

# VILLAGE NEWS

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

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by Estelle Slegers Helsen of Waltham - see [www.newtraces.uk](http://www.newtraces.uk).

Please may I have all items for May by  
WEDNESDAY, 21st APRIL

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## EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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### APRIL NEWS

#### Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 19th April 2021 at 7.30 pm, remote by Zoom  
Details will be available on web site nearer the date.

#### **Members of the public are welcome.**

Agendas and minutes are on the following website: [www.eatonpc.org.uk](http://www.eatonpc.org.uk). Details of remote meetings will be made available here.

#### New Councillor

We are pleased to say that Mr Nigel Allen from Goadby Marwood has recently joined us, and we wish him a long association with us as a Parish Councillor.

#### Parking

As everyone will be aware, the roads and footpaths in our villages are very narrow and parking is an ongoing problem, both from a driver's point of view and a pedestrian's. As we all choose to live in this rural area we must try and help one another by being considerate in what we do, particularly at this difficult time in our country. Covid has brought more people out walking in our villages and, of course, people expect to walk on what footpaths we have without finding a motor car blocking the access. It would be much appreciated if car owners could think about where they are parking and refrain from using footpaths as a car park, which obviously causes problems for other members of the community.

#### Parish Councillors

##### **Chairman:**

Marcus Hardy 01476 879124

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Les Bettley 01476 879164

##### **Councillors:**

Alice Crafts 07846 766833

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**SCALFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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**APRIL 2021 NEWS****Parish Council Meetings**

Monday, 12th April at 7.30 pm remote by Zoom.  
Please see the Council's website for details of how to join the meeting.

Monday, 24th May at 7.30 pm remote by Zoom.  
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL 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**

**T**he winners of the March tote draw are:

23 Pete Halpin : 27 Viv Hewson  
47 Sue Norgate : 34 George Leaman  
16 Neil Davis

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

1st prize, No 25, Alan Shaw £35  
2nd prize, No 20, Matt Willars £15

**EASTWELL FLOODLIGHTING**

During April the church will be floodlit:

*To celebrate the birthdays of:*

**JENAN WATFORD** on 4th April  
**JENNY BARNES** on 17th April  
**JOE MANKELOW** on 20th April  
**SHONA BLOODWORTH** on 24th April

*and in memory of:*

**MARGARET and WILL ROWBOTHAM**  
on 4th April  
**MARGARET GOODSON** on 25th April  
**ALAN BARNES** on 25th April

**THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES**  
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<b>Eastwell</b>	Stella MacGregor (01949 861827)	Sue Watford (01949 861256)
<b>Goadby Marwood</b>	Harry Westropp	
<b>Scalford</b>	Penny Clemons (01664 444687)	
<b>Stonesby</b>	Jill Stannage (01664 464 011)	
<b>Waltham</b>	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](http://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

### A Living Hope ...

Dear Friends,

Some days, it really does feel like spring. At last the days are lengthening and there are signs of new life appearing around us - whether lambs gambolling in the fields, greening hedgerows, or the cheerful verge side presence of bright yellow daffodils.

There also seems to be some more light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, as the vaccination programme continues to be rolled out.

Hope is vitally important, isn't it? Captain Sir Tom Moore's phrase, 'tomorrow will be a good day' (also the title of his autobiography), speaks of the hope of a better future.

We humans are hope-based creatures. Even with all life's complexities and uncertainties, we have hope that somehow good will triumph in the end - just as we know that the sun will rise in the morning, and trust that there is light at the end of even the darkest tunnel.

This year Easter falls near the start of April. On Sunday 4th some of us will be up early to greet the dawning of Easter Day. Together with Christians across the world, we are celebrating the light of hope that God has given us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Having remembered the events of Holy Week leading up to the suffering and death of Jesus on a cross, now we rejoice in the triumph of God's undying love over the power of evil, and of God's life over the power of death.

For the first followers of Jesus, what happened at Easter took them by surprise, even though Jesus had tried to tell them what would take place. Like the dawning of a new day, the truth of what God had done only dawned on them slowly when they met the Risen Lord and were convinced that He was wonderfully and gloriously alive again.

One of those first followers to whom Jesus appeared was Simon Peter. The same Peter who, when it came to the crunch, had denied that he even knew Jesus. Now, having met the Risen Lord, Peter was assured that he was forgiven by Jesus. Peter's story in the Gospels is an inspiring example of the way in which Jesus took the ordinary lives of very fallible people and transformed them by His amazing grace.

The Easter message is that this can also be true for you and me. That we too can know the liberating hope God gives us in Jesus Christ. As Peter himself later wrote: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade" (1 Peter 1: 3,4)

With prayers and all good wishes,



(John Barr, Rector)



## Letter from the Revd James Skinner

Dear Friends,

One of the things that I treasure is a Christmas card given to me some years ago. It is an unusual card, made up of five panels. On the front there is a picture of a Christmas tree with all the traditional decorations, accompanied by these words: ***When you strip away all the tinsel; and glitter ....*** Through different panels, the tree with its star and decorations undergoes a transformation until ultimately it is in the shape of a cross with a crown. By the cross are these words: ***God's real truth shines through.***

It does not seem so long ago that we were celebrating the festival of Christmas, though it is now almost three months. As the end of March approaches, we are already looking forward to celebrating the festival of Easter. What links Christmas and Easter?

Firstly, they are both important Christian festivals. Secondly, they are both about the life of Jesus Christ. Thirdly, they are both 'birthdays'.

At Christmas we celebrated Jesus' birth; the coming of God, maker and sustainer of heaven and earth, to be with us as a human person. At Easter we celebrate the day Jesus brought new life to us all.

To emphasize the link between these two festivals, some churches keep their old Christmas tree, removing the branches and creating a cross from it. Each Sunday during the season of Lent, in a short ceremony remembering the significant moments that led up to Jesus' death on Good Friday, objects relevant to these events are placed on the cross. On Easter day all these symbols connected to Jesus' suffering are removed and the cross is covered with spring flowers as a sign of the new life we can all have through Jesus.

On Good Friday it is easy to think that Jesus' life was at an end when he was captured by the religious leaders and handed over to the Romans to be crucified. The events of Easter morning tell us otherwise. They remind us of four things: firstly that Jesus is still alive and very active in the world today; secondly, that Easter liberated Jesus from the confines of a human body, enabling him to be with us wherever we are (in several of the Easter stories Jesus appears to his followers in unusual circumstances - see Luke 24 and John 20; thirdly, that Easter is God's vindication of Jesus' life - his resurrection was the confirmation that God's goodness had triumphed over all the evil people could do; and fourthly, that Easter is the day which enables us to share the full life that God intended people to experience and live.

Jesus Christ is alive, active and at work in our world. Brian Wren expresses very well how this happens now in his Easter hymn, 'Christ is alive, let Christians sing'. Verse 4 shows how we can be involved:

*Women and men, in age and youth,  
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

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The challenge for us is to discover where Jesus is in the world now and to work alongside him.

With best wishes,

James



## IRONSTONE SERVICES PATTERN FOR APRIL

[www.ironstonechurches.org](http://www.ironstonechurches.org)

(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week @ 8.00 pm Meditation and Prayer via Zoom)

### Thursday, 1st April (Maundy Thursday)

8.00 pm **Maundy Thursday service via Zoom** (contact Mike Alexander or Sue Bradley)

### Friday, 2nd April (Good Friday)

12.00 noon **Midday Prayers for Good Friday via Zoom** (contact John Barr or Sue Bradley)

8.00 pm **Tenebrae (service of readings and prayers) via Zoom** (contact Paul Taylor)

### Saturday, 3rd April (Easter Eve)

8.00 pm **Easter Liturgy with Communion via Zoom** (contact John Barr)

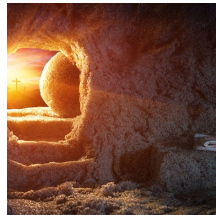
### Sunday, 4th April (Easter Day)

6.30 am **Dawn Service with Communion in Stonesby Churchyard** (contact Jill Stannage)

10.00 am **Easter Celebration with Communion via Zoom**  
(contact Mike or Chris Alexander for link)

11.00 am **Easter Celebration in Scafford Churchyard**  
(contact Penny Clemons or Paul Taylor)

4.30 pm **Phone Church** (contact John Barr for details)



### Wednesday, 7th April

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

### Sunday, 11th April

10.00 am **Morning Worship via Zoom** (contact Sue Bradley or Paul Taylor)

### Wednesday, 14th April

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

### Sunday, 18th April

10.00 am **Morning Worship with Communion via Zoom** (contact John Barr)

4.30 pm **Phone Church** (contact John Barr)

### Wednesday, 21st April

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

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### Sunday, 25th April

10.45 am **Stonesby Methodist Church, Communion - Revd James Skinner**

2.00 pm **Community Church Outdoors in Waltham Churchyard**  
(contact Chris or Mike Alexander)

6.00 pm **Evening Prayer with Hymns via Zoom** (contact Paul Taylor)

### Wednesday, 28th April

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

# Everyday Spirituality

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spiritual habits for  
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Tuesday 20th April 7-9pm  
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Scafford with Chadwell and Wycomb)  
or Mike Alexander, tel. 01664 464802 (for Eaton, Stonesby, Waltham).



**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,  
25th April  
at 10.45 am  
Revd James Skinner  
COMMUNION  
(in church)



**SCALFORD CHURCH PRESS RELEASE**

**MARCH 2021**

The PCC are pleased that the drainage work at the church is now completed - a grant from Historic England enabled this work to be done following the need being identified in the 2015 Quinquennial inspection.

**Apologies to all for any inconveniences caused by this work and with the extra parking in the village.**

We try to keep on top of essential jobs and to improve the church wherever we can. Offers of help are always welcome.

The AGM this year will be in church (or as Covid restrictions allow) on **WEDNESDAY, 19th MAY, at 7.00 pm.**



**28th March 2021 at 2.00 pm**

**All-age Outdoor Service**

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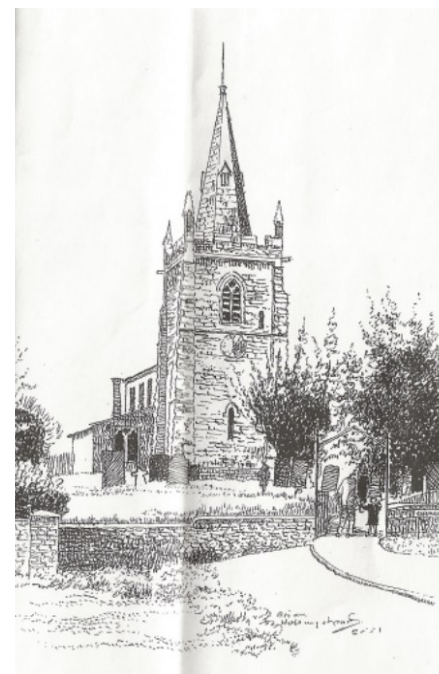
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God Bless



*Sketch of Eaton church by Brian Hollingshead, who many years ago used to provide drawings of churches in Leicestershire for these pages. We used to run a competition for the first person to name the church.*

**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.

**GENERAL NOTICES**



**EASTWELL HISTORY GROUP**

As we now have a 'roadmap' to exiting the COVID-19 restrictions, I have spoken to Eastwell Village Hall secretary, John Gass, to explore the potential for Eastwell History Group meetings in the foreseeable future. John tells me the following:

*Apart from a limited number of activities (e.g. outside serving of food and alcohol), the earliest VHs can re-open is 17th May, assuming:*

- *The coronavirus vaccine programme continues to go to plan.*
- *Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently reducing the number of people dying or needing hospital treatment.*
- *Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospital admissions.*
- *New variants of the virus do not fundamentally change the risk of lifting restrictions.*

*In the event of re-opening indoor restrictions will apply, e.g. 50% capacity, rule of 6.*

*Based on the above, a decision will be made in early May,.*

As a result of this, and bearing in mind the holiday season, I do not anticipate any public meetings at the Hall before September, although there is the potential for informal social events. I will keep you in touch with things as they progress.

*John Wood, honorary secretary—tel. 01949 861836*



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