

# VILLAGE NEWS

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Scalford, Stonesby, Waltham, Wycomb

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A Happy New Year to us all

2024

May I have all items for February by

FRIDAY, 19th JANUARY please.

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(Displayed, ready prepared notices no larger than half A5 please)

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**HIRE OF VILLAGE HALLS**

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WALTHAM	Kim Baker	07483 910379

**EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL****LIVE AT EASTWELL****True Strays - Saturday, 27th January.**

Doors open 7.00 pm

**True Strays** are lifelong friends, songwriters and country boys - Joseph James and James Cameron - from Bristol. They are fast carving out a niche of their own in the UK Americana scene. Their music is a cathartic celebration of alternative roots americana and blues rock. Their songs focus on the dirt that life throws at you and how struggle can be transformed into something better. The prolific songwriting duo draw influences from classic sounds such as Neil Young, Muddy Waters, Fleetwood Mac. From the rock and roll circumstances of their first meeting in a sand pit in a playgroup 30 odd years ago, they have completed countless UK tours, supported bands such as My Baby and Elles Bailey, played their first European dates and over 70 festivals.

**cua - Friday, 1st March.** Doors open 7.00 pm

Blending guitars, fiddle, bouzouki, percussion and three part harmony arrangements, from the plains of Ireland to the mountains of Scotland and much farther afield, **cua** will have the blood pumping. The band have played countless shows in Ireland, toured to Holland and France and completed seven UK tours all to critical acclaim.

Tickets/Info: [www.eastwell.org.uk/concerts](http://www.eastwell.org.uk/concerts) or call John on 07890 118002

**STRETCH AND MOBILITY CLASS****Wednesdays, 10.30 am to 12.00 noon**

Stretch360 is an 80 minute class which involves stretch routines, core strengthening exercises and relaxation techniques incorporating aspects of Yoga and Pilates - with a bit of fun thrown in! Laura is a qualified, insured and experienced instructor and teacher with over ten years in the industry. This is an easygoing class with a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere. The class is suitable for all; from complete beginners to experienced sports people as the levels can be tailored to suit who is in the class. All you need to bring is a yoga mat, as all other equipment is provided. For more information and booking, please visit:

<https://stretch360-with-laura.square.site>

**The WELL AT EASTWELL****5th and 19th January**

Drop in for a well-earned end-of-the-week drink and a catch up on all the latest village news.

**EVENTS IN JANUARY, cont.****GOADBY MARWOOD 2024 QUIZ**

The annual quiz to raise funds for our village will be held at Goadby Marwood Village Hall at **7.00 pm on Saturday, 27th January 2024** .....

Cost **£12 per person** to include a 2 course home cooked meal.  
**Food served at 7.00 pm PROMPT!**

## Quiz rules:

- Teams of 4 to 6. £12 per adult, concessions for under 16s.
- Prizes for winners
- Licenced bar
- Raffle



We can only accommodate 50 people at GMVH because of fire regulations. We need to know who is intending to come to enable planning for the quiz and meal. We already have several tables pre-reserved, so to avoid disappointment, please contact us by phone/email by **7.30 pm on Sunday, 21st January at the very latest**. Judging by previous years, we'd expect all tables to be booked by then anyway.

Kit and Denise 464373 [kit@7notrumps.com](mailto:kit@7notrumps.com) [dak@e-kit.co.uk](mailto:dak@e-kit.co.uk)

**THE GOADBY MARWOOD READING GROUP .....**

... meet at 7.30 pm on the first Thursday of every month in our lovely, cosy Village Hall. We discuss our book with a glass of wine; on warm summer evenings we sit outside.

We have some vacancies coming up - if you are interested in joining us, please contact Sue Haynes via email:

[bhaynes204@btinternet.com](mailto:bhaynes204@btinternet.com)

**The WELL AT EASTWELL  
Eastwell Village Hall**

Fridays, 5th and 19th January



Drop in for a well-earned end-of-the-week drink and catch up on all the latest village news

**MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS**

**EASTWELL, EATON, WALTHAM: Monday, 15th January**

Eaton:	11.35 to 11.55 hrs at 30 Main Street
Eastwell	12.05 to 12.10 hrs, Main Street
Waltham,	12.20 to 12.45 hrs at the school
	12.50 to 13.20 hrs at the High Street shops

**CHADWELL, GOADBY MARWOOD, WYCOMB: Thursday, 11th January**

Goadby Marwood	14.15 to 14.25 hrs on Main Street near the junction
Chadwell	14.35 to 14.45 hrs at the village top
Wycomb	14.50 to 15.15 hrs at the bus stop, Main Street

**SCALFORD: Monday, 8th January** 12.00 to 12.10 hrs on the Main Street

**STONESBY: Friday, 5th January** 14.10 to 14.15 hrs at the village green

*Books can be borrowed free for one month*

Tel: 0116 265 6988

email: [libraries@leics.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@leics.gov.uk)

Website: [www.leics.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.leics.gov.uk/libraries)

24 hour renewals: 0845 602 2815

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Applications

**The White House, Thorpe Side, Scalford**  
Reference 23/01100/FULHH

Proposed front, side and rear extension.

**Station Farm, Station Road, Waltham**  
Reference 23/00961

Discharge of Condition 6 - Planning Permission 23/00344/FUL. Written scheme of investigation (WSI).

**EATON PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk: Terry Brown, 189 Belton Lane, Grantham, NG31 9PL  
 Tel: 01476 516366 Email: [clerk@eatonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@eatonpc.org.uk)

**JANUARY 2024 NEWS**

All the 2024 meeting dates and their venues can be seen on the Parish Council website at [www.eatonpc.org.uk](http://www.eatonpc.org.uk) and the next 2024 meeting will be on **Monday, 15th January at Eastwell.** As always members of the public are very welcome.



The December meeting finalised details of the 2024-25 budget and the precept to be demanded from Melton Borough Council. Again full details can be found in the draft December minutes on the website. But it reflects the Council's stated aim to both support, enhance and improve all areas of the parish where possible. Hence a significant grant to Goadby Marwood Village Hall, a renewal of the hedging at Eastwell crossroads and continued support for the five year ECPA Plan.

Invoices for the 2024 allotment rents have just been sent out and an early payment would be appreciated so that vacant plots can be let to a growing (??) waiting list. The 2024 Tenancy Agreement has an additional requirement on the liability of plot holders which should be noted.

Lastly, at the December meeting it was agreed that (Cllr) Simon Tong would be the council's representative in discussions with neighbouring parishes about arrangements for forthcoming 2024 festivals such as Forbidden Forest.

John Nelson	01949 860698
Mark Greasley	01664 464830
Laura Harrison	07779 123580
Simon Tong	07970 312273
Stuart Bridge	07971 483050

**EVENTS IN JANUARY**

**STONESBY**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

There will be no tea and cake during the months of December, January and February



**SCALFORD**

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Wednesday, 10th January  
 Scalford Village Hall, 7.30 pm

**Poetry**  
 with fish and chips

*Meetings are open to all members. Non-members (male or female) are also welcome. Admission for non members is £5, which includes refreshments.*

**WALTHAM on the WOLDS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

There is no Women's Institute meeting in January

**SCALFORD COMMUNITY**

**Fish and Chips 5th January**

Friday, 6.15 pm in church.  
 Orders: 074436 18746,  
[pennyclemons@live.com](mailto:pennyclemons@live.com)  
 Can be delivered to homes.

**Lunch Club 10th January**

Wednesday midday in church.  
 To book: 074436 18746,  
[pennyclemons@live.com](mailto:pennyclemons@live.com)  
 Can be delivered to homes.

**Bingo 19th January**

Friday, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall  
 Family fun .... All welcome  
 EYES DOWN 7.30 pm  
*In aid of local charities*

*Some future dates (for the next five months) are given on page 13*

**FISH AND CHIPS! POP UP CHIP SHOP**



**EATON VILLAGE HALL**

There will be **no visit** on 4th January but Yorkie will be back after the Christmas break on **Thursday, 18th January**


Serving from 5.00 to 8.00 pm





**GENERAL NOTICES**

HOSENBURY UNDERCOVER PRESENTS:



**YOUNG ELTON**

Hose Church  
Friday, 26 January 2024

Doors 7pm

Superb Elton John tribute act!  
Sensation of Glastonbudget 2023!  
Bar

Tickets : Hose,Harby,Long Clawson shops,Eventbrite.co.uk  
£15

**GLENDA'S VEGETABLES & PLANTS**



**Stathern Road, Eastwell**

**NEW! VEGETABLE BOXES TO ORDER**

To order, please contact Glenda on 07737 553427

**EASTWELL CAROL SINGING IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the carol singing evening such an enjoyable event. £275.00 was raised for the chosen charities - LOROS and Dove Cottage - a magnificent effort.



And special thanks to Santa for finding time in his busy schedule to drop in.



Call or Text Katie on **07391 978512** or email **Eastwelldoggrooming@outlook.com**

**SCALFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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**January 2024**

**Council Meetings**  
Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, 16th January 2024 at 7.00 pm in Scalford Village Hall  
Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, 20th February 2024 at 7.00 pm in Scalford Village Hall  
Members of the public are welcome - public participation 7.00 to 7.10 pm

**PRECEPT**  
At a meeting of the Council on 19th December, councillors unanimously agreed to set the precept for 2024/25 at £23,000.00.

Agenda and minutes can be found on the Council's website [www.scalfordpc.org.uk](http://www.scalfordpc.org.uk) and also on the Council's notice boards

**Councillors**

<b>Chairman</b>	Robert Ingles	<a href="mailto:robert.ingles2spc@gmail.com">robert.ingles2spc@gmail.com</a>
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**Chris Hill** (clerk)

**Hatha Yoga for Everyone**

Classes suitable for all abilities  
All classes drop in £7 per session

<b>Tuesday, 6.00 to 7.30 pm</b>	Hose Village Hall
<b>Thursday, 9.00 to 10.30 am</b>	Eaton Village Hall
<b>Thursday, 7.00 to 8.30 pm</b>	Stathern WMI

**ART - STATHERN WMI**  
Wednesday, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon  
£5 includes tea/coffee and a biscuit  
**For both Yoga and Art, please contact Erica on 07805 206 976**



## Some useful telephone numbers

### DOCTORS/HOSPITALS

Dove Cottage Hospice	01949 860303
Grantham Hospital	01476 565232
Long Clawson Surgery	01664 822214
Waltham Surgery	01664 464232
St Mary's Hospital	01664 854800
Queen's Medical Centre	0115 9249924
Leicester Royal Infirmary	0300 303 1573

### FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Richard Barnes	01664 565311
Stevens Goodburn (Co-op)	01664 481201
Shane Mouseley & Son	01664 561400
Jennifer Mouseley	078217 90491

### LEISURE

Bingham Leisure Centre	01949 838628
Belvoir Vale Tennis Club	01664 822993
Melton Theatre	01664 851111
Melton Library	01163 053646
Waterfield Swimming Pool	01664 563550

### DOVE COTTAGE HOSPICE SHOPS

Canal Lane, Stathern	01949 861950
Market St, Bottesford	01949 844467
Main Road, Cotgrave	01158 372628

### REPORT A SUSPICIOUS TEXT MESSAGE

Forward it to 7726 (free of charge). Your provider can investigate the origin of the text and arrange to block or ban the sender if it's found to be malicious.

## THESE YELLOW PAGES

**T**hese pages are available free of charge to everyone who lives in the eight villages. They can be distributed via email or by hand, and spare copies (which you may take away) can also usually be found in the churches. If you know of anyone who doesn't presently receive a copy but would like to, please get in touch -

sae.churches@gmail.com, tel. 01664 494424 (Marie Hough) or  
suewatford2@gmail.com, tel 01949 861256.

### POLICE

Non-emergency 101

### MUSEUMS

Melton Carnegie	0116 305 3860
Charnwood Museum, L'boro	01509 233754
New Walk Museum, Leicester	0116 225 4900
Rutland County Museum	01572 758440

### NEWSPAPERS

Grantham Journal	01476 562291
Melton Times	01664 410041
Leicester Mercury	0116 2512512

### SCHOOLS

Bottesford High	01949 844920
Ferneley High	01664 565901
Harby Primary	01949 860553
Scalford Primary	01664 444282
Stathern Primary	01949 860316
Waltham Primary	01664 464269

### SERVICES

Rural Stress Support Team	0116 2613121
Voluntary Action Melton	01664 483043

## EVENTS IN JANUARY



**Eastwell Village Hall 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Licensed Bar – Light Supper Included

**£7:50 per person (16 and under free)**

**Teams maximum 6**

Singles and couples welcome. We can form teams on the night

To ensure a place and to help with catering please  
call 07970 987810 or E-mail [john@lordgranbyrail.org.uk](mailto:john@lordgranbyrail.org.uk)

Proceeds in aid of Eastwell History Group  
and conservation of 'Lord Granby'

Reg. Charity No 1163802



## RUBY TUESDAY CRAFT GROUP

### EATON VILLAGE HALL

**9th JANUARY 2024**

**Then 2nd Tuesday of every month**  
**10.00 am to 1.00 pm**



Bring along your latest crafting project  
Or join in and help with one of our charity projects

Coffee, tea and biscuits included

£3 per person - everyone welcome

Further details:

Sue Norgate 07974 083264  
Karen Jackson 07802 508422  
Kathy Skinner 07974 328847

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**STATHERN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
St Michael & All Angels, Eastwell

Who mentioned sardines? A packed church, smiling children singing their hearts out, great songs, a very appreciative audience (the sardines!) - all helping to get over the message that Christmas was on its way.

So, from Eastwell PCC, a wholehearted thank you to everyone involved. The icing on the cake? The evening made a total of £417.00 for church funds. Please, please come back next year.



**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING AT WALTHAM**

**Waltham Village Hall every Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm**

Contact:

*Stella MacGregor, 01949 861827,*

*macgregorstela@gmail.com, or*

*John Aitken, 07770 428103,*

*j\_aitken@hotmail.co.uk*

*or find out more at:*

<http://walthamscottishdancegroup.weebly.com/>

**EASTWELL HISTORY GROUP**

**100 Club**

The winners of the 100 Club draw for December were:

1st prize	£30	No 40	Trevor Kyte
2nd prize	£15	No 45	Andrew Shipman



Don't forget the **Eastwell History Group Pub Quiz** to be held on Saturday, 13th January at 7.00 pm in Eastwell Village Hall. Tickets always sell out so please let me know if you would like places reserved. Entrance is £7.50 including a good half-time supper, no charge to under 16s. Pay on the door and there is a full bar open.

**FRENCH LESSONS**

Beginners to advanced. All ages.

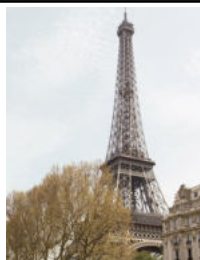
Improve your French for school, business or holidays.

Experienced teacher, fluent French speaker (graduate),

DBS checked.

Contact: Phil Cree [pcree@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pcree@tiscali.co.uk)

01949 861582 or 07905 126730



**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

(page numbers in brackets)

Thursday, 4th January

Friday, 5th January

Friday, 5th January

Tuesday, 9th January

Wednesday, 10th January

Wednesday, 10th January

Saturday, 13th January

Monday, 15th January

Tuesday, 16th January

Friday, 19th January

Friday, 19th January

Saturday, 27th January

Saturday, 27th January

Goadby Marwood Reading Group (18)

The Well at Eastwell Village Hall (18, 19)

Fish and Chips, Scalford church (17)

Ruby Tuesday Craft Group, Eaton Village Hall (15)

Scalford Women's Institute (17)

Lunch Club, Scalford church (17)

Quiz, Eastwell Village Hall (15)

Eaton Parish Council meeting, Eastwell Village Hall (4)

Scalford Parish Council meeting (5)

The Well at Eastwell Village Hall (18, 19)

Bingo, Scalford Village Hall (17)

Goadby Marwood Quiz night (18)

True Strays, Eastwell Village Hall (19)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be no Stonesby Tea & Cake until March, and no meeting of the Waltham Women's Institute in January

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Scottish Country Dancing at Waltham	Each Thursday evening
Community Café/Little Gems at Waltham	Each Wednesday morning
Stretch & Mobility Class, Eastwell VH	Each Wednesday at 10.30 am

**FUTURE PLANNED DATES**

60th Anniversary celebration of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust:  
Thursday, 6th June, in Eastwell church



One late notice:

**VAL OSWIN ....**

would like to thank all the people who have sent her Christmas cards

**THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES**  
[www.ironstonechurches.org](http://www.ironstonechurches.org)

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 Sue Watford (01949 861256) suewatford2@gmail.com  
**Goadby Marwood** Harry Westropp  
**Scalford** Penny Clemons (07443 618746) pennyclemons@live.com  
**Stonesby** Jill Stannage (01664 464 011) jillstannage@icloud.com  
**Waltham** Richard Miller (01664 464240) rjm64004@gmail.com

**METHODIST CHURCH**

Contact: Stonesby - Jacky Speck, 01664 464 494

**MULTI-PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Marie Hough, Multi-Parish Administrator,  
 St Egelwin's Church, Church Street, Scalford, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4DL  
 Tel 01664 494424 : Email: sae.churches@gmail.com

**Working hours:**

Tuesdays 09.30 am to 1.00 pm : Thursdays, 09.30 to 1.00 pm : Fridays, 11.05 to 15.05 pm

**CHURCH NOTICES, cont.**

*St Michael & All Angels, Eastwell*

**FLOODLIGHTING**

**D**uring 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, and

**REG PYWELL** on 19th January

**TOTE WINNERS**

**T**he December winners were:

80 Emma Wooding : 55 Daisy Perry : 73 Joe Mankelow  
 36 Andy Rickwood : 83 Mike Shearstone

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**SCALFORD COMMUNITY DATES FOR 2024**

For further information: Scalford Triangle or 07443 618746

	<b>FISH/CHIPS</b>	<b>LUNCH CLUB</b>	<b>BINGO</b>
January	5th	10th	19th
February	2nd	7th	16th
March	1st	6th	15th
April	5th	10th	No bingo
May	3rd	8th	17th
June	7th	12th	21st



**CHURCH NOTICES, cont.**



Dates/times to be advised

Please contact Chris Alexander on 01664 464802 if you'd like to be kept informed.



**STONESBY METHODIST CHURCH**


Sunday, 7th January, 10.30 am  
Closing Service, Sage Cross

Sunday, 14th January, 10.45 am  
Rev Tony Pick


Sunday, 21st January, 10.45 am  
Sharon Guy

Sunday, 28th January, 10.45 am  
Richard Oliver

**ST DENYS,  
GOADBY MARWOOD**



**Sunday, 28th January  
6.00 pm**



**Waltham Café Church  
will be held on  
Sunday, 7th January at 3.00 pm**

Informal church with songs, prayers, craft and discussion on a Christian theme

plus tea and cake!

ALL WELCOME!

**St Michael & All Angels, Eastwell  
FLOWERS AND CLEANING**

<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>CLEANING</b>
1st to 15th January 16th to 31st January 1st to 15th February 16th to 29th February	Sue Watford The Urquhart family Marion Wood Jo Toon
Jo Rowbotham Annie Casson Audrey Cawthorn Vacant	

**Letter from the Rector**

**Looking back and looking forward .....**

Dear friends,

How do you approach the start of another year? Do you find yourself looking back - maybe with both regret for what is now 'in the past', but also with gratitude for what was good, or with relief at leaving a difficult time behind you? And how do you feel about what lies ahead - maybe a mixture of optimism tinged with anxiety?

How we feel about the future is, of course, influenced by what's going on in the world around us. 2023 was such a tumultuous year - full of uncertainty, war, and environmental disaster. So we ask ourselves, will the New Year bring more of the same, or do we dare to hope for real improvements?

Human beings have always wrestled with the mixed emotions that accompany our looking back and looking forward, and people have often turned to their religious belief to give them inspiration at the turn of the year.

The very word 'January' comes from the name of the ancient Roman god Janus. Represented by a double-faced head, Janus was the deity presiding over doors and gateways, the god of beginnings, transitions and endings. He has two faces because one looks to the future and one to the past.

The Bible gives us ample assurance that we can trust the past to the God who created and loves this world and who holds our future in His hands. The prophet Jeremiah records this divine promise: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29.11).

When Christians celebrate Holy Communion, we're reminded that the past, the present and the future are encompassed by what God has done for us in His Son Jesus, when we say the words: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!".

It was his faith in Jesus Christ that inspired St Paul to write to the church in Rome: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us...." (Romans 8.18).

Mixed feelings about the past and the future are part of our human nature. We can offer them to our Heavenly Father in prayer, and be strengthened by His Spirit to live in the present moment of each new day in the light of God's love for us in Christ. So - whatever our hopes and fears for our world, our church and ourselves - here's a New Year prayer for us all, adapted from the words of St Paul in Philipians 4.5-07:

*Lord, as we trust Your presence with us, help us not to be anxious about anything, but in every situation, to bring our prayers to You with thanksgiving. And may Your peace, which transcends all understanding, keep guard over our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

With all good wishes,



(John Barr, Rector)



**JANUARY 2024 SERVICES****Wednesday, 3rd January**

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness with Communion in Waltham Church

**Friday, 5th January**

6.00 pm Compline in Eastwell Church

**Sunday, 7th January (kept as either The Epiphany or The Baptism of Christ)**

10.30 am Holy Communion in Scalford Church

10.30 am Methodist church: Closing Service, Sage Cross

3.00 pm Café Church in Waltham Church

**Wednesday, 10th January**

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

12.00 noon Holy Communion in Eastwell Church

**Sunday, 14th January**

10.30 am Holy Communion in St Peter's, Stonesby

10.30 am Village Morning Worship in Waltham Church

10.45 am Stonesby Methodist Church service - Rev Tony Pick

**Sunday, 21st January**

9.00 am Matins in St Peter's, Stonesby

10.30 am Holy Communion in Eaton Church

10.45 am Stonesby Methodist Church service - Sharon Guy

4.30 pm Praise on Sunday in Scalford Church

**Wednesday, 24th January**

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

**Sunday, 28th January (kept as either Candlemas or 4th Sunday of Epiphany)**

9.00 am Holy Communion in Eastwell Church

10.30 am Holy Communion in Waltham Church

10.45 am Stonesby Methodist Church service - Richard Oliver

6.00 pm Evensong in Goadby Marwood Church

**Wednesday, 31st January**

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

**CHURCH NOTICES**

*St Mary Magdalene Church, Waltham on the Wolds*

*Explore  
Confirmation*

*Saturday 6th, 13th, 20th*

*January*

*10am - 11.30am*

A gathering of people interested in being  
either baptised & or confirmed  
by Bishop Saju on  
11th February at 4pm  
Do contact Christine if you would like more  
information 01664 464802



**and LITTLE GEMS**

**(parent/carer and baby/toddler group)**

**in WALTHAM CHURCH**

**Every Wednesday, (EXCEPT 27th DECEMBER)**

**10.00 to 11.30 am**

Bring a paper : bring your knitting : bring yourselves!

**OPEN TO ALL**

Filter coffee, tea and delicious cake No need to book - just turn up!

**Look forward to seeing you then!**

**SAFEGUARDING**

If anyone has any safeguarding issues they wish to report, please get in touch with either:

Penny Clemons, tel. 07443 618746

*(for Eastwell, Goadby Marwood, Scalford with Chadwell and Wycomb)*

or Mike Alexander, tel. 01664 464802 *(for Eaton, Stonesby, Waltham).*