



EASTRY AND WOODNESBOROUGH BENEFICE

Notices 19th July 2026

FROM THE CLERGY - Rev. H. Baldwin

Matthew 13: 24-30. 36-43

In this parable Christ teaches that there will be evil in this world until the last judgement. Only then will Satan be finally overcome, the weeds pulled up and burned. It is not for us to pull up the weeds; that is, it not for us to judge and condemn others. That work is for the Son of Man and his angels alone. Just as among the twelve disciples there was one weed, Judas, who betrayed Christ, so in the church there are weeds, false Christians. We must examine their teaching, rebuke wrong doing, discipline those who are in error, but we must not judge them. Only God, the Son of Man, can truly judge. At the right time He will separate the wheat and the weeds. The weeds, everything that causes sin and all who do evil, will be removed and burned. Then Christ will send His angels to gather the righteous to Himself and they will 'shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father,'

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.

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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2026

Please find below a schedule of services for July 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
05/07/2026	Sunday	10am HC	10am HC	10am HC	8am BCP	10am Come and Praise
08/07/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
12/07/2026	Sunday	10am HC - To Be Confirmed	10am Prayer and Praise 6:30pm Evensong			10am HC
15/07/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
19/07/2026	Sunday	10am Come and Worship	10am HC	10am HC	10am Morning Prayer	
22/07/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
26/07/2026	Sunday	10am HC	10am Informal Service	10am Family Service		10am HC
29/07/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

7th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 44. 6 - 8; Romans 8. 12 - 25; Matthew 13. 24 - 30, 36 - 43

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

OTHER BENEFICE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 21st July

10am Coffee Pot in Woodnesborough Church

2pm Tea & Natter

Saturday 25th July

10am Coffee, cake and chat in Woodnesborough Church

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Ill, Housebound & in need of support

Peter Coombe; Penny; Marian McCartney; Grace Wray; Dave and Doris Newman; Melanie and Alan North; Vera Hunt; Vera Mann; Rick Prior; Jo Smith; Alwn; Christopher Dent; Hazel Marshall; Lee

Recently Departed

Brenda Burton; Colin Gothard; Valmai Holt; John Lowther

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 FOR THE WEEK

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

"THE BIBLE COURSE"

A new Bible Study group, Led by Sue Brearley, Wednesdays from 8th July 1.15 to 2.30pm in Eastry Church Hall, all Welcome, refreshments available. For more details please call Sue on 07843 739447

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. anneplatt7@gmail.com

INEQE SAFEGUARDING GROUP

As you may be aware INEQE Safeguarding Group have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. As part of the audit process for Canterbury, INEQE hope to engage with parishioners and members of the parish community through an online survey which will act as a mechanism through which individuals can comment on any matters relevant to the Audit's focus. The survey is both anonymous (we are not seeking to identify you) and confidential (you will not be identified). We would therefore ask you to be open and honest with your responses. The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England.

The survey is now live and will close at 11.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd of September 2026.

To access the survey relevant to you please visit:
<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>
or scan the QR code below.

