



EASTRY AND WOODNESBOROUGH BENEFICE Weekly Notices

Week Beginning 21st September 2025

SUNDAY SERVICES W/B 21st September

St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Eastry

10am Holy Communion

St Augustine, Northbourne

10am Informal Service

St James, Staple

10am Holy Communion

St Andrew, Tilmanstone

10am Holy Communion

St Mary the Virgin,

Woodnesborough

No Service

OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS W/B 21st September

Tuesday 23rd September

10am Coffee Pot in Woodnesborough Church

2pm Tea & Natter - Sing - a - Long

Wednesday 24th September

10am Holy Communion in Eastry Church hall

Saturday 27th September

10am Coffee, cake and chat in Woodnesborough Church



STAPLE HARVEST LUNCH

Harvest 3 Course Lunch. Sun 28th September 12.30 for 1.00. £15 pp, children under 12 free. Contact Vanessa 07702 068488 or Trevor 07980 300084. Bring your own drinks and glasses

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**St Matthew, the Apostle and
Evangelist**

Proverbs 3. 13 - 18

2 Corinthians 4. 1 - 6

Matthew 9. 9 - 13



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 17th October, Eastry Church hall, 7-10pm. £5/person. Teams of 4-8 people. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Contact Larry and leave a message:
07471 191257

**SUNDAY SERVICES W/B 28th
September**

St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Eastry

10am Holy Communion

St Augustine, Northbourne

10am Holy Communion

St James, Staple

10am Family Service

St Andrew, Tilmanstone

10am No Service

St Mary the Virgin,

Woodnesborough

10am Holy Communion

**OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS
W/B 28th September**

Tuesday 30th September

10am Coffee Pot in Woodnesborough Church

2pm Tea & Natter - Sing - a - Long

Wednesday 1st October

10am Holy Communion in Eastry Church hall

Saturday 4th September

10am Coffee, cake and chat in Woodnesborough Church

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray and to give more than
either we desire or deserve: pour down
upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid and giving us
those good things which we are not
worthy to ask but through the merits
and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. Amen.



FROM THE CLERGY

Rev. A. Brown

St. Matthew, a tax collector, was seen by many as an outcast—a figure of greed and collaboration with the Roman occupiers. Yet, when Jesus called him with two simple words, "Follow me," Matthew didn't hesitate. He left his lucrative life behind to embrace a new path. His story reminds us that Christ's call isn't exclusive; it's a radical invitation extended to all, regardless of our past. The challenge isn't just about giving up our possessions, but also about letting go of the identity and security we cling to, trusting that a life with Christ is infinitely more valuable than anything we might leave behind. It's a journey of faith, not a destination of perfection.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Ill, Housebound & in need of support

Peter Coombe; Revd Andrew Brown and Grace Brown; Penny; Marian McCartney; Fletcher Banner; John & Stella Armstrong; Grace Wray; Dave and Doris Newman; - Please let the Benefice Office know when names on the sick list should be removed.