

## ROSTRUM NOVEMBER 2015

### VILLAGE DIARY

#### NOVEMBER

- 1 **Footpath Group** - Village Hall - 2pm
- 3 **Parish Council Meeting** - Hall - 7.30pm followed by Planning Committee
- 5 **Benefice Mothers' Union** - East Malling Church - 1pm
- 8 **Annual Parish Act of Remembrance** - Church - 10am
- The Watch Club** - Village Hall - 5-7pm
- 11 **Coffee Break** - Church - 10.30am-12.30pm
- 14 **Christmas Craft Bazaar** - Church - 11am-3pm
- 18 **History Society** - Tim Tawney "Disaster to Triumph"  
Village Hall - 7.40pm
- 22 **The Watch Club** - Village Hall - 5-7pm
- 25 **Coffee Break** - Church - 10.30am-12.30pm
- 28 **Christmas Fayre Wateringbury School** - 12-3pm

#### DECEMBER

- 1 **Parish Council Meeting** - Hall - 7.30pm followed by Planning Committee
- 5 **Kent Chamber Choir Music for Christmas** - Church - 7.30pm
- 6 **Footpath Group** - Village Hall - 2pm
- 12/13 **Angels and Cribs and Teas** - Church - 2.30-4.30pm
- 16 **History Society** - Wilf Lower "Life Upon the Wicked Stage"  
Village Hall - 7.40pm

#### COPY FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY ROSTRUM

Contributors are reminded that our next issue covers 2 months. The copy deadline is 17 November.

#### ADVERTISING IN ROSTRUM IN 2016

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**VILLAGE PEOPLE** *Please let us have your news and tributes by 17 November for our December 2015/January 2016 magazine. Entries are free.*

**Great Grandparent Congratulations to Angela and Percy Billinge** on the arrival of Leo Teddy Davidson who arrived on 30 September weighing 8lb 2oz to their grandson Ashley and his wife Emma.

#### A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT!

**The Wignall family of Wateringbury** – Trevor, Nicola, daughter Izzy (17) and son Mark (15) – have just returned from representing GB in the World Triathlon Championships in Chicago. Nicola qualified for Triathlon and Aquathlon, and Trevor, Izzy and Mark for Aquathlon.

Is it a record for four members of one family to qualify for such a prestigious event? This talented family, members of the Ocean Lake Triathlon Club, also give generously of their time to help train aspiring young triathletes. Well done, and congratulations!

## **OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

**Call for Sites** It was reported that four sites in the village had been put forward by various parties in the **Call for Sites** process. This is where sites which may be suitable for homes at future dates can be brought to the attention of the Borough Council and is part of the process of updating the Local Plan.

**Crime Report** Two crimes had been reported. Criminal Damage - a large window cracked at Village Hall and Attempted Fraud - a resident was telephoned in an attempt to gain bank account details by someone purporting to be from Scotland Yard. There had been many such calls in the area, so residents should be on their guard and never divulge personal details to anyone.

**Defibrillator** A defibrillator for use within the village will be installed on an external wall of the village hall. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in receiving training in using the machine.

**Glebe Meadow Play Area** A letter had been received offering to purchase the land. The clerk was instructed to write and decline the offer since the Council had no intention of disposing of any land assets.

**Mill Pond** Several residents attended the meeting following an article in last month's Rostrum regarding placing special areas within the village on the Community Assets List. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact T & MBC with a view to placing the Mill Pond on the List.

**Neighbourhood Centre Fund** Councillor David Marks had walked the village with Jeremy Whittaker of T & MBC to meet local businesses and try and identify places which would benefit from improvement to enhance the village. The old shop on the corner of Red Hill opposite Where Memories Meet was identified as a building which would benefit from some TLC.

**Parish Partnership Panel** Councillor Chris Talbert reported on the T & MBC meeting. Among items of local interest were:

- ☺ The police reported they had carried out speed enforcement initiatives over recent months in 31 places including Bow Road, Wateringbury.
- ☹ Regarding Planning Applications Councillor Talbert asked "if the high levels of congestion and pollution at the Wateringbury crossroads, and the concern amongst residents would be taken into consideration when decisions were made on future developments". He was told firmly that this was a constraint and that this had to be balanced against the need of the borough for homes and the jobs created by building them.

**Planning** Councillors were strongly opposed to the proposal made by T & MBC to stop having 3 area planning committees and have one planning committee to make decisions about planning applications throughout the Borough. It was felt that this would mean that councillors making planning decisions were less likely to have local knowledge of areas when deciding on applications and that this would disadvantage Wateringbury and other villages.

The Council had no objections to the following applications:

TM/15/02786/FL Demolition of existing garage and construction of new two storey side extension at 187 Tonbridge Road.

TM/15/02301/FL Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension at 51 Phoenix Drive.

TM /15/02806/FL Adaptation of existing double garage with storage space in loft over to become one garage with garden room and toilet with storage space/play space in loft over at Lime Tree House, 20 Old Road.

Regarding TM/15/02533/FL Erection of a detached four bedroom house with detached double garage at 18 Red Hill the following comments were made: The Parish Council considers this application to be an over intensive development and intrusive to neighbouring properties. The Council consider the report given by the Appeals Inspector in September 1974 to still be relevant. The Parish Council therefore objects to this proposal

**Playing Fields** It was reported that acts of vandalism have been taking place, the fencing protecting the newly renovated ground had been broken, waste bins had been emptied and the rubbish scattered, bottles had been smashed causing broken glass hazards and dog walkers had reported the smell of drugs. The police have been requested to monitor the area.

A letter had been received from a contractor who wished to access railway land to install new equipment via the playing fields. Workmen and equipment would be on site for at least six months and cause much disruption. The request will be refused.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 3 November at 7.30pm** in the ground floor meeting room at the village hall

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## **RETIREMENT OF REV JIM BROWN AS RECTOR**

On 17 January 2002 at Wateringbury Parish Church the Rev Jim Brown was licensed by Bishop Michael Gear and installed by the Ven Judith Rose as Priest-in-charge (later Rector) of the then new Benefice of East Malling, Wateringbury and Teston. Looking back over nearly fourteen years of Jim's incumbency, one realises the scale of new ideas and changes which he introduced. He has not succeeded in all his ambitions for the Parish, as the church still has its pews, but equally he has not been converted to an interest in cricket! Jim's enthusiasm for Charlton Football Club has raised many a laugh during sermons.

Jim has wholeheartedly supported existing church and village activities, welcoming all and thanking players and performers of all kinds. His comprehensive ministry to everyone from toddlers to the elderly, in joy or distress, whether members of the congregation or not, has made him universally loved in the village. Many will remember with gratitude the sensitive way he held services of baptism and marriage, prepared candidates for confirmation, and conducted funeral services. The Family Service especially has been a time of puppets, fun and laughter as well as teaching. He started the Toddlers' Group, the Mothers' Union and the Men's Breakfast Club. He was appointed a School Governor, and also Rural Dean. He led a group to the Holy Land and encouraged both Alan Searle and David Commander in their calling to the priesthood. As well as Barry Fisher to serve as a Reader, he has encouraged many others to train for their personal ministry. Jim was involved in the formation of The Friends of Wateringbury Church, and led a parish croquet team to victory on more than one occasion. He and Jean also came on the annual Benefice Holidays which have proved such happy occasions and helped to make the three parishes work as a cohesive unit. The Parish Office set up by Jim has been invaluable in this regard.

Our farewells to Jim and Jean were said at a Benefice Service at East Malling on 11 October 2015, when there was standing room only. Jim preached on the centrality of the Cross in our shared faith. After the Service, Jim and Jean were presented with a substantial cheque from the whole Benefice, and also a book of personal appreciation signed by many members of the Wateringbury congregation. The Sunday School made their own presentation, as did the other two churches. Jim received a standing ovation and prolonged applause.

In everything, Jim has been loyally supported by Jean and their family, who are such an important part of his life. We send Jim and Jean our thanks, our love, and very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

### **FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

FOWPs are busy planning the forthcoming Christmas Fayre. We would like to thank local builder, John Evans (tel: 07743 380458), for sponsoring both the Christmas Fayre and Summer Fayre. Our annual Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 28 November, 12-3pm at Wateringbury C of E School. We will have a wide range of stalls selling jewellery, books, toys and other gift items, as well as hot food, a grotto and various stalls which will be of interest to children. We look forward to seeing you there! If you are interested in having a stall, sponsoring a stall or donating a raffle prize please contact chairman@fowps.org.uk

During October we held a successful family photo session with local photographer Oliver Fielder as well as a fun quiz night. Both were well attended and have contributed to this year's fundraising efforts.

### **HISTORY SOCIETY**

Our November speaker is Tim Tawney, who is coming along to tell us about two battles that took place during the 'Zulu War' in a talk entitled "Disaster to Triumph". Tim has spoken to us in the past, his last talk The War Underground, covered mining warfare during WWI. Visitors very welcome - £3.00 at the door.

Our September meeting saw the return of Bob Ogle, who together with his wife Fern, had come along to give their talk "Poetry of the Great War". Although the subject was a serious one, the story told by Bob, and the poems superbly read by Fern, gave us a very memorable evening. We were reminded of poets we knew quite well; Rudyard Kipling and Rupert Brooke and some not so well known, Dr John Mackay who wrote 'In Flanders Fields' and who unwittingly promoted the Poppy Legend and Robert Garner 'Goodbye to All That'. We heard through the poems written by "The Poets", exactly what they had experienced whilst fighting during WWI, many included were from ordinary soldiers just wanting to tell those at home what it was really like. Although very different from his usual humorous talks, Bob, together with his wife Fern, held our attention throughout the excellent talk which is to be recommended to those who missed it.

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What? **MAIDSTONE MENCAP Apple Pie Quiz**

When? **Saturday 14 November**, doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start

Where? Cobtree Hall, School Lane (off Willington St) Maidstone ME15 8EB

Teams of 6-8. Tickets £6 each, includes slice of apple pie and cream

Contact: Rita 07790 643218

### **WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our annual Harvest Service was held at St John the Baptist in Wateringbury on 5 October. The Reverend Jim Brown officiated for the last time as he prepares for retirement and the parents had the chance to say their farewells. Jim was presented with an autumnal perennial for his new garden and parent governor Karl Smith reflected on what Jim has meant to his two daughters and all the children at Wateringbury. The children's generous gifts filled the harvest table and it was an appropriate time to reflect on the divisions in our world that lead to poverty and inequality. Our collection raised £65 for the British Red Cross's work with Syrian refugees. The school will continue to support the crucial work of the Red Cross this year through its fundraising. The organ music was shared between our regular organist Hilary Fisher and Year 6 pupil Luka Wilson-Green. Luka is a talented player and it is wonderful to enjoy his regular musical contributions to our school church services.

Farewells to the Reverend Jim Brown continued as the children held a special assembly for Jim on 8 October. The children presented Jim with class cards and a treasure box of memories. They created a school poem for him – line by line – and sang a rousing round of a specially written retirement song to the tune of Frère Jacques. Jim was delighted to receive a very generous gift of £100 book tokens from school families. He told the children he was thinking about writing a book and was going to spend the first token on buying a book about how to write a book!

A dozen large boxes of maths textbooks were parcelled up by Student Council reps and collected by Books4Africa. The charity also collected the old ICT suite computers which have now been upgraded with funding from FOWPS. The children are aware of how fortunate they are and readily help with fundraising tasks and initiatives.

Friday afternoons are devoted to the arts and the school is an artistic hive of activity! Year 6s are working in papier mâché to create Greek urns; Year 5s are deep into the story of Beowulf and the children are creating dioramas of dramatic scenes; Year 4s are looking at Egyptian art and making self-portraits in profile in Egyptian dress; Year 3s are mixing their own natural 'paint' for stone age wall paintings; Year 2s are looking at foliage and creating leafy montages; Year 1s are cutting out building silhouettes to glue on their 'Great Fire' backgrounds. It is total art immersion and the children and teachers are loving the experience.

Our annual and ever-popular Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 28 November from 12:00 – 3:00pm. Come along and enjoy the festive cheer and do a bit of Christmas shopping, make an advent log for your Christmas table and visit the Christmas café and partake in home-made cakes and hot chocolate. We look forward to welcoming you!

*Chasey Crawford Usher, Headteacher*

## **WATERINGBURY FOOTPATH GROUP**

On a sunny, autumnal Sunday the October walk took us up into Hoath and Cattering Woods via Red Hill Farm and the Wateringbury Vineyards where most of the fruit had been collected for the winery. We were hoping to find some early fungi in the woods, but with the exception of some Oyster Mushroom which was far too high to reach on a part-fallen Beech near the coppicing, there was nothing much about. We returned passing the old oast at Canon Court farm avoiding the newly formed lake there on the bridleway!

Do come along on 1 November for another local walk. Meet at the Village Hall 2pm. Our next walk on December 6 will be along quiet lanes to Pizien. For further information contact Kevin Reynolds 01622 813763.

## **RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES & SENIOR SECTION**

Let me introduce ourselves to you. We are a group of ladies and young leaders who have the pleasure and responsibility of ensuring that the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section in Wateringbury have fantastic times to build memories on. We meet on various nights during the week at the Guide and Scout HQ in Wateringbury.

We would very much like to hear from you if you would be interested in joining us if you are already a qualified leader, or are interested in becoming a leader in training, young leader or an adult helper. We are always on the lookout for likeminded people who enjoy being outdoors, are creative, and have energy and enthusiasm at the end of the working day to squeeze a little more from. A DBS check would need to be undertaken to become a member of our team and some references.

If we have ignited a flame of interest then please feel free to contact myself Tracey Brydon-Brown (brydonbrown@btinternet.com) or Carolyn Peal (cpeal30@aol.com) for more information.

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What? **Christmas Fair**

When? **5 December 2015** 10.30am to 2.30pm

Where? **Blackthorn Trust**, St Andrews Road, Barming ME16 9AN

Cost? £1 entry (kids for free) How to book? No booking required

What? **Wreath Making Workshop**

When? **15 December 2015** 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Where? **Blackthorn Trust**, St Andrews Road, Barming ME16 9AN

Cost? £25 per person How to book? Call 01622 828382

Or email [emmamblackthorntrust@gmail.com](mailto:emmamblackthorntrust@gmail.com)



## **A WELCOME IN THE KENTISH COUNTRYSIDE**

Last month, thanks to the generosity of people around the village, at the school, the uniformed groups and the local churches, a packed car load of sports equipment, books and stationery was delivered to one of the local reception centres, looking after unaccompanied refugee children. Those donations were most gratefully received. Kent's reception centres are looking after unprecedented numbers of children, mainly boys, who have turned up on our shores with no adult to look after them. They have lost virtually everything in every meaningful sense of that phrase and they come from the war torn corners of our continent and beyond.

These boys have fled war and other intolerable situations. Like many school children, Eritrean boys have to do well at school but if they didn't keep up the grades their teachers are required by law to ring the army. They would send a van which would typically look for the kids walking to or from schools. They would grab them and that's it. They would never be seen again. Effectively, conscription in Eritrea is indefinite - from 16 years old up to 70, with no time off. They are arbitrarily detained and moved to detention centres, then sent out to fight or taken to the forced labour camps working for the government. They are paid a pitiful amount - not enough to send back to dependents. This is why the Eritrean kids, especially those who don't do so well at school, run. 4,000 Eritreans flee Eritrea each month. They cross deserts, get into the hands of people traffickers who extract whatever valuables they have left and seek to deliver them into black market hard and dangerous labour.

The lucky ones find their way to more tolerant and peaceful shores. In the UK unaccompanied children are entitled to free education, foster care and health and social support. There is an appraisal process while they are acclimatised and age assessed. They are given their holy book in a language they understand and are taken to their preferred place of worship, wherever possible. Local charities are being helped by volunteer retired teachers who enhance the education of these boys in their first weeks in a new country. The reception workers have a big challenge on their hands, having to strive to welcome these kids. They have to learn several languages in their spare time as well as dealing with all the challenges of these damaged boys: handling blood feuds imported from Albania, regional conflicts around ethnic, religious national identity, and damaged and fearful youngsters.

If my children are ever cast adrift in this world, I hope and pray they find people with the humanity of these centres and the charity shown by the efforts of the surrounding villages and retired teachers who are offering a welcome in the countryside. Sometimes the news reports leave us feeling as though these global problems are impossible to respond to adequately, and yet it is possible to make some, small difference, that means the earth to those who are lost, and those who work with them.

The Poverty Action Group of St John the Baptist Church Watlingbury was formed to coordinate extra responses to the poor, of any kind whatsoever. It is open to anyone who wants to help with these projects. It tries to work with local organisations and groups and will stay in touch with the local reception centres and keep alert to what they need. Currently there is an ongoing need for dictionaries to help with translation from the many languages spoken by the boys. They could also do with a larger minibus!

If you would like to find out more about the group or the work of the reception centres, get in touch with Bob Bowie, 813396 or bob.bowie@gmail.com.

## **TESTON & WATERINGBURY NURSERY GROUP**

Our term 2 has started well settling in our new children and welcoming our new parents. Our AGM was well attended and many thanks for those who volunteered to join our fundraising committee. It is great to hear so many fundraising ideas and plans for the forthcoming year. I'm confident that we will succeed in our aim of raising £2,000 a year. The money raised by the committee is always used for the benefit of the children, new toys, craft materials etc.

This term we will be looking at the season of Autumn with the beautiful colours around the garden. We start off with firework pictures, making clay hedgehogs and looking at animals that hibernate for the winter. Our children will also be getting messy with leaf printing and making fat balls for the birds. As usual the event of the library bus every Wednesday is proving just as popular with our new children.

I must also mention a big thank you to our outgoing committee members who have stepped down now their children are at big school, their support and contribution has been invaluable over the past couple of years.

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

## **WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - The WI - inspiring women**

At our October meeting Kay East gave an interesting and moving talk on the work of Associated Country Women of the World, a charity supported by WI nationally and our own club. We were impressed by how large a number and range of international projects are supported by ACWW on a relatively small budget, with funding going direct to workers on the ground. We will be discussing ways of increasing our support to this very worthwhile organisation. For more information visit [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk)

Our November meeting will focus on craft. Margaret Fitzgerald will give a demonstration and all will have the opportunity to make a Christmas cracker. The competition will be 'A Christmas Card', we are hoping members will come up with a range of designs. Don't forget items for the Trading Table, if these are not sold please take them home with you.

We are planning our December celebrations, this year we will be having a Christmas Lunch, and members are asked to give contributions to this. Thanks to all who have already offered items, please sign the list at the November club meeting if you haven't done so already. Advance notice that we're also asking members to bring a plate, desert bowl, cutlery, glass and a drink of your choice (water, squash and hot drinks will be provided). This will streamline serving and dramatically cut down on washing up!

By the time you read this some members will have had a day out in Canterbury on our bus trip. We hope they had a great time!

We're a friendly group and welcome visitors. To find out more call Elizabeth on 01622 812018 or 07977 125000 [Elizabethastrid@aol.com](mailto:Elizabethastrid@aol.com)



## **Grand Christmas Craft Bazaar**

**11am to 3pm Saturday 14 November**

at the Church

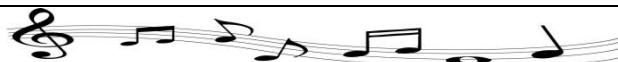
Over 20 stalls full of items by

local craftspeople.

Refreshments, mulled wine and

mince pieces. Raffle,

cake stall, tombola and much more. Entry Free



## **Kent Chamber Choir**

**Music for Advent and Christmas**

conducted by Alan Vincent

**Saturday 5 December at 7.30pm at the Church**

Tickets and further information: 01622 813032



## Regular Coffee Mornings coming in 2016

2nd Saturday of the month as announced

At St John the Baptist Church - 10:30 am–12 noon

First one **Saturday 9 January**

Special Cake stall! Come and join us!



## TODDLER PRAISE

Toddler Praise has been running for thirteen years! At the end of September a celebration was held to say farewell to Rev Jim Brown who most readers know is taking a well-earned retirement. He didn't expect such a crowd as children from every year in Wateringbury Primary School were allowed out of school to come and celebrate with him and his wife Jean. It was terrific fun, as they all joined in the activities and singing with the little ones. We even had a 17 year old join us.

As each school year comes to an end and a new one starts the numbers left coming to Toddler Praise go down; so parents and carers why not come along and join in the fun with action songs, puppets, musical instruments, story time, and refreshments all for free! We meet in **the Scout and Guide HQ** on **MONDAYS from 2pm – 3pm**. Do come along!

Fr. Derek writes . . . . [www.parishofficeemwt@gmail.com](mailto:www.parishofficeemwt@gmail.com)

We said farewell ('may God go with you') to Fr Jim and Jean at a splendid Benefice Service at East Malling on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The church was absolutely packed – 420 people crowded in, and many were standing throughout around the sides and at the back. Presentations were made from the three churches within the Benefice of a substantial cheque, flowers, books of messages from many within the congregations and community, and photographs featuring Jim's ministry over the past 13 years.

Fr Jim's predecessor as Vicar of East Malling had only that one parish to serve: when Jim came the parishes of Teston and Wateringbury were added to make a trinity of three parishes within one Benefice, each with its distinctive characteristics, traditions, and patterns of worship. Under Jim's leadership the three parishes have worked together while maintaining their own particular nature, and Jim has moved among us bringing his pastoral skills, his wise counsel and his many gifts as a real 'people person' (those skills honed, I imagine, in his previous career with the Police Force). At a Benefice breakfast on the day before his retirement Jim remarked that it was the Church which had ruined his career with the Police! There will be many who are thankful that it did.

Fr Jim has always made himself available to those committed to his care, not just those who regularly attend worship in our three churches but to countless folk in the communities beyond. That, for any parish priest as I know full well from my own experience, often brings a cost to his own family life: I lost count of the times when my wife would remark that I was at everyone else's beck and call and often not around when the family needed me: but that is the nature of parish ministry, and in retirement I have the joy of countering that with increased contact with family and, particularly, grandchildren. I hope that Fr Jim will find that the same is true for him as well. He would be the first to acknowledge all that his own family have contributed to his own ministry, and none more so that Jean who, invariably behind the scene, has provided that stability of home life and her own gracious qualities of warmth, generosity and wisdom to so many; theirs has been a partnership through which many have been richly blessed.

So in this November month of remembering – All Saints, All Souls, Guy Fawkes ("remember, remember, the fifth of November") and Remembrance Sunday itself, we remember Fr Jim and Jean with gratitude and affection, and they leave us knowing that our love and prayers go with them for a long and happy, relaxed and fulfilled retirement.

Canon Derek Carpenter

### **COFFEE BREAK - Wednesdays 11 and 25 November - 10.30-12.30**

Do come along to the church for coffee and cake and optional craft activities. Everyone is most welcome. Our winter projects are hats for the homeless in Maidstone; teddy bears and blankets from knitted squares for an orphanage in Africa; tiny blankets and teddies for premature and still-born babies and knitted angels for the church Angels and Cribs event in December. Pauline 01622 814673 and Gillian 01622 813076

### **BENEFICE MOTHERS' UNION**

Katrina Barnes is going along to the meeting in East Malling Church at 1pm on **5 November** to give a talk about Walking the Camino de Compostela. Visitors welcome.

### **CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD AUTUMN CLEAN**

#### **Saturday 7 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.

### **POSADA**

From Advent Sunday 29 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.

### **THE WATCH CLUB Sundays 8 and 22 November**

The Club is for young people aged 10 and over and meets in the Village Hall from 5-7pm. For more details phone Lisa 07950 852899

### **RIDE AND STRIDE**

Thanks to Jan and Mike Pursey who took part in this year's sponsored event and raised £275, which will be divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and Wateringbury church.

### **ANGELS AND CRIBS AT THE CHURCH - 12 AND 13 DECEMBER**

Visit the church between **2.30-4.30pm** to see lots of nativity cribs and angels, enjoy a cup of tea and angel cakes and biscuits; and perhaps take an angel home with you.

## NOVEMBER BENEFICE SERVICES

[www.wateringburychurch.org.uk](http://www.wateringburychurch.org.uk)

<p><b>Sunday 1 November - All Saints Day!</b></p> <p>8am Communion - East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Family Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Family Service – Teston</p> <p><b>10am Matins – Wateringbury</b></p> <p>4pm Thanksgiving and Remembrance - East Malling</p>	<p><b>Remembrance Sunday - 8 November</b></p> <p>9.45am Remembrance - East Malling</p> <p><b>10am Remembrance - Wateringbury</b></p> <p>10.50am Remembrance - Teston</p> <p>6pm Evensong - East Malling</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15 November</b></p> <p><b>8am Communion – Wateringbury</b></p> <p>9.45am Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p><b>10 am FAMILY TOY SERVICE – Wateringbury</b></p> <p>6.30pm Eucharist - Teston</p>	<p><b>Sunday 22 November</b></p> <p>9.45- Eucharist - East Malling</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion Wateringbury</b></p> <p><b>3pm Personal Thanksgiving &amp; Remembrance Wateringbury</b></p> <p>6.30pm Personal Thanksgiving &amp; Remembrance - Teston</p>
<p><b>Sunday 29 November - First in Advent</b></p> <p><b>10am Benefice Service in Wateringbury led by Archdeacon Clive Mansell</b></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 01732 870279</p>	
<p>While we are awaiting a new vicar the parish office will still be operational. To arrange for baptisms, weddings or other services please visit the parish office at</p> <p>2 The Grange, East Malling on Wednesdays between 6.30pm-7.15pm</p>	

phone 01732 843282 email parishofficeemwt@gmail.com |

## **SPECIAL SERVICES**

**Annual Parish Act of Remembrance - 8 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

**The Annual Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance** will be held in our church at Watringbury on **Sunday 22 November at 3pm.** . A special annual service to remember and to give thanks for the lives of those we love who have departed this life.

**Evensong with the Choir - Tuesday 24 November - 7.30pm**

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

**Baptism** - We welcomed into the family of the Church on 27 September

Ivy Florence Morgan

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

Matthew James Davis and Louise Briony Gale (25 September)