



EASTRY AND WOODNESBOROUGH BENEFICE

Notices 31st May 2026

FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM - Rev. A. Brown
TRINITY SUNDAY

Into a fragile, believing and doubting world. Christ speaks the words that have shaped the Church ever since: baptise in the name (not names) but name, singular of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. That singularity matters. One name shared by three persons: not a committee of divine beings, but a communion so complete and mysterious that Father, Son, and Spirit act always together, in an eternal giving and receiving of love. To be baptised into this name is to be drawn into a life that is, at its very source, relational. This is why the mission that flows from this moment through time reaches us today. We are called to participate in that great flow, the mission of God reaching out into the world. We are not asked to do this on our own, and are reminded that God is with us every step of the way: 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.' The disciples, who doubted throughout their time with Jesus, were not abandoned. The Church, which so often fumbles in its attempt to live up to its calling, is not forsaken. 'Emmanuel' (which translates as 'God with us') is a word we perhaps hear most often at certain times of the year, but it turns out to be not merely a seasonal promise; it is the very foundation of the Christian life. Trinity Sunday is not a doctrinal puzzle to be solved. It is an invitation to live inside a name, the name of the one who created us, redeemed us, and is with us still.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2026

Please find below a schedule of services for June 2026. If you require a gluten-free wafer at communion please let a Churchwarden know when you arrive for a communion service.

Date	Day	Eastry	Northbourne	Staple	Tilmanstone	Woodnesborough
03/06/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
07/06/2026	Sunday	10am HC	10am HC	10am HC	8am BCP	10am Come and Praise
10/06/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
14/06/2026	Sunday	10am HC - To Be Confirmed	10am Prayer and Praise 6:30pm Evensong			10am HC
17/06/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
21/06/2026	Sunday	10am Come and Worship	10am HC	No service - Country Fayre	10am Morning Prayer	
24/06/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
28/06/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				

READINGS 24th May

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40. 12 - 17, 27 - end; 2 Corinthians 13. 11 - end;
Matthew 28. 16 - end



OTHER BENEFICE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2nd June

10am Coffee Pot in Woodnesborough Church

2pm Tea & Natter - Speaker - Rev. Christopher Dent

Saturday 6th June

10am Coffee, cake and chat in Woodnesborough Church



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Ill, Housebound & in need of support

Peter Coombe; Revd Andrew Brown and Grace Brown; Penny; Marian McCartney; Fletcher Banner; Stella Armstrong; Grace Wray; Dave and Doris Newman; Melanie and Alan North; Vera Hunt; Vera Mann; Rick Prior; Jo Smith; Brenda Burton; Don and Rae Martin; Colin Gothard

Please let the Benefice Office or Churchwardens know if you are aware of any of our congregation who are sick and would welcome a pastoral visit. Please also let the Benefice Office know when names on the sick list should be removed.



PRAYER AND REFLECTION

God our maker, whose Son Jesus Christ gave to your servant Bede grace to drink in with joy the word that leads us to know you and to love you: in your goodness grant that we also may come at length to you, the source of all wisdom, and stand before your face; through 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.

THANET MALE VOICE CHOIR

St Mary the Blessed Virgin Church, Woodnesborough is delighted to host a concert by The Thanet Male Voice Choir on Saturday 6 June 2026 at 7.30 pm in Woodnesborough Church. Tickets - £10 per person from Denise - 01304 619654 or Alison - 07460 839319

EASTRY MID-WEEK COMMUNION

Join us at 10am every Wednesday morning in Eastry Church Hall for our mid-week communion service. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

PRAYER GROUPS

EASTRY

St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Eastry, every Friday at 11:30am. All welcome. For more information contact Sue Brearley on: 07843 739447

STAPLE

St James the Great, Staple, first Thursday of the month at 6pm in the Church for half an hour. In the winter the venue is in Ash - Please contact Vanessa for more details.
vanessanedderman@googlemail.com

NORTHBOURNE

St Augustine, Northbourne, every Thursday at 4:45pm. For more details please contact Anne Platt . 01304 69504

SERVICES AT EASTRY

Please note that all services to be held at St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Eastry after the 8th April 2026 will be held in the Church hall until further notice. There will be no disruption to the pattern of services.

BENEFICE OFFICE

If you wish to contact the office please do so on:
eastry.benefice@gmail.com or 01304 611323 Office opening hours:
Wednesday 9am-12pm and Thursday 9am - 12pm