

VILLAGE NEWS

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

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This month's issue last year was the last 'normal' one. It was followed by the Village News Lite before the end of the month - a very strange few weeks, getting used to all the restrictions.

One year later and hopefully we're moving in the opposite direction.

It will be good to get back to a full 20-page booklet, where so much is happening in these villages that it's difficult to squeeze it all in.



Please may I have all items for April by
FRIDAY, 19th MARCH

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EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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MARCH NEWS

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 8th March 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.

Allotment Open Day

The Council are planning to hold an open day on the allotments in the next few weeks which will be open to all. Please watch this space for further information.

Parish Councillors

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Chris Hill, clerk

EASTWELL FLOODLIGHTING

During March the church will be floodlit:

To celebrate the birthdays of:

TERESA MANKELOW on 9th March

DANIEL WATFORD on 14th March

DIDI POWLES on 26th March

EMMA WOODING on 30th March

and in memory of:

MARGARET ROWBOTHAM on 25th March

EASTWELL TOTE and 100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners of the February tote draw were:

78 Joe Mankelow : 38 Janet Knapp
63 Chris Thomas : 71 Sam van Doorn
19 Judy Goodson

... and the winners of the February Lord Granby Conservation 100 Club are:

1st prize, £35 No 16, Audrey Cawthorn
2nd prize, £15 No 72, Colin Naylor

SCALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MARCH 2021 NEWS**Parish Council Meetings**

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

Monday, 12th April 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
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Chris Hill, clerk

EASTWELL CHURCHYARD

Quite a few people have remarked how nice the churchyard now looks, and someone (not on the PCC) has asked for a well-deserved thank you to be included in these pages.

So - many, many thanks to **Matt and Joe** for clearing the fallen tree by the back gate; to **Matt and Duncan** for the work on the two trees which fell last year at the very back by the spinney (providing us with children's seats for churchyard activities) - and also for the many hours put in last year by **Jo, Duncan, Elliott and Daniel**, clearing virtually shoulder-high brambles and exposing a gravestone we didn't know existed.

We look forward to seeing what can be achieved this year.

**THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES**

www.ironstonechurches.org

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Stonesby	Jill Stannage (01664 464 011)	
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

Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow ...

Dear Friends,

Last month, I wrote about how the season of Lent invites us to seek God's presence in these testing times. Yet, given our experience over the past year, perhaps it seems like we've been in Lent for a very long time! Our Bishops Martyn and Guli said something similar in a recent message: "As we approach the season of Lent, we are mindful that for some, the whole of this last year has felt like a prolonged Lent!

Later this month, we shall be marking the anniversary of the first national lockdown. I remember how, this time last year, we had all our plans in place to celebrate Holy Week and Easter - including a planned visit by Bishop Guli to Scalford - only to have to cancel all 'in person' gatherings and to start to go online for services and other church meetings.

During the past year, new words have entered our vocabulary and experience, such as 'lockdown', 'social distancing', 'face coverings'. It is a year that we may want to forget, but also one that will have a deep and lasting impact on so many aspects of our lives, long after the pandemic is over.

As we now follow the roadmap out of lockdown and the vaccination programme continues to be rolled out, there is light at the end of the tunnel and hope that we are now heading in the right direction.

What will the future look like in the emerging 'new normal'? We don't yet know. But it's good to think about this, and to talk about it together. In churches across Leicestershire, conversations are now happening about the impact of the pandemic on our buildings, finance, and ministry, and what we might have learnt from the past year about what is important.

Yet in all the turmoil and trouble, frustration and fear, God has not abandoned us or His suffering world. His love cannot be shut out by any lockdown, or destroyed by a dreadful virus like Covid-19.

As Bishops Martyn and Guli go on to say in their message: "The sense of loss, disruption and forced abstinence leaves us longing for a bright, new dawn. (This season) provides us with an opportunity both to learn more of the language of lament (expressing our loss and grief to God) and also to go deeper in our understanding of how God entered into the suffering of this world in Jesus Christ".

As we look to Jesus, so we discover how God gives us - in the words of Thomas Chisholm's hymn - 'strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow'.

With prayers and all good wishes,



(John Barr, Rector)



Letter from the Revd James Skinner

Dear Friends,

This year the month of March covers most of the church season of Lent. The half-way point (the fourth Sunday in Lent) falls this year on 17th March.

To most of us this day is better known as Mothering Sunday, a widely celebrated day when children of all ages give presents, flowers and cards to their mothers. However, Mothering Sunday has deeper and more historical roots, not related to the American Mother's Day, which only started during the nineteenth century.

Traditionally, several centuries ago, Mothering Sunday was when children, mainly daughters who had gone to work as domestic servants, were given a day off to visit their mother and family. In the past children as young as ten years old would leave home to work as domestic servants.

Centuries ago, on this Sunday, it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church. So, each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home.

The other name for this day is Laetare Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, the day when you were allowed to break your Lenten fast. In the past the readings selected for this Sunday had references to food, including Jesus' feeding of the five thousand (John 6: 1014). The food especially associated with Mothering Sunday is the simnel cake (also baked by some for Easter Day) which would be brought as a gift for mother.

A simnel cake is a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste, one on top and one in the middle. The top of the cake is decorated with 11 balls of marzipan representing the 11 disciples (Judas is not included). Traditionally, sugar violets would also be added.

This year traditional Mothering Sunday gatherings will probably not be possible. (We wait to hear what we can do when the Prime Minister speaks on Monday, 22nd February).

One way we could use Lent this year, alongside some time for self-examination, would be to look to the care of our families - not only our close personal family, but also those who live near us and the members of our church family.

The pandemic has caused every relationship to feel more distant, especially with the absence of physical greetings, from the shaking of hands all the way through to embracing. So, it is particularly important for us to look to the needs of all; from those close to us like our mothers, to those who live in our local communities and those around the world.

Jesus was once asked: "Who is my neighbour?", to which he answered by telling the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29). Afterwards he asked his questioner who was a neighbour to the person who was attacked. The questioner replied that it was the person who helped the injured man. Jesus then said: "Go and do the same".

It is with that love, this Lent and other times, that we should care for others wherever they live.

With best wishes,

James

IRONSTONE SERVICES PATTERN FOR MARCH
Any changes will be posted on www.ironstonechurches.org

Wednesday, 3rd March

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

Friday, 5th March

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

Sunday, 7th March

- 10.00 am **Holy Communion via Zoom, followed by Coffee and Chat** (contact John for link)
- 4.30 pm **Phone Church** (contact John for details)

Wednesday, 10th March

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

Friday, 12th March

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

Sunday, 14th March (Mothering Sunday)

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

Wednesday, 17th March

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

Friday, 19th March

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

Sunday, 21st March

- 10.00 am **Holy Communion via Zoom, followed by Coffee and Chat** (contact John)
- 4.30 pm **Phone Church** (contact John)

Wednesday, 24th March

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



Friday, 26th March

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

Sunday, 28th March (Palm Sunday)

- 10.00 am **Community Church in Waltham Churchyard 3** (contact Chris or Mike)
- 10.45 am **STONESBY METHODIST CHURCH service** - Revd James Skinner (Communion)
- 6.00 pm **Evening Prayer with hymns via Zoom** (contact John Barr or Paul Taylor for link paul-taylor@gmx.co.uk)

Monday 29th March, Tuesday 30th March, Wednesday 31st March

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7.00 pm **Holy Week Meditation and Prayer via Zoom** (contact John)



LENT GROUPS

Spirit life course on Thursday evenings from 8.00 to 9.00 pm



A Bible Society course on Zoom (6 x Thursdays at 8.00 to 9.00 pm, started 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.

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

Discussing the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book by Hannah Steele, looking at a chapter a week via Zoom (or telephone) on Saturday mornings for seven weeks. Contact John Barr for link.

Unanswered Prayer - the prayer course II by Zoom 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. Remaining sessions:

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.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**Eastwell**

From Wednesday to Sunday inclusive, 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, 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

**STONESBY
METHODIST
CHURCH**

Sunday,
28th March
at 10.45 am
Rev'd James Skinner
COMMUNION

**RIP Mrs Freda Stanley**

A funeral service for Freda was held in Eastwell church on Wednesday, 24th February.

Freda previously lived at Sunnysdene, Stathern Road, but moved to Redmile following the death of her husband, Clifford.

The service was conducted by Canon Judith Wells of Redmile.

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).

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with that feeling any longer!*

*I would like to help you find a
more satisfying way of living.*

GENERAL NOTICES**ST DENYS' CHURCH, EATON****Your Church needs you!**

Would you like to join the small but dedicated Parochial Church Council?

The Parochial Church Council meets formally four times a year and is responsible for developing the role of the church in village life, of supporting the Revd Canon John Barr as Rector of St Denys and playing our part in the wider Ironstone Churches Benefice. The PCC has responsibility for managing the financial affairs of the church, the maintenance of its assets and ensuring the church is well run.

2021 is going to be an exciting year for St Denys with planned major building work and hopefully the long awaited reopening of the church (when Covid restrictions allow). You may have the skills to help us ensure St Denys' future is secure and the church building and fabric is in good order.

If this is something you think you may be interested in, please call
Hannah Canham (01476 870 344) for further information.

**EASTWELL
HISTORY GROUP**

We entered February with a real prospect of things getting better. It is possible that we might resume some of our activities in the course of the next few months, and we look forward to that.

Our 'Lord Granby' conservation team have continued, within their own confines, to make progress and we look forward to showing everyone how much change there has been.

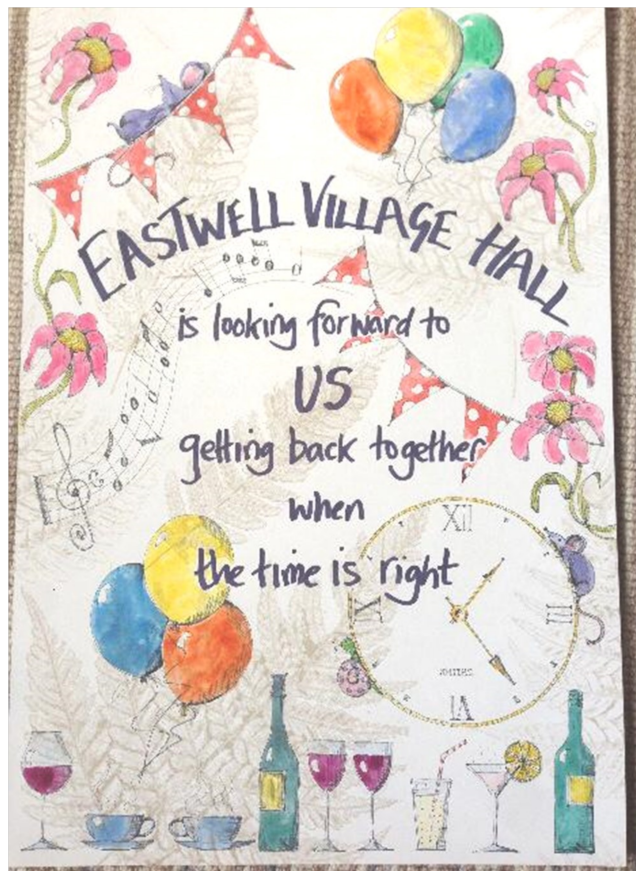
Our 100 Club subscribers help to ensure that we have the financial resources to keep going, and we have made the draw for the February winners. (see page 3). Congratulations go to them and thanks go to all who subscribe and support us.

**FRUIT AND
VEGETABLES**

For sale on
Stathern Road,
Eastwell

Each day
from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

Pay by 'honesty box'
- and the honesty box
is the post box!



EASTWELL CARDS/ NOTELETS FOR SALE

Eastwell church has been given a supply of cards made up with the photograph of the church in the snow, which was shown at the back of February's yellow pages.

All printing costs have been donated, and all proceeds will go to church funds.

They are being sold in packs of five for £5 per pack.

If you would like to buy a pack, please get in touch with Janet Knapp, 01949 861767, knapp474@btinternet.com



GW HealthFitness Wellbeing

Can't work out in the gym? Then check out my online classes

I run an online membership club through a private Facebook group with five sessions a week. These are fabulous workouts which are safe and effective, varied and most of all FUN. Don't worry if you can't make the live session; they are all available on playback for as long as you are a member!!

You can try any of these completely FREE.

Just contact Ginny on 07793 749480 for more details.

I also run FREE 20 minute short express workouts online.



20th March



Melton Mowbray, Transition Town – a talk 25th March, 7pm by Rob Hopkins, Transition Town co-founder

Hello,

We are a small group of people who feel optimistic that Melton can be a more caring and closely linked, sustainable, low carbon environment. We would like to build membership so that we can deliver practical projects, give friendly advice and facilitate events. This is on a completely voluntary basis. We see that activities might fall into four areas: food and agriculture, energy, transport, work/business/lifestyle.



Transition Towns are part of a worldwide environmental movement encouraging people to change their own communities for the better. Schemes in other towns include: sourcing surplus food and enabling it to go to Food Banks, fruit and nut tree planting schemes, seed swap and garden sharing, repair workshops, field-to-fork to give locally grown food a market and also a market for local craftspeople, artists and artisans.

We would like you to bring your thoughts, ideas and enthusiasm to this venture and be part of the discussion and part of the process.

For all of us to find out more we have arranged for **Rob Hopkins**, one of the founders of the Transition Network, to give a talk to us on Zoom on **Thursday, 25th March, at 7.00 pm**. The theme of the talk is "From What is to What if: how to unleash the power of the imagination to create the future we want", encouraging us to envision the changes we want to bring about in our Melton Mowbray community. The talk is **free and open to all**. Register here:

https://actionnetwork.org/events/an-evening-with-rob-hopkins?source=direct_link&referrer=group-melton-mowbray-transition-town

Or email: Melton.Transition@gmail.com for joining details.

