



EASTRY AND WOODNESBOROUGH BENEFICE

Notices 30th August 2026

FROM THE CLERGY - Rev H.Baldwin

Today's Gospel reading is a reading some people prefer not to hear, and it's clear that Peter didn't want to hear about the suffering that lay ahead for Jesus either. Yet, Jesus' call to follow him is to abandon what we want in favour of what he wants; to deny ourselves and follow him. This is a costly decision; taking up our cross; putting Jesus first. God's promises through Jesus are true, he is with us; he will love and care for us. Jesus knows our needs; the difficulty is that what we think we need might be different to what He knows we need for a life following him as true disciples. Jesus doesn't want us to burden ourselves with earthly, worldly concerns, but to die to self and live that life that is only found in Jesus, the life that leads to eternal life. "Lord, is there anything you want me to abandon so that I may truly and honestly follow you?" And pray for courage to let it go.

NORTHBOURNE BANK HOLIDAY TEA

Bank holiday tea and cake is being served on Monday 31st August, from 2.30- 4.30pm in the Church Room. Come along and socialise. Everyone welcome Anyone wishing to make a cake for it - please bring them along

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 September 2026

Please find below a schedule of services for September 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
02/09/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
06/09/2026	Sunday	10am HC	10am HC	10am HC	8am BCP	10am Come and Praise
09/09/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
13/09/2026	Sunday	10am HC	10am Prayer and Praise 6:30pm Evensong			10am HC
16/09/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
20/09/2026	Sunday	10am Come and Worship	10am HC	10am HC	10am HC	
23/09/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
27/09/2026	Sunday	10am HC	10am Informal Service	10am Family Service		10am HC
30/09/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

13th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 15. 15 - 21; Romans 12. 9 - end; Matthew 16. 21 - end

BENEFACTICE 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 11th August

10am Coffee Pot in Woodnesborough Church

2pm Tea & Natter - Holiday

Saturday 15th August

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; Lee; Sylvia Sear; Hazel Marshall; Eastry House; The Old Vicarage Nursing Home, Tilmanstone

Recently Departed

Brenda Burton; Colin Gothard; John Lowther; Bob Cock; Guy Calcutt

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.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL EVENSONG

A Patronal festival evensong celebrating the feast of St Mary the Blessed Virgin will be held on Sunday 20th September at 5:30pm at St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Eastry. Refreshments will be held after the service. If you are interested in being part of the choir please contact the benefice office. All Welcome. More details to follow.

STAPLE FLOWER FESTIVAL

"Through the Ages" Including displays of old photographs highlighting the history of Staple and surrounding villages Saturday 12 September 2026 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 13 September 2026 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Floral displays provided by local residents and businesses. Refreshments available. Free Entry. Donations Welcome

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.

