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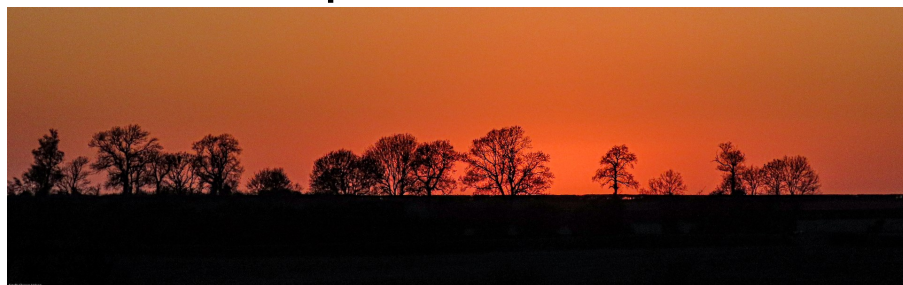
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www.eatonvillage.org.uk
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Hoping that 2021 proves to be an improvement on 2020 ...

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by Estelle Slegers Helsen of Waltham - see www.newtraces.uk.

Please may I have all items for February by **MONDAY, 18th JANUARY**

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EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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JANUARY NEWS

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 11th January at 7.30 pm remote by Zoom:
details will be available on the web site nearer the date.

Members of the public are welcome.

Agendas and minutes are on the following website: www.eatonpc.org.uk. Details of remote meetings will be made available here.

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Scalford

SCALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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JANUARY 2021 NEWS**Parish Council Meetings**

Monday, 25th January at 7.30 pm remote by Zoom.
Please see the Council's website for details of how to join the meeting.

Monday, 22nd February at 7.30 pm remote by Zoom.
Please see the Council's website for details of how to join the meeting.

Parish Councillors

Elizabeth Bryan (chairman)	01664 444206	Brian Dodd	01664 444215
Tim Spencer	01664 444573	Margaret Wright	01664 444354
Robert Ingles	01664 444382	Robert Thring	01664 444496

Chris Hill, clerk

EASTWELL**TOTE WINNERS**

The winners of the December draw were:

23	Pete Halpin
76	John Watford
22	Alan Haynes
41	Amelia Leaman
68	Alex van Doorn

**EASTWELL TOTE**

Thank you very much to everyone who has paid their 2021 subscription, especially to those who have joined for the first time. The widespread support is greatly valued.

A short reminder to those who haven't yet paid: cash, cheque or a BACs payment are all acceptable. Cash or cheque can be dropped off at either 4 Stathern Road or 14 Stathern Road; please contact either Trevor (861481) or Sue (861256) for details of the church account for a BACs payment

It has been decided to retain the present level of prizes for now - ie. 5 x £5 each month - rather than change to only two, larger ones - a £15 and £10 each month. For those who may be interested, there will shortly be a list of all the 2020 winners on the church notice board

THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES

www.ironstonechurches.org

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Waltham	Richard Miller (01664 464240)	

METHODIST CHURCH

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IRONSTONE WEBSITE: www.ironstonechurches.org
<https://www.ironstonechurches.org>

Please use the Ironstone website to access all the latest information as it affects the church and church buildings.

Information can also be found on two Facebook pages:
the Ironstone Churches and Messy Church at Waltham

Letter from the Rector

God knows ...

Dear Friends,

Who could possibly have predicted how things would turn out during last year?

In view of what we experienced during 2020, it would be a brave person indeed who tries to predict what 2021 will be like. As we journey into the New Year, there are so many uncertainties confronting us at all levels - personal, national and global.

For example, will we now be back in some kind of post Christmas lockdown? Or, with regard to Brexit, what trading arrangements - if any - will there be with the European Union, and what effect will they have? And across the Atlantic, will there be an orderly transition of power in the United States later this month?

None of us know the answers to any of these questions, but our lives and livelihoods, our health and the wellbeing of the earth itself are bound up in the answers to such questions.

None of us can foretell the future. Jesus said: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6.34). And the English poet and theologian, John Henry

Newman, included these lines in one of his hymns: "I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me". He addressed that hymn to the 'kindly light', whom he believed had guided his life, even when he wasn't aware of it.

You and I cannot know the future; we cannot even be certain of tomorrow. But we can put our hope in the kindly light of Jesus Christ, and take the New Year as it comes, step by step.

In her poem *God Knows*, Minnie Haskins expresses this in words that were quoted by King George VI during his 1939 Christmas broadcast, at another time of crisis: "And I said to the one who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the Unknown'. And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way'".

Wishing you every blessing in the kindly light of Jesus, this New Year and always,



(John Barr, Rector)



SAFEGUARDING

If anyone has any safeguarding issues they wish to report, please get in touch with either Penny Clemons, tel. 01664 444687 (for Eastwell, Goadby Marwood, Scalford with Chadwell and Wycomb) or Mike Alexander, tel. 01664 464802 (for Eaton, Stonesby, Waltham).

Letter from the Revd James Skinner

Dear Friends,

The old year is almost gone; by the end of this week it will be 2021. Many people will be glad to see 2020's passing and will welcome the new year hoping to see changes for the better!

The end of any year is a time of change as we look back on all that has happened in the past year and contemplate what may lie in the future.

2021 is set to be a year of change. The United Kingdom will be outside the European Community for the first time since 1973, which will bring changes in the way we trade and interact with Europe and other countries in the world.

We are all praying for a rapid roll-out of the new Covid 19 vaccines, and for life to change and return to something more like normal.

The human race needs to face up to the challenges of climate change without delay and rapidly change how it lives on earth to a more sustainable way.

There needs to be change in so many places in the world where there is conflict, war, injustice, famine, so that God's vision of how the world should be may become a closer reality.

Change happens in many different ways. We all grow older like it or not! We may lose our job, or someone we love. Change may come to the place we live in with plans for expansion and development. Recently, I have seen several plans for how the town of Melton could grow in the next few years when the new relief road is built.

Christian communities will face changes in the light of the Covid 19 pandemic, patterns and ways of worship will not exactly return to what they were pre-pandemic and across all traditions there will be a close examination of resources, human, financial and buildings.

Change is something that many of us instinctively try to resist; we like things to continue as they are. However, one thing about change of which we can be certain, is that it will come and we must face up to changes and seek to influence the way that some of them come about.

In a world of change is there anything we can hold on to that does not change? The writer of the letter to the Hebrews says:

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever". (Hebrews 13:8).

At Christmas, Christians celebrate God born as a human person in the babe at Bethlehem. A God who is in one sense beyond all time and change, yet who became part of our human history, sharing in all aspects of our humanity. In him we have a person whom we can trust and who enables us to face up to the changes in our own lives and in the events that happen in the world. He enables us to use change to bring his kingdom of justice, peace and love nearer, so that it can become a reality for more of the world's people. While this is something that we can celebrate at Christmas and at the turn of the year, it is also a truth to be experienced throughout the whole year.

A Happy New Year to you all

James

IRONSTONE SERVICES IN JANUARY**Any changes will be posted on www.ironstonechurches.org****SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP
IN IRONSTONE CHURCH BUILDINGS**

In view of the present Covid-19 crisis and after consultation, it has been decided to suspend all gatherings for public worship with immediate effect.

In the Ironstone Churches opportunities are provided to gather with others for worship online and/or by telephone, and details of the online/telephone services are listed below and also appear on the Ironstone Churches website (www.ironstonechurches.org).

Although not hosting gatherings for worship, several Ironstone church buildings remain open for private prayer, and details of opening times can be found on page 8 as well as on the website. It is important that anyone visiting a church for private prayer take responsibility for hand sanitising, etc. before and after their visit to that building.

John Barr, Rector

Sunday, 3rd January

Online service on Ironstone Churches website (www.ironstonechurches.org)

10.30 am **United Methodist/Anglican Covenant Service via Zoom**
Contact John Barr (johnbarr2817@gmail.com) or Mike Alexander (wee3mike@btinternet.com) for link.

Wednesday, 6th January The Epiphany

9.00 am **Service of Healing and Wholeness** via Zoom
(Contact Chris or Mike Alexander for link - wee3alexander@btinternet.com or wee3mike@btinternet.com).

12.00 noon **Holy Communion** via Zoom (contact John Barr for link)

9.00 pm **Compline for Epiphany** via Zoom (contact John Barr for link - johnbarr2817@gmail.com)

**Sunday, 10th January**

10.00 am **Village Morning Worship** via Zoom (contact Chris or Mike for link)

4.30 pm **Telephone Worship** (contact John Barr for details)

Wednesday, 13th January

9.00 am **Service of Healing and Wholeness** via Zoom (contact Chris or Mike)

Sunday, 17th January

Online Service on Ironstone Churches website (www.ironstonechurches.org)

Wednesday, 20th January

9.00 am **Service of Healing and Wholeness** via Zoom (contact Chris or Mike)

Sunday, 24th January

10.45 am **Stonesby Methodist Church Communion** - Mr Mick Thompson
4.30 pm **Telephone Worship** (contact John Barr for details)

Wednesday, 27th January

9.00 am **Service of Healing and Wholeness** via Zoom (contact Chris or Mike)

Sunday, 31st January

10.00 am **United Ironstone Family of Churches Holy Communion** via Zoom
(Contact Mike A).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE ABOVE SERVICES
WILL BE POSTED ON THE IRONSTONE WEBSITE:
www.ironstonechurches.org**

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Eastwell	From Wednesday to Sunday inclusive, from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm
Eaton	By appointment only on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons <i>Please contact Sue Peters on 01476 870476</i>
Scalford	Thursdays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Sundays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Stonesby	Sundays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Waltham	Sunday and Wednesday mornings from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon



St Michael & All Angels Eastwell

Admittedly we didn't quite manage to finish the window displays for the three Advent services held in December, and, as you will have seen, the three services which were scheduled to take place in church during January (on 6th, 17th and 24th January), have now been cancelled.

It had been planned to have all the displays finished and the windows lit up for these services. However, if you'd like to, you are invited to take a look at the displays, which tell the Christmas story - although the lights will not be on.

The displays will stay up until Candlemass on 2nd February.

The church is open each day from Wednesday to Sunday (closed Monday and Tuesday) from 8.00 am until 3.00 pm.

STONESBY METHODIST CHURCH

Please note
there will be
a service in the church
SUNDAY,
24th JANUARY
at 10.45 am
Mr Mick Thompson



GENERAL NOTICES

EASTWELL FLOODLIGHTING

During January the church will be floodlit:

To celebrate the birthdays of:

STANLEY WATFORD on 26th January

ANTHONY PEDLAR on 27th January

BEN WATFORD on 31st January

and in memory of:

RACHEL EVERLEY on 6th January

MARY BARNES on 10th January

MICK PYWELL on 18th January

JACK CAVE on 18th January

REG PYWELL on 19th January

WANTED

**Scalford Village Hall
needs a cleaner.
4 to 6 hours a week,
paid on an hourly rate -
flexible hours to suit**

If you are interested, please call
Andy or Jill Wade on
01664 444299.

Thank you.

ST PETERS CHURCH, STONESBY "Against all the odds"

On Christmas Day at 10.00 am, which turned out to be a beautiful crisp, sunny morning, we were so pleased to be able to welcome 35 adults and 2 children to our Christmas service with restricted Holy Communion.

This service was carried out following all the guidelines laid out by the Diocese, to ensure everyone could stay safe. The Revd Canon John Barr officiated, and we thank him for his commitment in supporting us to carry this through, and although we were not allowed to sing the familiar carols as usual, we didn't miss out altogether as Geoff very kindly came to play our organ, and delivered some lovely Christmas music to accompany our service, which we really appreciated.

The offering this year will be donated to the charity CENTRE POINT, who do such good work to help young homeless adults. The total given amounted to £148.00, and we thank all for their generosity.

Following this challenging year we pray for better days ahead, and look forward to welcoming you to St Peters in 2021.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL,

Best wishes,

Jill and Debbie (churchwardens)

GENERAL NOTICES

VILLAGE NEWS

Would contributors to these yellow pages please note that I have a new email address (which I notice I quoted wrongly on the front page last month, but which I've now amended!):

suewatford2@gmail.com

The aol address is still current, and I have no plans to discontinue it at the moment: however, I would eventually like to get all yellow page emails arriving via gmail.

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WALTHAM CHURCH



If, like me, you have ever wondered what the small tree to the right is just before you go out through the lychgate in Waltham churchyard, then wonder no more, as the answer is coming up!

It looks like a dwarf horse chestnut with impressive cream coloured flower spires in the summer and is called *Aesculus Parviflora* - common name Bottlebrush Buckeye. It's native to southeastern USA - found around Georgia and it flowers in July and August, unlike the earlier Chestnuts. It does bear fruit later, small beech nut shapes.

Aesculus parviflora is known for attracting bees and other pollinators. It has nectar/pollen rich flowers and provides shelter and habitat.



Many thanks to Gill Flood of Waltham who tracked down the info on this somewhat rare tree.



Survey says ... 75% of men in the UK are antagonistic or apathetic towards church

Are you one of them?

Do you come to church but think it's maybe too child focussed, boring, or lacking edge?

Man up! Your church needs you!

We've been asked (by some men) to set up a Men's group within our group of churches - nothing too heavy ... meeting once a month, to explore matters of life and faith together from a bloke's perspective. To do stuff together ... see stuff, make stuff, eat stuff ... and to talk and share our experiences.

If this is something you'd be interested in or want to find out more, please contact:

Mike Alexander on 01664 464802 or John Barr on 01664 464265

We plan to hold our first meeting in late January (in person or on Zoom) - so please register your interest today!

WALTHAM CHURCH NEWS

It has been lovely walking round Waltham over the Christmas period and seeing familiar faces and lots of new faces of folks who have moved into the village recently. With the church being closed for public worship and most of what we are doing now being online, we thought we ought to let you know who we are and what we look like when you bump into us in the street! Do please stop and say hello!



Revd Canon John Barr

John lives at the Vicarage on Melton Road with his wife Mary, and you will often see him out walking with his dog, Benji.

John can be contacted on 01664 464265.



Mike and Chris Alexander

Mike is a Reader and Pioneer Minister, and Chris is a Pioneer Minister.

They have lived in Waltham for 24 years.

They can be contacted on 01664 464802.

Waltham Church hosts regular worship and Holy Communion services, an All-Age Messy Church, a Café Church, a parent/carer baby and toddler group, art group, home groups, Cinema Nights and other one-off events - all of which sadly are on hold in order to keep our congregations safe, especially the elderly and vulnerable.

So, we have gone online with Zoom worship and telephone services, pre-recorded services, and Youtube videos. We even managed three outdoor socially distanced services when the weather was a bit warmer than it is now. You would be most welcome to join in with what we are doing as a church. We are always open to suggestions about what we could do to help build faith and community.

Here's how you can join us in January in Waltham church ...

- Wednesdays at 9.00 am Zoom prayer service - if you want prayer for anyone/any situation, please contact us. If you need the link to join in with any of our services, then email us at wee3alexander@btinternet.com.
- Sunday, 10th January at 10.00 am Zoom Village Worship. We usually have live music, and an opportunity to chat and catch up too ...
- The church building is open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays from around 9.30 am until around 1.00 pm.
- There is a box in church to support the work of Storehouse - the Melton Foodbank; please give any tins/packet food you can.

We are part of a group of seven churches called the Ironstone Benefice and you can find out what is happening across all the churches on our website

<https://www.ironstonechurches.org>

If you would like to receive the monthly email copy of our newsletter (the yellow pages), then please just ask.