTIN .LUTHER

God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars..

PRIESTLY PONDERINGS parishofficeemwt@gmail.com

"BLOOD SWEEPED LANDS AND SEAS OF RED"

I am aware that it was only in August that I wrote to you all referring to the fact that we are now commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of World War I. I thought I ought to write about something different this month. But then I thought, how can I ignore Remembrance this year of all years?

We have already marked the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War in our churches and communities. This will be central to our thoughts, as always, on Remembrance Sunday. You are all most welcome to join us for this annual service in church. This is an opportunity to remember our relatives and those whose names appear on our village War Memorial. They are all deserving of our continued thoughts and prayers.

There are so many other events taking place, particularly during this month of November, which are dedicated to the commemorations you can hardly ignore the importance and enormity of the First World War. One such event which has grabbed the public's attention and imagination is the Sea of Poppies at The Tower of London. Don't miss the major art installation "Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red" at the Tower of London, marking one hundred years since the first full day of Britain's involvement in the First World War. 888,246 ceramic poppies will progressively fill the Tower's famous moat. Each poppy represents a British military fatality during the war. The poppies encircle the iconic landmark, creating not only a spectacular display visible from all around the Tower but also a location for personal reflection. I personally found it quite overwhelming when I visited the spectacle. The scale of the installation is to reflect the magnitude of such an important centenary creating a powerful visual commemoration.

However, the success of this visual commemoration is already leading to a further problem. What will happen in 2018? How can they mark the conclusion of The Great War following the success of the poppies? It led me to reflect on the article I wrote in August when I stated " It also cannot be about just remembering the past, but also about learning the lessons it has for the future. As the historian Hew Strachan says 'If we do not emerge at the end of the process in 2018 with fresh perspectives, we shall have failed.'".

In November, on Armistice Day, the poppies will be removed but we still witness war in various corners of the world. The challenge I referred to remains and I shall continue to pray for a "Fresh Perspective" for 2018! I look forward to the sequel to "Blood swept Lands and Seas of Red".

Revd Jim Brown

ADVENT COURSE

A TIME OF REFLECTION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Mondays 24 November 1, 8 and 15 December

7.45 for 8pm in the Church Community Area or Vestry

Do come along when you are able for these informal sessions

TODDLERS PRAISE

Rev Jim Brown and his helpers invite Toddlers to bring their Mum, Dad or Carer to the Scout and Guide H.Q. Glebe Meadow, Wateringbury on Mondays 2pm - 3pm (except Bank Holidays) for an hour of fun.

Enjoy songs with actions, marching, story time, prayer, puppets, parachute game, banners and musical instruments. The hour concludes with an opportunity for a chat during biscuits, squash, cup of tea and in time for those who collect older siblings from school. You can be sure of a very warm welcome and there is no charge.

Further information from Edna 01622 812922

COFFEE BREAK

Our meetings are proving very popular and so in response to requests we are now going to meet twice a month for coffee, cake, chatter and crafts. We will meet in the **church between 10.30 and 12.30 on 12 and 26 November** (the second and fourth Wednesdays). Everyone is most welcome and crafts are optional. At the moment some of us are knitting squares to be made into blankets while the more adventurous are knitting a variety of items. If you would like a lift to the church please let us know Pauline 814673 and Gillian 813076.

POSADA

From Advent Sunday 30 November until Christmas Eve the wooden figures of Mary and Joseph will travel to homes in the village to stay for a night. Posada is the Spanish word for Inn and encourages households to give a home to the Mary and Joseph figures from the Posada crib which will be in the church from Christmas Eve. If you would like the figures to visit your home please phone Gillian on 01622 813076.

RIDE AND STRIDE thanks to all who took part in this year's sponsored event which raised £120.

BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES

Visit our website for full details www.wateringburychurch.org.uk

<p>Sunday 2 November</p> <p>8am Communion - East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Family Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Toy and Gift Family Service – Teston</p> <p>10am Mattins – Wateringbury</p>	<p>Sunday 9 November</p> <p>Remembrance Day</p> <p>9.45am - Remembrance – East Malling</p> <p>10am Annual Parish Act of Remembrance - Wateringbury</p> <p>10.50 - Remembrance - Teston</p> <p>6pm - Evensong - East Malling</p>
<p>Sunday 16 November</p>	<p>Sunday 23 November</p>

8am Holy Communion – Wateringbury	9.45am Eucharist – East Malling
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10 am Family Toy Service – Wateringbury	3pm Thanksgiving and Remembrance - Wateringbury
6.30pm Eucharist - Teston	6.30pm Thanksgiving and Remembrance - Teston
30 November Benefice Service in Wateringbury Church 10am	
Every Monday – 2-3pm – Scout & Guide HQ, Glebe Meadow – Toddler Praise	
Every Thursday - 9am in East Malling Church – Holy Communion	
Pilsdon Community, 27 Water Lane, West Malling - Rev Pam Rink invites you to the Barn Chapel to join members of the community for a Eucharist Service every Wednesday at noon and 6pm on Sundays	
For Baptisms, Weddings and other arrangements with the vicar please attend the Parish Office at the Vicarage on Wednesdays 6.30-7.15pm	

Special Services

Annual Parish Act of Remembrance - 9 November - Church 10am and then to the War Memorial in the churchyard for the laying of wreaths and the 2 minutes silence. There will also be a small area for the placing of wooden crosses dedicated to those we especially wish to remember who have died in the service of our country.

Thanksgiving and Remembrance - 3pm on 23 November

A special annual service to remember and give thanks for the lives of those we love who have departed this life.

Service of Healing and Wholeness. This month the service will be a Communion Service in **Wateringbury at 8pm on Tuesday 4 November.**

Annual Toy and Gift Service - 16 November at 10am. Please help children and mothers who will be spending time at local Women's Refuges enjoy the Christmas festivities by donating nearly new toys and gift vouchers for the children. Also the mothers really do appreciate toiletry items, etc

Evensong with the Choir - Tuesday 25 November 7.30pm