

# VILLAGE NEWS

Chadwell Eastwell Eaton Goadby Marwood  
Scalford Stonesby Waltham Wycomb

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*Peace  
On  
Earth*

Please send all items for January by Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December  
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# EATON PARISH COUNCIL

## DECEMBER 2025 NEWS



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The final Parish Council meeting for 2025 will take place on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at ~Eastwell Village Hall when, amongst other items, the 2026 Budget and Precept will be finalised.

Thereafter the meetings in 2026 will follow the usual pattern of the second Monday of the month, but with the exception of May and September.

*Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January*

*Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March*

*Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April*

*Annual Parish Meeting*

*Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May*

*Annual Meeting of the Parish Council*

*Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July*

*Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September*

*Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November*

*Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December*

The venues for the meetings will be confirmed on the website at  
[www.eatonpc.org.uk/](http://www.eatonpc.org.uk/)

Parish Councillors can be contacted at:

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*Terry Brown*



# Scalford Parish Council

Clerk: Chris Hill Email: [clerk@scalford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@scalford-pc.gov.uk)

Phone: 07468 648487

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the Councils web-site: [www.scalfordpc.org.uk](http://www.scalfordpc.org.uk)  
& also on the Councils Notice Boards

**Date of next meeting: 16th December 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall**  
**Public Participation 7.00 - 7.10pm**

**Members of the Public are welcome to attend**

## **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

Following the recent stepping down of a Councillor there is a vacancy to be filled by co-option which the Council wish to fill as soon as possible. The Council would like to hear from anybody in the parish that is interested in the future of Scalford Parish and is willing to spare 2 hours a month to attend a Council meeting. In the first instance please email the clerk with brief details about yourself or contact any Councillor.

## **Contacts**

### **Chairman**

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**Merry Christmas  
& A Happy New Year!**

*from your Parish Councillors*



# THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES

## RECTOR

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## METHODIST CHURCH

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## MULTI-PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Marie Hough, Multi-Parish Administrator

St Egelwin's Church, Church Street, Scalford, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4DL

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## Working hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 09.30 am to 1.00 pm

Fridays 11.05 am to 3.05 pm

**(Please note the Friday hours will change wef January 2026 to 09.00 am to 1.00 pm)**

## 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 and Waltham)*

## DECEMBER 2025 CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

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

### Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

10.30 am Holy Communion in Scalford Church  
10.45 am Stonesby Methodist Service - Kate Brookes-Duncan  
3.00 pm Cafe Church Christingle in Waltham Church  
6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight in Goadby Marwood Church

### Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December

10.30 am Service of Remembering and Thanksgiving with Communion  
in Eastwell Church  
10.45 am Stonesby Methodist Service - Karen Wormald  
6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight in Waltham Church

### Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

### Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

6.00 pm Carol singing in Eaton village  
7.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols in St Peter's Stonesby

### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December

10.30 am Holy Communion in Goadby Marwood Church  
10.45 am Stonesby Methodist Service - Revd Nina. Carols  
4.00 pm Carol Service in Eaton Church  
5.00 pm Carols by Candlelight in Scalford Church

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church  
4.00 pm Crib Service in Waltham Church  
6.00 pm Nativity in Eastwell Church  
11.30 pm Midnight Communion in Scalford Church

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day

10.00 am Christmas Day Holy Communion in St Peter's Stonesby  
10.00 am Christmas Day Holy Communion in Waltham Church

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December

9.00 am Holy Communion in Eastwell Church  
10.30 am Holy Communion in Waltham Church  
10.30 am United Methodist Service at Hoby



# Letter from the Rector

## Christmas Joy

Dear Friends,

What brings you joy in your life? It might be special times spent with loved ones. It may be moments of awe when you are able to stop and appreciate the beauty, wonder and mystery of the natural world. Or it may be something else that lifts your spirit from deep within, such as a piece of music or a work of art.

At this time of year, the season of Christmas certainly encourages us to be joyful. While nature sleeps in winter hibernation, we are invited to stay awake and enjoy the sights and sounds, the traditions and festivities of Christmas. Seasonal greetings are shared, and seasonal fayre enjoyed - and not forgetting Christmas presents, which can give joy especially to the young and young at heart. Our five year old grandson and three year old granddaughter are now at the age when it is a joy to see them enjoying what Santa Claus has brought!

Yet, although the build up to Christmas begins many months earlier, the celebration of Christmas only lasts for a few days. All too soon the decorations are taken down, cards recycled, presents put away, and life moves on into a New Year. If this is all that Christmas is about, then it is at best a very fleeting joy-bringer.

However Jesus Christ, the One whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, has come to bring joy that is true, deep and lasting. Many of our carols reflect this - think, for example, of *'O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant'*; *'Joy to the world, the Lord has come'*; *'Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind'* (from *While shepherds watched their flocks by night*). The message of Christmas which the angels brought to the shepherds, and which our carols proclaim, is one of abiding joy. This joy comes as a gift from God, joy in what God has done by sending Jesus to be our Saviour.

May I wish you true and lasting Christmas joy - the joy of Jesus Christ, God's Christmas gift for us all.



(John Barr, Rector)





# CHURCH NOTICES

## WALTHAM CHURCH

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ** – Every Wednesday morning 10-11.30ish @ Waltham church – Delicious filter coffee/tea and cake/traybakes. All welcome including well-behaved dogs ☐ **Please note the café will be closed on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> December.**



### LITTLE GEMS

Parent/Carer & Baby/Toddler Group – -small and friendly Every Wednesday 10am-



11.30am @ Waltham Church. Connect with other parents/carers and bring your little one/s for playtime whilst enjoying

delicious cake and coffee/tea! Contact Christine Alexander 07712467233 [wee3alexander@btinternet.com](mailto:wee3alexander@btinternet.com) or just turn up! NB there will be no Little Gems session on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.

**Last few spaces...Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop**

**Friday 5 December at 7.30pm in**

**Waltham Church**

**£25 per person**

**includes a glass of Mulled Wine/non-alcoholic punch and Cake**



**Bring a pair of secateurs and some greenery - rest provided**

**Profits in aid of Church roof repairs**

**Limited numbers - Contact Chris Alexander on 07712467233 to reserve your place ☐**



## Café Church Christingle Service Sunday 7th December at 3pm

in Waltham Church



With refreshments, songs,  
crafts and discussion  
**All Welcome**



**Christmas Eve Crib Service  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December @4pm  
at Waltham Church.**



Come dressed as your favourite Nativity Character and join in with the Story of the Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas. We'll need Mary, Joseph, angels, kings, and shepherds - but princesses and Spidermen have been known to join in too - all welcome!

## PARISH REGISTERS



The funeral of **DAVID WARD**  
was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November  
at 10.30 am at **GRANTHAM CREMATORIUM**,  
followed by a service at 12.30 pm in **WALTHAM CHURCH**

## CHURCH NOTICES, cont.

### ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, EASTWELL

	Cleaning	Flowers
1 <sup>st</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Sue Watford	Jo Rowbotham
16 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Urquhart family	Annie Casson
1 <sup>st</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Sue Watford	Audrey Cawthorn
16 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Urquhart family	Jo Rowbotham

### EASTWELL TOTE

**October** 41 Amelia Leaman : 64 Glenda Kenny : 51 Tim Pedlar  
38 Janet Knapp : 90 Shelley Parker

**November** 50 Sophie Pedlar : 105 Alice Bremner : 87 Alan Thompson  
23 Pete Halpin : 2 Julie Barrow

**PLEASE NOTE that the annual cost for the 2026 Eastwell tote will increase to £15, and the prizes given each month will change. There will be three prizes, the first for £15, the second for £10 and the third for £5.** We realise this increase is slightly higher than the current inflation rate, but please remember that the current price of £12 per year goes back to the days when Mary Glover used to collect £1 per month from everyone: you have to have lived in Eastwell for quite a few years to remember Mary!



### ST EGELWIN'S AT SCALFORD : Rotas for December 2025

	Cleaning	Flowers
Sundays, 7 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Jackie and Andrew	Jackie and Andrew
Sundays, 21 <sup>st</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Janice Musson	Kathryn Bloodworth

Please feel free to in in the decorating of our lovely church for Christmas whenever it suits you - there is plenty of space and the smallest item adds to the beauty of the building and the joy of the season.

If you would like to contribute flowers or other decorations but are not physically able to do so, please let me know and I will put them in the church on your behalf.

With many thanks, as always, Janice Musson: [jmusson.mrs@gmail.com](mailto:jmusson.mrs@gmail.com); 07958 132 838.

## CHURCH NOTICES, cont.

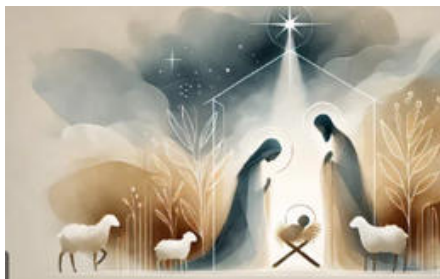
### **Stonesby Methodist Church December Services**

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45 am  
Katy Brookes-Duncan

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45 am  
Karen Wormald

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.45 am  
Rev Nina - Carols

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am  
Service at Hoby



### **EASTWELL FLOODLIGHTING**

**Eastwell church will be floodlit  
during December:**

***to celebrate the birthdays of:***

**FRANCESCA WATFORD**

on 6<sup>th</sup> December

**TRICIA PEDLAR**

on 11<sup>th</sup> December

**ELSIE WATFORD**

on 16<sup>th</sup> December

**MARTHA WATFORD**

on 25<sup>th</sup> December

***and in memory of***

**FRANCES BLOODWORTH**

on 17<sup>th</sup> December

**MARY BARNES**

on 27<sup>th</sup> December

**MILDRED BERESFORD**

on 27<sup>th</sup> December

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### **MOBILE LIBRARIES**

**EATON                    11.30 am by the Village Hall**

Wednesdays, 10<sup>th</sup> December (*No service on 31<sup>st</sup> December*)

**WALTHAM            10.15 to 11.0 am by the Post Office**

Wednesdays, 3<sup>rd</sup> December (*No service on 24<sup>th</sup> December*)

**WYCOMB            12.20 to 12.40 pm at the bus stop, Main Street)**

Tuesdays, 2<sup>nd</sup> December (*No service on 23<sup>rd</sup> December*)

Books borrowed free for one month - 24 hour renewals 0845 602 2815  
0116 265 6988 : [libraries@leics.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@leics.gov.uk) : [www.leics.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.leics.gov.uk/libraries)

## EVENTS IN DECEMBER

### *Afternoon Tea*

**EASTWELL  
VILLAGE HALL**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
**Tuesday, 16th December**  
at 2.00 pm

Just £2.00  
for our  
coffee kitty  
and use  
of the hall!



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### **STONESBY METHODIST CHURCH**

**Please note there will be no  
AFTERNOON  
TEA AND CAKES  
during the winter months.**

**They will begin again in March**

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

meets at 7.30 pm  
on the  
**SECOND Thursday  
of every month**  
in their lovely,  
cosy Village Hall.

We discuss our book with a  
glass of wine; on warm  
summer evenings we sit  
outside.

If you are interested  
in joining us, please contact  
Sue Haynes via email:  
bhaynes204@  
btinternet.com





## EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL

### The Well

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Doors open 6.30 pm



## SCALFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December  
Christmas Table  
Flower Decorations  
by **Sandy Felstead**

## WALTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Christmas party and a  
simple craft project  
**Competition:**  
A small Christmas  
decoration

There will be  
no meeting in January

## RUBY TUESDAY CRAFT GROUP

### EATON VILLAGE HALL

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10.30 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



## EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL



**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**4.30 to 6.00 pm**

**£3 per child - this includes one present  
per child, food and mince pies**



**CAROL SINGING FOR ALL**

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December  
from 6.00 pm**

**Free - no booking required  
The more, the merrier!**

## SCALFORD COMMUNITY

### Fish and chips

Friday, 6.15 pm in church

Orders: 074436 18746

**5<sup>th</sup> December**

### Lunch Club

Wednesday midday in church

To book: 074436 18746

pennyclemons@live.com

**10<sup>th</sup> December**

### Bingo

Friday, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Family fun - all welcome

EYES DOWN 7.30 pm

**19<sup>th</sup> December**

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## THE STATHERN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**FRIDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 7.00 PM**

**EASTWELL CHURCH**



**An evening's musical  
entertainment by the children  
to welcome in Christmas**

**Tickets £5 - children free**

**Available from Stathern Primary School**

**Sue Watford (suewatford2@gmail.com)**

**or Stu Urquhart (sturquhart@msn.com)**

# DECEMBER SCHEDULE

<p>6TH <u>Santa Visits Scalford</u> SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 6PM FOLLOWED BY LIGHTS SWITCH ON</p> 	<p>15TH <u>Christmas Tree Festival</u> VIEWING DAILY FROM 8TH DECEMBER 10 - 4</p> 	<p>20TH <u>Melton Band Concert</u> FANTASTIC EVENING WITH THE MELTON BAND FROM 7PM IN THE CHURCH</p> 
<p>21ST <u>Candlelight Carols</u> SUNDAY 21ST AT 5PM ALL WELCOME</p> 	<p><i>Wishing everyone a</i> <b>Merry Christmas &amp; A Happy New Year!</b></p>	<p>24TH <u>Midnight Mass</u> SERVICE STARTS 11.00PM ALL WELCOME</p> 



**Eastwell Village Hall**  
**Saturday,**  
**17<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

Places already filling - to ensure yours  
and to help with catering please call  
07970 9878190 or email  
psrathbone@aol.com

*Proceeds in aid of Eastwell History Group and  
Eastwell Heritage Centre*



## SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

### Annual charges

**£72 per year for full page**

**£36 for half page**

**£24 for 1/3rd page**

**£12 for 1/6<sup>th</sup> page**

If you would like to advertise, please get in touch:

Sue Watford (suewatford2@gmail.com)

Marie Hough (sae.churches@gmail.com)

The advertisement for JRK Landscapes is presented on a green background. At the top, the company name 'JRK Landscapes' is written in a large, bold, yellow-green font. Below this, the tagline 'All aspects of landscaping undertaken' is in a smaller, italicized yellow font. A list of services follows, each preceded by a yellow dot and underlined: 'Patios', 'Driveways', 'Block paving', 'Paths', 'Fencing', 'Decking', 'Artificial grass', 'Turf', 'Clearances', and 'Repairs'. Below the list, a yellow banner states 'Fully insured, family ran business with a professional service'. The contact information includes the phone numbers '07368 557756' and '01664 464279', and the email 'jrklandscapes@gmail.com'. A 'Find us on Google' logo is also present. To the right of the text, there are two photographs: the top one shows a curved stone path in a garden, and the bottom one shows a wooden deck area next to a shed.

This advertisement would be £24, ie. 1/3<sup>rd</sup> page