

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, 15th December
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HIRE OF VILLAGE HALLS

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EATON PARISH COUNCIL

DECEMBER 2025 NEWS

Clerk. Terry Brown
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The final Parish Council meeting for 2025 will take place on Monday, 8th 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, 12th January

Monday, 9th March

Monday, 13th April

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday, 13th May

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday, 13th July

Monday, 21st September

Monday, 9th November

Monday, 14th December

The venues for the meetings will be confirmed on the website at
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

Phone: 07468 648487

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the Councils web-site: 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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Councillors

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

from your Parish Councillors



THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES

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Marie Hough, Multi-Parish Administrator

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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, 3rd December

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

Sunday, 7th 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, 10th December

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

Sunday, 14th 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, 18th December

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

Friday, 19th December

6.00 pm Carol singing in Eaton village

7.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols in St Peter's Stonesby

Sunday, 21st 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 24th 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 25th 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, 28th 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 31st 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 or just turn up! NB there will be no Little Gems session on Wed 31st 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 24th 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 28th 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 st to 15 th December	Sue Watford	Jo Rowbotham
16 th to 31 st December	Urquhart family	Annie Casson
1 st to 15 th January	Sue Watford	Audrey Cawthorn
16 th to 31 st 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 th and 14 th December	Jackie and Andrew	Jackie and Andrew
Sundays, 21 st and 28 th December	Janice Musson	Kathryn Bloodworth

Please feel free to help 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; 07958 132 838.

CHURCH NOTICES, cont.

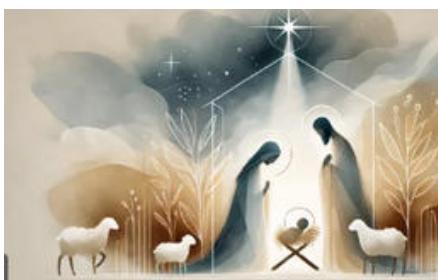
Stonesby Methodist Church December Services

Sunday, 7th December at 10.45 am
Katy Brookes-Duncan

Sunday, 14th December at 10.45 am
Karen Wormald

Sunday, 21st December at 10.45 am
Rev Nina - Carols

Sunday, 28th 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 6th December

TRICIA PEDLAR

on 11th December

ELSIE WATFORD

on 16th December

MARTHA WATFORD

on 25th December

and in memory of

FRANCES BLOODWORTH

on 17th December

MARY BARNES

on 27th December

MILDRED BERESFORD

on 27th December

MOBILE LIBRARIES

EATON 11.30 am by the Village Hall

Wednesdays, 10th December (No service on 31st December)

WALTHAM 10.15 to 11.0 am by the Post Office

Wednesdays, 3rd December (No service on 24th December)

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

Tuesdays, 2nd December (No service on 23rd December)

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

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Afternoon Tea

EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, 16th December
at 2.00 pm

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



STONESBY METHODIST CHURCH

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

They will begin again in March



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, 19th December
Doors open 6.30 pm

RUBY TUESDAY CRAFT GROUP

EATON VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, 9th 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



SCALFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Wednesday, 3rd
December
Christmas Table
Flower Decorations
by **Sandy Felstead**

WALTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday, 2nd December
Christmas party and a
simple craft project
Competition:
A small Christmas
decoration

There will be
no meeting in January



EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL



Saturday, 6th 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, 6th December
from 6.00 pm**

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

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THE STATHERN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
FRIDAY, 5TH 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)**

SCALFORD COMMUNITY

Fish and chips

Friday, 6.15 pm in church

Orders: 074436 18746

5th December

Lunch Club

Wednesday midday in church

To book: 074436 18746

pennyclemons@live.com

10th December

Bingo

Friday, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Family fun - all welcome

EYES DOWN 7.30 pm

19th December

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

6TH
Santa Visits Scalford

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
AT 6PM
FOLLOWED BY LIGHTS
SWITCH ON



15TH
Christmas Tree Festival

VIEWING DAILY FROM
6TH DECEMBER
10 – 4



20TH
Melton Band Concert

FANTASTIC EVENING WITH
THE MELTON BAND
FROM 7PM
IN THE CHURCH



21ST
Candlelight Carols

SUNDAY 21ST AT 5PM
All welcome



Wishing everyone a

Merry
Christmas
& A Happy
New Year!

24TH

Midnight Mass
SERVICE STARTS 11.30PM
All welcome



Eastwell Village Hall
Saturday,
17th 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 1/6th page

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Sue Watford (suewatford2@gmail.com)

Marie Hough (sae.churches@gmail.com)

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