

VILLAGE DIARY

OCTOBER

1	Footpath Walk	V/Hall Car Park	2pm
3	Parish Council Meeting followed by Planning Committee	Village Hall	7.30pm
4	Coffee, Craft & Chat	Church	10.30am
8	WATCH Youth Club	Village Hall	4-6pm
12	Last Days of Empire WI talk	Village Hall	2pm
17	Parish Council Finance Committee	Village Hall	7.30pm
18	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Church	10.30 - 12.30pm
18	History Society talk	Village Hall	7.40pm
31	Shining Bright Party	Church	5-7pm

NOVEMBER

5	Footpath Walk	V/Hall Car Park	2pm
7	Parish Council Meeting followed by Planning Committee	Village Hall	7.30pm
16	Craft Bazaar	Church	11am-3pm
25	ABBA Chique	Hall	7.30pm

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 10am-2pm

61 Pizien Well

Come along and bag a bargain - New and Second-hand Items

ABBA CHIQUE

One of the UK's top tribute bands to 'ABBA'

Authentic sound and appearance Covering all 'ABBA's' classic hits!

Saturday 25 November 7:30pm Wateringbury Village Hall

Tickets £15 from The Handy Stores or The Post Office

Licenced Bar - Bring your own nibbles

All funds raised go towards the Village Hall

POPPY APPEAL Can you help? Once again in early November house-to-house collections are planned for the village. If you can help by collecting in your street or near-by please contact our village organiser - larry.collins@hotmail.co.uk

SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

KCC Councillor Matthew Balfour said some difficult decisions would need to be made as, due to funding cuts from Central Government, KCC had to make savings of £80 million in the next financial year. £1 million would need to be cut from bus services. Only 3% of bus routes were subsidised. He was looking into the problems of pupils travelling from the village to Mascalls School in Paddock Wood. Matthew spoke of Community Bus services which may be the answer. A couple of schemes are being successfully operated by volunteers who drive a 12 seater mini bus which is funded by KCC.

Cross Roads There was not enough room to site a roundabout: other engineering options are still being investigated. The high levels of pollution were a real problem. It was the duty of the Borough Council to monitor air quality, KCC had no statutory responsibilities and so no authority is obliged to solve such problems. Richard Tripp remarked that he was pleased that air quality was moving up the political agenda.

Rail Franchise renewal national government are handling the renewal of the franchise. Three companies had put in bids to run our local line. Maintaining the Medway Valley Line, which runs through Watlington, was a priority request from KCC.

Road Signs hidden by vegetation in response to a question Matthew said it was the responsibility of the land-owner to ensure that road signs were kept clear.

Borough Councillor Simon Jessel reported on local matters but said the main focus was how to maintain essential and statutory services while balancing the budget. Further cuts of 30% in funding from Central Government are in the pipe-line over the next 3 years on top of those already made.

Allotments There were now 2 vacant plots. Anyone wishing to rent a plot should contact the parish clerk. **Cemetery** Councillors voted to accept a quote from A & F Services to remove the car park hedge and replace it with a post and rail fence.

Crime Statistics May 7 Crimes - 2 Violent Crimes. 1 Burglary, 1 Vehicle crime, 1 Anti Social Behaviour, 2 Criminal Damage Arson June 3 Crimes - 1 Public Order, 1 Vehicle Crime, 1 Burglary

Drayhorse Meadow the stable roof is leaking. The clerk was requested to obtain quotes for its repair/replacement.

Flood Group the group are keen to receive any thoughts or suggestions from the general public about possible flood prevention measures. Please send your ideas via the Parish Clerk.

Playing Fields Councillors considered in depth the recommendations made in a recent inspection of equipment. A new sign is to be ordered to replace the present damaged one.

Planning The council had no objections to the following applications:

Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single storey extension at 34 Phoenix Drive

Listed Building application to fit internal steel lintel and connecting work at 61 Bow Road

Convert existing garage into study/guest room at 6 Phoenix Drive

Conversion of existing garage into study/guest room and associated works Orchard House 11 Tonbridge Road

Single Storey rear extension 6 Phoenix Drive - Subject to any objections from the neighbours the PC has no objection

Councillors made observations regarding various conditions pursuant to granted planning permission at Abbeyfield Greensted 16 The Orpines

Public Open Forum Various topics were brought to the attention of the council including:

Ivy and vegetation at various locations on Bow Road.

Water was leaking in Waterside Mews and had been for months; the tarmac was now being worn away. KCC highways to be informed as now a hazard

Speedwatch A quote for the equipment to be calibrated was to be obtained.

Next meetings The public are very welcome to attend the **Finance and General Purposes** committee meeting on **Tuesday 17 October at 7.30pm** when the budget for the next financial year will be discussed and the **November General Meeting** at **7.30pm on Tuesday 7 November**. Both meetings are in the village hall.

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Please be a responsible dog owner and keep your dog on the lead when using public roads especially on our seemingly quiet, safe lanes such as Old Road where there have been several incidents lately of near misses when dogs off their leads met cars. Also please always pick up after your dog and don't leave it for local householders to do so.

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

Congratulations to William and Emelia Boscawen on the birth of their second son Edward Julius George on 5 July in Pembury Hospital.

Silver Wedding Congratulations to Thomas and Emily Best-Shaw who were married in Watringbury church on 19 September 1992.

Congratulations to Carl Farrin who celebrates his **80th Birthday** on **19 October** and also (at last) his Retirement.

FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY

With the various cutbacks from the Government, Watringbury Parish Council is to receive £12,000 less this year from Tonbridge and Malling. This puts great strains on the Parish Council's resources. Jobs that would normally be done in our village are not being carried out. Although there are already villagers volunteering, it would be great if more public spirited people in our village could come forward to maintain our lovely village.

We need a handful of volunteers who are prepared to give up a couple of hours a month to assist in, for example, cleaning the village signs, cutting back over-grown hedges, tending to the flower beds at the crossroads and litter picking. If you are interested in helping your village community, please ring Mike Williams on 01622 814529.

Exclusive! The Last Days of Fleet Street. My Part In Its Downfall.

Maurice Chittenden, a Fleet Street journalist for almost 40 years and a Teston resident for the past 30 years, has just had his memoirs published by leading London publisher Biteback. Andrew Neil describes it on the cover as: 'A hilarious romp through the dying days of Fleet Street from one of its most colourful characters'. Watringbury Post Office has agreed to stock some copies and Maurice is holding a **book signing** session at **Teston Village Stores from 10 to 12 noon on Saturday 14 October.**

The book will be available at a special price of £10 for the villagers of Watringbury and Teston compared with £12.99 on Amazon.

"Saved me from an early death."

'My husband says it is a treat to come home and see me well and able to get things ready for them all.'

Our portrait is of Mrs. SPITTLES, 6, Cook's Cottages, Old Road, Watlington, nr. Malden, who writes:

"I have suffered terribly from"

Diseased Hips



and have had 2 operations in hospital and 2 tubes in my hips. When the trouble first started I had a general run-down feeling, and seemed to ache all over, particularly in my back and legs—then a large diseased abscess formed in my right hip, which became so swollen and painful I had to go in hospital and have the first operation. I came home very weak and bad, and shortly afterwards was taken ill with the same thing in the left hip, and had to have another operation—much worse—I went on again, still in my weak state, and was again taken very ill, and was obliged to go into the hospital again, as another large abscess had formed in my left hip. I was kept in bed on my back for nine weeks, and was also put under extension, with a 10lb. weight fastened to my left foot.

"What I suffered night and day I really don't know how to describe; it was dreadful agony; I got so weak I could only use my hands and head, and even that hurt me; I was helpless."

"Whilst I was in hospital a fellow patient showed me a newspaper in which was described a similar case to mine having been cured by Clarke's Blood Mixture, and as I seemed to be getting worse I decided to go home and try it. After taking the first five bottles the feeling came back in my legs and I found I could put my feet to the floor, so I kept on with it until now I am overjoyed to tell you I am able to do a lot of jobs about my home, and can go for short walks. There is no doubt that Clarke's Blood Mixture saved my life; and the neighbours around here are astounded at my cure."

In a later letter Mrs. Spittles writes:—"I have been some months now without taking Clarke's Blood Mixture and really don't know how to find words to speak my praise for the safe recovery I have had after, so to speak, waiting for death to relieve me of my sufferings. This time last year I could not stand alone, having to be carried about everywhere; some days I was too weak to bear any clothes on me, but now I am more than thankful to tell you I am quite well, and my husband says it is a treat to come home and see me well and able to get things ready for them all. I am always telling people of your wonderful Clarke's Blood Mixture and how it saved me from an early death."

Your Blood is Calling for Help

IF It's Any Such Disease as Scurvy, Bad Legs, Abscesses, Ulcers, Glandular Swellings, Piles, Eczema, Boils, Sores and Eruptions, Rheumatism, Sciatica, Gout, or any kindred complaint, stop wasting precious time and money on messy ointments and lotions, which at best can give but temporary relief. The trouble lies deeper. It is your blood that is calling for help—help to fight and be rid of the poisonous, clogging impurities which are sapping your Health and Vitality, and causing you such endless suffering and torture. Now to render the blood clean and

pure you cannot do better than take Clarke's Blood Mixture. This famous medicine of over 50 years' standing is composed of ingredients which quickly attack, overcome and expel the impurities; that is why thousands of truly great cures stand to its credit. Clarke's Blood Mixture is pleasant to take, and free from anything injurious even to the most delicate. Ask for and see you get

Clarke's Blood Mixture

"Everybody's Blood Purifier."

Of all Chemists and Stores. 2/6 per bottle (6 times the quantity 1/-).

WATERINGBURY GUIDES

Are you aged between 10 and 14? Fancy some fun and adventure? Then try guides. Where else would you get the opportunity to make sweets, swimming and trampolining, learn about nail care, make and use rope ladders and rope bridges, learn how to make homemade jam, abseil and wall climb and spend a few days on a canal boat having great fun. We did all these things last term and have more fun planned for this term. Watlington guides currently have spaces if you would like to join us and are aged ten or older. We meet at the Guide and Scout HQ in Glebe Meadow, Watlington on Fridays at 6.30. If you would like to find out more information you can call me on 01732 873737 or email me at sheenastewartx3@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you.

Sheena Stewart 1st Watlington Guides

WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our speaker on **12 October** is **Wilf Lower** who is coming along to tell us about "**Lost Empires – the Last Days of Music Hall and Variety**". Wilf will bring to us a light-hearted look at theatres, performers (in front and behind the curtains) and the very British 'French Revues' of the Fifties. The monthly competition is a 'Show Programme'. Visitors very welcome.

In September Alison Elman-Brown came along to give us her talk "What You Don't Know About Buttons", and we soon found we did not know very much. Alison started collecting buttons in her 'teens', when she received a sewing box following the death of a Great Aunt, and found in the box Visiting Cards used by her aunt with memorable buttons attached. Amongst her collection of buttons and buckles on display, were items with gold and silver edging, as well as hand painted buttons there were also some made of wood and non-precious stones. We were shown hand-made buttons, and the different methods used in making them and for attaching them to clothes. In November Andrew Stickells will be speaking to us about the Royal British Legion. For enquiries please contact Janet, on 01622 817833.

FOOTPATHS GROUP WALKS – Sunday 1 October a local walk, probably out to Tutsham via Small Profits. **Sunday 5 November** a local woodland walk For both walks meet at village hall at the winter time of **2pm** Kevin Reynolds 813763

War News, October 1917

October

4: Battle of Broodseinde (part of Passchendaele campaign)

9: Battle of Poecapelle (part of Passchendaele campaign)

26: Passchendaele campaign recommences after 2 week lull.

October 1917 was a bloody month for the village.

Arthur Jessup, aged 36, died on 1st October in the Passchendaele campaign. In 1890 the Watringbury School log records him fainting from hunger and the school managers paying his school fees of 2 shillings. He came from a poor family in Pizien Well where his mother still lived in 1911, although Arthur had, by then, moved from the village. Arthur won in 1916 the Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M.), one of the only two village men to do so during the war. He is buried at Kandahar Farm Cemetery, Wulvergem, Belgium.

A few days after Arthur, **John Dumbrell**, aged 20, was killed on the same front. John was from Nettlestead but had attended Watringbury School. He is one of the 35,000 missing commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial at Passchendaele, Belgium.

On the 26th **William Pearson**, aged 30, was killed. His roots were Pizien Well and Nettlestead but, unlike Arthur and John, he had not attended Watringbury School. He was serving with the 1st Battalion, Royal West Kents, whose regimental history records the day of his death as "the "worst day in the [1st] battalion's experiences in the war." "Those who were wounded at any distance from our line had no chance of extricating themselves from the awful mud which was the dominating feature of the day". The battalion lost 348 of 581 men involved. William is buried, at Hooze Crater Cemetery, 4 kms east of Ypres, Belgium. His wife, Ellen, was then living at 4, Glenleigh Terrace, Nettlestead.

We can imagine the rumours that would have been circulating in the village associated with the losses at Passchendaele. Air raids continued to generate fear as well. The Girls School log records that Gwendoline Mercer from Canning Town was admitted to the school "on account of the air raids". In WWII there was an organised evacuation of children, Operation Pied Piper, but in WWI it was a private initiative. The school children were busy collecting horse chestnuts, part of a country-wide effort to produce explosives from non-imported sources, but at the time no one understood why. An inquest jury, meeting at *The Railway*, concluded that, a baby from a hopping family who had died, had been killed by exposure to a German gas bomb attack in London. This is highly unlikely but shows the general febrile state of mind at the time.

In contrast some things went on as normal. Mrs. Spittles of Old Road's testimonial to *Clarke's Blood Mixture* featured in a nation-wide advertising campaign. Although the ad is on the following page, unfortunately, this marvellous mixture was withdrawn from the market in 1968. **Terry Bird**

For more details see the web-site of Watringbury Local History Society. (<https://www.sites.google.com/site/watringburylocalhistory/>).

WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new term is off to a fine, if chilly, start! Our annual Wateringbury Walk was delayed by one week due to torrential downpours. The following week, classes stretched along the river in rainbow colours as we all walked to Teston Bridge and back. The walk is just one part of our school goal to inspire children to enjoy the outdoors and improve fitness and health.

Our annual Harvest Service takes place on Monday, 2nd October at 9:00am in St John the Baptist church and, as always, we warmly invite the community to join us. Each class will present their thanks to God in song, poetry and readings and the children will bring their Harvest offerings to the altar.

Our new Reception Class have settled beautifully into their classrooms and routines. No sooner are they in, however, than we need to gear up for admissions in 2018. Open Mornings will be held on Thursday, 5th October at 11:00 and Wednesday, 11th October at 09:00. Prospective parents will receive a short introduction to the school and its vision before tours of the building with Year 6 pupils. Visitors on 11th October are encouraged to stay for Worship from 10:05-10:25am. Tea and coffee will be served in the library at the end of each morning for further conversation and questions. An 'Open Classroom' morning will be held on Thursday 2nd November from 11-12 when parents and their children have the chance to spend an hour in the classroom alongside the teachers and current pupils.

Classes are already planning interesting school trips for this term to the Maidstone Museum, Hastings and Rochester. Year 5 are gearing up for their annual overnight at Carrot Wood where they are given a variety of team and individual challenges. This trip is always a highlight of the year and for many it is their first overnight away from home.

Our busy first term ends on Friday, 20th October and the children return on Tuesday, 31st October.

Mrs Chasey Crawford Usher – Headteacher www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

After our summer break and a very successful outing to Watts Gallery and Loseley House, along with a superb Saturday unveiling the blue plaques, we are back in the **village hall on Wednesday 20 September for a talk by Rod Le Gear entitled "History from the Air."** The talk will begin at 8 pm but refreshments are available from 7.40 pm. Visitors welcome - £3 per person.

ALL OVER THE WORLD THE SOLUTIONS EXIST

Come to the **Old Lecture Theatre, Tonbridge School on Friday 6 October at 7pm** and watch Demain, an uplifting French documentary film showing positive stories from around the globe about how we can build more sustainable societies. A **free event** hosted by Tonbridge and Malling Friends of the Earth.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are back from our summer break, and as we begin the autumn term there are lots of exciting things to look forward to. We have our harvest craft and then move on to firework night craft. If you would like to join us we have a craft and singing session plus lots of toys. We meet on Wednesdays and Fridays at Wateringbury Village Hall. The cost is £2 for the first child and £1 for any further children. The price includes children's snacks and drinks, with tea and coffee for the adults. We are open from 10.00am to 12 noon. For more information please contact Linda on 01732 522 437.

TESTON & WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL

Our term 1 has started well with all our new children settling in well. Luckily the weather has been kind and the children have enjoyed exploring the garden and discovering all the new residents in our bug hotel!

Continuing with our theme 'Me and my family' we have been making jam sandwich people, hand printed family trees, gingerbread man biscuits and pet puppets. We have also introduced a colour, shape, number and letter of the week and the children have been enjoying finding these in the hall and garden.

A reminder that our **AGM will be on Wednesday 18 October in Teston Village Hall at 8pm. All welcome;** it would be a good opportunity to join our pro-active fundraising team and hear your ideas. Tina Driver (07805 796353)

Maidstone Mencap Jumble & Nearly-new Sale

Cobtree Hall Maidstone ME15 8EB

Saturday 14 October - Doors open 2.30pm

Bargains Galore! Contact Lesley 01622 892433

VILLAGE BLUE PLAQUES UNVEILING WALK

On Saturday 9 September Wateringbury unveiled Blue Plaques to celebrate 7 people with village connections whose lives have helped shape our world.

Approximately 80 people, including the Mayor of T & M Councillor Roger Dalton, Mrs Crawford-Usher head teacher of our school, Rev Nick Williams, and a couple of dogs, gathered at the South Entrance to Wateringbury Place where Lucy Williamson unveiled the plaque to her great x 4 grandfather Matthias Prime Lucas, owner of Wateringbury Place Estate and Lord Mayor of London in 1827.

Walkers then progressed along the Tonbridge Road to Cross House, next to the Post Office, which was the birthplace in 1807 of John Beal Jude, founder of The Kent Brewery. His 3 x great grandson Thomas, who was brought up in the village, spoke of his life.

The next stop was at the oldest house in the village, The Wardens, just off Bow Road, where in 1833 Ralph Fremlin, founder of Fremlin's Brewery, Maidstone was born. The mayor unveiled this plaque telling of Ralph's life and his own boyhood memories of the area.

At The Beck, Mill Lane, about 20 more joined the walkers. Frances English, representing the Royal British Legion, spoke of the career of Admiral Sir Henry Ruthven Moore, and her mother-in-law Elizabeth recounted the part the Admiral had played in introducing her to her husband Mark.

Opposite, at The Thatched House, Richard Tripp, chairman of our Parish Council before unveiling the plaque told of the Koh i Noor diamond and the part played in its story by Lady Lena Login.

The last stop of the morning was to The Red House for the plaque commemorating Dame Ellen Terry who celebrated her 80th Birthday there. Rick Schembri, representing Wateringbury Players, read the tribute written to Dame Ellen by Oscar Wilde and Olivia Curtis of the Kent Acting Studio, recited a Shakespeare Sonnet on Love. In 1928 2 girls from the school took a basket of primroses to the house as a birthday gift for Dame Ellen. On Saturday Martha Bowie and Catherine Stockham, pupils at the school, presented a basket of flowers to the present owner's mother.

The walk ended at the church where many enjoyed refreshments and browsed the history displays. The unveilings concluded at 3pm when Professor John Zarnecki, President of the Royal Astronomical Society, and nearly 40 visitors walked down Mill Lane to Brooms Down where the Professor outlined the many achievements of William Rutter Dawes who while living in the village independently discovered the interior dark inner ring of Saturn in 1850.

Each of the blue plaques (which were supplied and fitted by Maidstone Signs) displays a QR code so, with a mobile phone, information on each of the plaque people can be accessed. We hope the circular walk of about 1 mile will be enjoyed by many present-day residents and visitors to our special village.

Special thanks to all the property owners and the Parish and T & M councils for their co-operation and to Dail Whiting for her help and advice.

Terry Bird and Christine Byron for Wateringbury Local History Society

COFFEE, CRAFT & CHAT

In the Church 10.30-12.30

Do come and join us at our fortnightly meetings for tea/coffee, homemade cake, conversation and optional handicrafts.

Wednesday 4 October – normal session

Wednesday 18 October Macmillan Coffee Morning with a raffle- guess the spots on the cake – auction - plus a cake competition The cakes being judged will be for sale at the end.

Wednesday 1 November an outing to the Chatham Outlet Centre. Please let us know if you plan to come so we can organise transport. For further details call 01622 814673.

WATCH YOUTH CLUB

4-6pm Sundays 8 October and 12 November in the Village Hall

For secondary school aged children

Details from lisaglasscote@gmail.com

GRAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

11am to 3pm Saturday 18 November – Entry Free

At the Church of St John The Baptist, Watringbury

A great opportunity to buy some special and unusual presents

Stock up your larder with Sheena & Gordon's Preserves, Luxury Chocolates from The Kentish Chocolate Company,

or Honey from James, our local beekeeper.

Revitalise your Christmas tree with some sparkling new decorations *Gifts Galore for everyone on your list*

Come along and find just the right thing for that difficult person.

Children bring a Teddy to have an Adventure on the Zip Wire,

while you keep your strength up with a cup of tea or coffee,

or a glass of mulled wine.

PRIESTLY PONDERINGS

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ..

We are in many ways in something of 'quiet time' before the start of the incredibly busy time of November and the run up to Christmas. The three PCCs that make up the benefice are already busy sorting out the large number of services that will take place and there have been some changes around dates and times for some of the most popular services, so please keep an eye out for the diary when it's finally published just in case a service you normally attend has changed in some way.

At 6pm on the 1 October the benefice is hosting the Deanery Confirmation Service at East Malling, we currently have six candidates for Confirmation from Watlington and Teston and they will be joined by other candidates from across the Deanery. Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, the former Bishop of Rochester, is the presiding Bishop. All are welcome to attend this service.

This month I had the pleasure of listening to a short lecture by the Precentor of Rochester Cathedral on the subject of All Saints and All Souls Days, both dates that you will without doubt be familiar with. His lecture re-emphasised the link between the two days (1st and 2nd November) and how we lose that link if we celebrate All Saints Sunday and miss out All Souls Day altogether. So this year, in one of the changes I mentioned earlier, I'm going to celebrate the two festivals on the correct days using the liturgy provided by the Church for exactly that purpose. At The All Souls service we will also remember by name all those who have died in the previous year and other years. If you have loved ones you would like remembered at this service please let me know.

The new service pattern at Teston is in place and has been positively received so if you would like to attend something a little different in the benefice try one of their new services.

The 'nave altar' experiment at Watlington is drawing to a close and we are collating the many frank and honest comments that have been received before the PCC makes a final decision as to whether or not to continue with it. So if you haven't had a say please pass your thoughts on to the Church Wardens at Watlington who will most certainly take them into account.

Your in Christ **Rev Nick Williams**

Shining Bright Party

"While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying " Take it, this is my body " then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they drank from it " Mark 14:22

You are invited to a "Mad Hatters Tea Party" at Shining Bright this year.... Are you curious...? School aged children are invited to come and follow the White Rabbit to Wateringbury Church on Tuesday October 31, 5-7pm and journey with us into Wonderland for Wonderland inspired crafts, games, dance, snacks and fun, including our outdoor treasure hunt. This event is free. For more information or to book a place at our non-scary alternative halloween party, please email lisaglasscote@gmail.com or pick up a booking form from East Malling, Wateringbury or Teston church.

SUNDAY MORNING AT OUR CHURCH

We have great sessions for young people on a Sunday morning, while adults have time in the Sunday service. Let me tell what is on offer.

Week 1, each month is **Sunday's Cool** for primary aged children and lower secondary. We learn about God and Jesus and play games too!

Week 2, our **secondary division** meet and is for secondary aged young people. They set their own programme of challenging topics.

Week 3 is our **all aged family service** – a good starter if you haven't been before.

Week 4 is **Sunday's Cool** again.

Week 5 is a service at one of the three churches in the benefice.

And on Monday afternoon 2pm -3pm we have **Toddlers' Praise** at the Scout and Guide premises. Every Monday except Bank Holidays.

If you think you might want to join us and need to know a bit more then you can e-mail me on ruth.dunn33@btinternet.com or phone on 01622 812342. I would love to hear from you. Ruth

BENEFICE SERVICES

www.wateringburychurch.org.uk

Sunday 1 October 8.30 am BCP Communion – E M 9.45am Family Service – E M 9.45am Harvest Family Service – T 10am Harvest Communion – W'bury 6pm Confirmation Service – E M	Sunday 8 October 9.45am Harvest & Communion – E M 9.45am Come and Praise - T 10am Morning Praise - W'bury 6.30pm Evensong - T
Sunday 15 October 8.30am BCP Communion – W'bury 9.45am Eucharist – E M 9.45am Parish Communion - T 10 am Family Service – W'bury	Sunday 22 October 8.30am BCP Communion – E M 9.45am Morning Praise – E M 9.45am Come and Praise - T 10am Holy Communion – W'bury 6.30pm Holly Communion - T
Sunday 29 October – Benefice Service in Wateringbury Church at 10am	
Mondays Toddler Praise – 2-3pm – Scout & Guide HQ, Glebe Meadow –	
Every Thursday -- Holy Communion 9am in East Malling Church	
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	
For Baptisms, weddings, funerals and other arrangements please contact the Vicar Rev Nick Williams on 01732 843282 or email father.nick@btinternet.com For all other enquiries, please contact the Administrator on 01622 815218 or	

email parishofficeemwt@gmail.com
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Special Services in Wateringbury Church

Come and join us in Wateringbury Church to celebrate Harvest

Sunday 1 October - 10am Communion with Harvest Thanksgiving

Monday 2 October - 9am School Harvest Thanksgiving

Special Services in East Malling Church

Sunday 1 October Deanery Confirmation Service at 6pm with Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali

Wednesday 1 November at 6.30pm All Saints Day Service

Thursday 2 November at 7pm All Souls Day Service to include personal remembrance

Distribution of Harvest Gifts will take place in early October. We are very fortunate that for most of our recipients the gift from the church is not because of need but to show they are in our thoughts and prayers. Most of the tinned and packaged items are used for the Parish Blessing Bags over the winter months or are given to Maidstone Christian Care who support the local homeless and disadvantaged