

VILLAGE NEWS

Chadwell, Eastwell, Eaton, Goadby Marwood,
Scalford, Stonesby, Waltham, Wycomb

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<http://villagenews.e-kit.co.uk>
www.eatonvillage.org.uk
www.ironstonechurches.org



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Having raced our way through January (with one twelfth of 2021 already in the past - and probably indelibly imprinted on our memories), we have noticeably longer days and snowdrops (in their hundreds) ... and spring just round the corner
.... can't wait!

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

Please may I have all items for March by **FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY**

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EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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FEBRUARY NEWS

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 8th February 2021 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.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Council are still short of one councillor. Anyone interested in the way the villages grow going forward should contact any of the councillors below for an informal chat about being a councillor.

Parish Councillors

Chairman:		Vice Chairman:	
Marcus Hardy	01476 879124	Les Bettley	01476 879164
Councillors:			
Alice Crafts	07846 766833		
John Nelson	01949 860698		
Mark Greasley	01664 464830		

Chris Hill, clerk

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SCALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Chris Hill, 43 Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics., LE13 1RU
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FEBRUARY 2021 NEWS**Parish Council Meetings**

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

Monday, 22nd March 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 and
100 CLUB WINNERS**
**The winners of the
January tote draw were:**

No 24 Ben Gregory
No 31 Jules Greaves
No 14 Denis Hubbard
No 36 Glenda Kenney
No 70 Pete van Doorn

**... and the winners of the Lord Granby
Conservation 100 Club were:**

1st prize	£35	No 17, Barry Knapp
2nd prize	£20	No 93, R&V Burton

EASTWELL TOTE

The PCC would like to thank everyone who has joined the tote this year - all those who have kept it rolling over many years, and also the many new members we have, both those who have lived in Eastwell for a while, and those families who have recently moved here.

We really do appreciate the support for what is a relatively painless (although maybe Trevor's opinion is somewhat different at the moment!) fundraising effort, providing a steady income of several hundred pounds each year for the church.

A complete list of 2020 winners is now on the church notice board.

THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES

www.ironstonechurches.org

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Eastwell	Stella MacGregor (01949 861827)	Sue Watford (01949 861256)
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Scalford	Penny Clemons (01664 444687)	
Stonesby	Jill Stannage (01664 464 011)	Debbie Whitton (01664 464835)
Waltham	Richard Miller (01664 464240)	

METHODIST CHURCH

Church Minister: The Revd James Skinner, 01664 482132

Contact: Stonesby - Jacky Speck, 01664 464 494

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

Testing Times ...

Dear Friends,

We are living in testing times, times unlike any experienced before. These testing times are affecting the whole world, and all the nations are struggling to respond.

In his inauguration speech last month, President Joe Biden reflected on the challenges facing the troubled and divided nation of America:

"This is a time of testing. We face an attack on democracy and on truth. A raging virus. Growing inequity. The sting of systemic racism. A climate in crisis. America's role in the world. Any one of these would be enough to challenge us in profound ways. But the fact is we face them all at once, presenting this nation with the gravest of responsibilities. Now we must step up. All of us. It is a time for boldness, for there is so much to do. And, this is certain. We will be judged, you and I, for how we resolve the cascading crises of our era. Will we rise to the occasion?"

The leaders of our world need our prayers more than ever, as they work out how we can "resolve the cascading crises of our era". All of us are affected in some way or other by the impact of these crises - whether physically, economically, relationally, emotionally, mentally or spiritually. The experience of yet another lockdown is leaving so many feeling stressed and anxious. And, in the face of the multiple restrictions and huge changes to "normal" life, it is easy to feel utterly helpless.

Yet there is something that each one of us can do. You and I can choose how we respond. During this month, we begin the season of Lent. It is a time when Christians remember how Jesus faced a time of testing the wilderness. This time of testing challenged His priorities and clarified His God-given call.

Would Jesus try to take the easy way out, to "look after Number 1". Or would He "step up" and choose to live out God's call in God's way, and for the sake of God's world? The Gospels tell us how Jesus chose God's way, the way that would lead to Good Friday and Easter.

Lent invites us to seek God's presence with us in these testing times. There are many different ways in which we could do this - e.g. by choosing to join in a Lent group or an online service. Or how about resolving to "count our blessings", maybe by thinking of at least one thing for which to give thanks each day? Or again, could we turn our worries into prayer and/or some practical act of care for the wellbeing of others?

Lent is an opportunity for us to nurture growth in a life of faith, hope and love. The question is, are we willing to do so?

Wishing you every blessing in Christ in these testing times,



(John Barr, Rector)



Lent

Letter from the Revd James Skinner

Dear Friends,

The year is moving on fast! So is the church calendar. February this year takes in two major church events: Candlemas on 2nd February, and then just over two weeks later on 17th February, the season of Lent begins. Let us reflect on these two happenings.

Candlemas is the 40th day after Christmas which, as far as the church is concerned, marks the end of the Christmas celebrations as we remember the infant Jesus being taken to the Temple by his parents for the first time. In the



past, people did celebrate the Christmas festival from Christmas Eve through to Candlemas.

These days we try to move the calendar forwards by starting to celebrate Christmas early, beginning (at the latest) at the start of December and finishing as soon as we get into the new year. This year, to keep people's spirits up during the pandemic, some have suggested that Christmas decorations should not be taken down on Twelfth Night but be kept up until Candlemas.

The second event this month is the season of Lent which begins on 17th February. The day before Lent is Shrove Tuesday, known today as Pancake Day, a day of festive fun when in past days people ate up all the foods they could not eat during the Lent fast. There were lots of

games and fun as well as eating! One further thing happened during that day: the burning of some of last year's palm crosses to create the ashes to be put on the foreheads of people at the Ash Wednesday service.

Lent, sometimes called the 'fortieth', is a season of 40 days excluding the six Sundays up to Easter Day. In the first part of the season Christians remember Jesus fasting in the desert before he started his work of teaching and healing. The last two weeks focus on the last week of Jesus' life, leading up to his crucifixion on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Day. The purpose of the Lent season is for Christians to prepare themselves for the events of Easter, through prayer, self-denial and personal reflection.

My thought for you this month is that, as we travel further into 2021, we do not forget the Christmas message that God, 'Emmanuel', is with us in all that we may experience in the coming year. This message is not just for Christmas but for all the year round. As we follow Jesus' life through the church calendar, we see constant reminder of the 'God with us' message as Jesus meets with and ministers to the needs of people in their difference circumstances. Let us draw strength from this for the challenges that lie ahead in the rest of 2021.

With best wishes,

James



IRONSTONE SERVICES IN FEBRUARY**Any changes will be posted on www.ironstonechurches.org****Wednesday, 3rd February**

- 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 - johnbarr2817@gmail.com)

Sunday, 7th February

- 10.00 am **Holy Communion via Zoom** (contact John Barr for link)
- 4.30 pm **Phone Church** (contact John Barr for details)

Wednesday, 10th February

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

Sunday, 14th February

- 10.00 am **Community Church via Zoom, followed by Coffee and Chat** (contact Chris or Mike for link)

Wednesday, 17th February - Ash Wednesday

- 9.00 am **Service of Healing and Wholeness via Zoom** (contact Chris or Mike)
- 7.00 pm **Ash Wednesday Service with Communion via Zoom** (contact John)
- 9.00 pm **Compline via Zoom** (contact John)

**Friday, 19th February**

- 7.30 pm **Compline via Zoom** (contact John)

Sunday, 21st February

- 10.00 am **Holy Communion via Zoom** (contact John)
- 4.30 pm **Phone Church** (contact John)

**Wednesday, 24th February**

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

Friday, 26th February

- 7.30 pm **Compline via Zoom** (contact John)

Sunday, 28th February

- 10.00 am **Community Church via Zoom, followed by Coffee and Chat** (contact Chris or Mike)
- 10.45 am **STONESBY METHODIST CHURCH service** - Revd James Skinner (Communion)

LENT GROUPS***Spirit lyfe* course on Thursday evenings from 8.00 to 9.00 pm**

We're going to be running a Bible Society course on Zoom called *Spirit lyfe* (6 x Thursdays at 8.00 to 9.00 pm, starting 25th February) focussing on learning more about God's Holy Spirit, which empowers and fuels us today. If you would like to join, please email wee3alexander@btinternet.com for the link.

It is possible to join in via telephone also - contact Christine or Mike Alexander on 01664 464802 for information. Great fun and interesting conversations, everyone welcome. Please let any friends know that they can join in as well.

***Living His Story* reading group on Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 am**

If you'd like to join John Barr in discussing the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book by Hannah Steele, we'll be meeting to look at a chapter a week via Zoom (or telephone) on Saturday mornings for seven weeks, starting on Saturday, 13th February. If you would like to take part, please obtain a copy of the book (*Living His Story: Revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways* SPCK 2020 ISBN 978-0-281-08517-0) and email johnbarr2817@gmail.com for the link.

***Unanswered Prayer* - the prayer course II on Sunday mornings at 11.00 am**

A five week Lent course designed to provoke honest thinking about the hardest questions we ask about prayer. Each session of the course will consist of a video, hosted by Pete Greig and BAFTA award-winning TVB presenter Gemma Hunt, exploring Jesus' journey to the cross and drawing on themes and stories from Pete's book, *God on Mute*. Each video will also feature an interview with a special guest sharing their experience of God at work in the midst of extreme challenges to their faith.

Accompanying discussion guides to each session will enable us to go deeper in thought and conversation, unpacking themes in detail and praying through challenges and uncertainties together. We will meet on Zoom on Sunday mornings at 11.00 am.

Session 1: "Intro"	28th February
Session 2: "Maundy Thursday: How?"	7th March
Session 3: "Good Friday: Why?"	14th March
Session 4: "Holy Saturday: Where?"	21st March
Session 5: "Easter Sunday: When?"	28th March

Please email The Revd Dr Mary Barr - vicarmary@meltonparish.org.uk - if you would like to join this course.



We're going to be running a Bible Society course on Zoom called Spirit lyfe (6 x Thursdays at 8.00 to 9.00 pm, starting 25th February) focussing on learning more about God's Holy Spirit, which empowers and fuels us today.

If you would like to join, please email:
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STONESBY METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday,
28th February
at 10.45 am

Rev'd James Skinner

COMMUNION



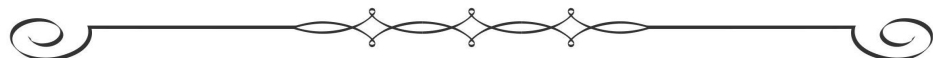
CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Eastwell	From Wednesday to Sunday inclusive, from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm
Eaton	By appointment only on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons Please contact Sue Peters on 01476 870476
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

'JESUS - TOT TO TEEN'

The window displays in Eastwell church, will now remain in situ until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. These displays cover the time from the announcement of the angel Gabriel to Zechariah that he and his wife Elizabeth would become the parents of John the Baptist, through to the time when Jesus' parents, lost him at the age of 12 for three days and eventually found him in the Temple talking to the priests,

The church opening times are listed above.: for obvious reasons, we are unable to leave the lighting on, but nonetheless we hope you enjoy looking round.



GENERAL NOTICES

EASTWELL FLOODLIGHTING

During February the church will be floodlit:

To celebrate the birthdays of:

ISABELLE WATFORD on 2nd February

ALEX VAN DOORN on 6th February

ADAM WATFORD on 8th February

and in memory of:

JACK CAVE on 11th February

ALAN and MARY BARNES on 16th February

RACHEL EVERLEY on 19th February

FREYA RYLAND on 19th February

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.

EASTWELL HISTORY GROUP

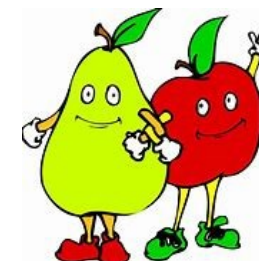
AMAZON SMILE



A reminder that Eastwell History Group is now eligible to receive donations from the Amazon Smile programme.

It is a simple, automatic way for anyone shopping online with Amazon to support Eastwell History Group - at no cost to you or Eastwell History Group.

Log on at smile. Amazon.co.uk and select Eastwell History Group as your charity to support, then make your purchases in the normal way. At the end of any transaction 0.5% of the value of your purchase will be credited to us, for which we shall be grateful.



FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

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Stathern Road,
Eastwell

Each day
from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

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- and the honesty box
is the post box!



EATON COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION

A big **thank you** to all those who made donations to the Christmas Star Trail. We produced nearly 100 stars which were sponsored by a few local businesses, so all donations made went directly to pay for the maintenance of the park.

Special mention to Kathy Skinner who came up with the idea and worked tirelessly to source materials and make up kits and stars. Thanks also to Kate Shepherd who coordinated the requests and produced a stream of updated spreadsheets as more and more orders came in.

The trail itself was a lovely reminder in this time of lockdown of what can be achieved if people work together. There was a whole range of beautifully decorated stars and the numbers out on the first night wandering through the village was delightful. Hopefully all the stars have been stored ready for next year when we hope to expand on the idea and make it a real community event.

Thanks Eaton - great effort and a great show.

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2 Lionville Cottages,
Eastwell Road, Scalford



A photograph of Eastwell church in recent snowfall (mid December time),
taken by Mike Shearstone of Eastwell