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**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST SAVIOUR WESTGATE ON SEA**

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A Letter from The Rev'd Susan Wing Honorary Priest

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6.

Prayer is a necessary part of our life with God. It is first mentioned in Genesis 4 and continues throughout the Bible to be a vital part of our relationship with him. Jesus encourages us to pray and in the remarkable prayer in John 17 prays for us. No matter where you look, in the Old or New Testaments, God listens to and God works through prayer. We are encouraged to be honest, blunt, worshipful, thankful, obedient, enquiring and pretty much to the point. It is we who love to hear long and beautifully crafted prayers; I do believe that God is just as happy with our one liners that speak from the heart. Prayer is not always answered swiftly or in the way that we expect but God will hear and work through it. Prayer can demand great stamina and endurance, the story of George Muller, who prayed that his best friend should come to faith is a case in point. Muller prayed every day for 52 years that this friend would become a Christian and as Muller lay dying, he did so. So faithfulness and endurance can be added to those qualities above mentioned for those who pray.

There is another quality, too, that is necessary when we pray. It is the quality we ask of God and often not of ourselves. Listening to God and for his answers is vital if we are to grow. Waiting upon the Lord is not easy. It demands of us a willingness to give him some time, not to need immediate answers to all that we request. Indeed it is difficult to accept some answers especially if we have had to wait upon the response. As a community we are always called upon to pray but in the time of waiting for a new minister it is vitally important. He does and has heard our cries but the way ahead needs us to wait and listen. I pray and believe that the Lord wishes to do a great work here in this area and in this community. Can we wait upon him with expectant hearts and then be obedient to his guidance for us? The way may not be easy but if He leads it will be right and He will be glorified.

“Lord, give us hearts to pray and to listen. Give us courage to persevere and endure. Let us be joyful in all that we do for you and for those around us. When we are weary, raise us up and when we falter, forget us not. Let us be your true servants, filled with love for our neighbours and may our hearts be filled with your peace now and always. Amen.” God bless **Susan**

FROM THE REGISTERS

For those Baptised

“Shine as a light in the world, to the Glory of God the Father” ,

Sunday 14th October Olivia, Oscar and Darren Turrell

For those joined in Holy Matrimony

“God our Father, pour out your blessing on all joined in Holy Matrimony; that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other”

The Sick

“Lord, grant your healing presence to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit”

Please pray for - Jenny, Jean Pearson, Tina, Phyll, Mary, Jeffery, Julie,
Joan Howard-Field, Doreen Ranson, Evelyn, John Tebbutt-Ford, Tony

The Departed

“Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word”

We give thanks for the life of those who now rest in eternal peace, and pray for their families and friends

Etta Stundl

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

“Dear God, we thank you for the rest in Christ they now enjoy, and thank you for giving them to us”

Irene Gladys Waterfield, Hilda Ivy Fuller

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Once again, there is good news regarding the possibility of an end to the interregnum in the not too distant future. The position of a House for Duty Priest for St. Saviour's has been advertised this week, with a closing date for applications by 16th November.

Shortlisting and references will then be obtained in time for formal interviews on 6th/7th December.

Please pray that God's will be done at this very crucial time for the future of the ministry in the Parish.

Our Family service Harvest Festival was thoughtfully and well taken by Revd. Derek Duncanson and was appreciated by young and old alike. It was really good to see the Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers and Scouts joining the congregation in the Harvest Thanksgiving. Porchlight, the local charity for the homeless, has written to thank everyone for their gifts for the homeless which were collected by Porchlight helpers the following day.

Seventeen young children and their helpers from the Piggy Bank Nursery walked to the church, with Geoffrey, their scarecrow having to be carried, on the Friday before Harvest. They, too, brought Harvest Gifts for the local residential and nursing homes and Porchlight. All the gifts decorated the church for the Harvest service on Sunday. We then sang harvest songs about the growing corn with the help of the adults and older children from the local schools and ended with a prayer thanking God for the "World so sweet" and a big "thank you" to all who came.

As November approaches this week, we are preparing for All Souls' Day and Remembrance Sunday. Revd. Gill Lurie will be the celebrant at the 10.30am Family Service Eucharist on Sunday, 4th November and Revd. Susan Wing will be leading the short All Souls' Service at 4pm in the afternoon, when candles will be lit in memory of loved ones who have passed away. You are all welcome. Refreshments will be served after both services.

The Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.30am on the 11th November will be taken by Revd. David Chance who will also lead the procession to the War Memorial afterwards. The Remembrance Service will include the reading of the Names of the Fallen and the two minutes' silence. A collection will be taken during the service for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Following the War Memorial Service, refreshments will be served at the United Reformed Church in Westgate Bay Avenue. We look forward to seeing you,

With Love, Brenda

**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
WESTGATE ON SEA**



**AUTUMN FAYRE
SATURDAY**

17TH NOVEMBER

10 AM TO 12.30PM

Clothes

Home-made Produce

Books

Games

Tombola

And much more !

Raffle

AUTUMN FAYRE 17th NOVEMBER

The date for the Autumn Fayre is fast approaching - **17th NOVEMBER**, 10am to 12.30pm in church. We need the usual donations and know we can rely on your generosity for prizes for the raffle and tombola.

Good second hand clothes are also wanted and bric a brac.

We hope to run the home made food stall again. A list will be put at the back of the church nearer the time.

Thank you for all your help in the past, hopefully this Fayre will be as successful as the Summer Fayre last June, providing much needed funds for the church.

Susan Bennett

Westgate Art and Craft Group Exhibition 2012

Our exhibition in September was the eighth to be held in St Saviours and what a wonderful collaboration it has been. Even in a very difficult period for almost everyone we still sold 9 paintings which raised £237. 00 and many items of craft work and cards bringing in £318. 00. This was very gratifying for all of our members who are busy throughout the year producing work which we hope will bring pleasure to our visitors.

We had 328 members of the public through the exhibition this year and although this was a little down on last year it was still a very good attendance. The raffle made £36. 00 and was won by Mrs Cox-Simmons of Westgate with No.229 and a donation of £75. 00 was given to St Saviours.

We would like to give our sincere thanks to all at St Saviours for enabling us to put on the exhibition. Without your help and cooperation it just could not happen. Thanks again.

Shirley Plummer. Westgate Art and Craft Group.

From the Membership Secretary of Westgate Heritage Centre

After what a former Westgate-on-Sea resident called a “splendid occasion” on 6th October, completed membership applications have been arriving steadily at our temporary postal address. Subscriptions had been received from more than thirty members within a fortnight of the forms becoming available and, in recognition of the marvellous work she has done for the Heritage Centre over the past five years, the Committee unanimously appointed Dr Dawn Crouch as our first member.

The Heritage Centre offers yearly membership, which includes an exclusive quarterly newsletter, history walks and many free or discounted talks. Membership for the period from now until 31st December 2013 is £6 for individuals and £10 for two or more members living at the same address. The subscription is reduced by £1 for those wishing to receive the newsletter by email.

Non-members will continue to be welcomed but, in future, we are suggesting donations of £1 for “drop in” days and £2 for “talk days”. Please note the suggested donations are not to be regarded as an admission fee to the church building. Volunteers on “drop in” days are very sensitive to the needs of those who either want to spend some quiet time in church or just want to look round the building.

The Committee hope that members of the Church Family will feel able to support the future work of the Heritage Centre by applying for membership. The application forms are available from me.

Christine Attwood

Many thanks to St. Saviour's Church for their expressions of sympathy, kindness and caring in the sad loss of my beloved daughter, Esther. She was just 40 years old when she lost her life and I know she is with the Lord. Lily Blanche her 6 year old daughter is happy at school when the company of children. Thelma Blanche Franks

From the Treasurer

SEPTEMBER 2012 Monthly Financial Review

In September **RECEIPTS** amounted to £20,907.

This includes the receipt of £18,080 which was withdrawn from the Deposit Fund in order to pay the contractor the final bill for the West Wall & Window repair work.

We made **PAYMENTS** of £35,436.

Contractors' fees for the West Wall repairs amounted to £31,112.

This resulted in an operating **DEFICIT** of £14,529. The deficit is covered by the Deposit Account Funds.

WEST WALL REPAIR FUND (DESIGNATED FUND)

Donations of £251 were received during the month bringing the final total to £43,092. This designated fund is now closed.

FLOWER FUND (DESIGNATED FUND)

The Flower fund now stands at £410.

Brenda Carter (Hon. Treasurer)

OVER 55?
THE WESTGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE OVER 55's
MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 2pm
AT
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
LYMINGTON ROAD
BINGO , QUIZ's , BEETLE DRIVES, DARTS
And other activities
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
PHONE 833956 FOR MORE INFORMATION

During the past year I have been studying for a Diploma to become a Foot Health Professional. I have just returned from the SMAE Institute in Maidenhead where I have undertaken 2 weeks of Clinical Practice practicing on real patients! I am pleased that I have passed and gained the Diploma and now I am nearly ready to start practising in the community. If you or any of your friends and family are in need of some treatment for your feet please contact me. Ph No 01843 836088 or 07554006928 and leave a message with your phone number so that I can contact you. Thank you. Christine Bolger.

I would like to thank everyone who came to help clean the church last Saturday October 20th. It was a nice friendly occasion, much chatting and a lot of hard work. I feel we really are getting the church spick and span again.

This was my swan song, because due to family and health reasons I no longer have the stamina to do a good job. We have a small solid core of cleaners, I hope someone will feel able to take over. Thank you

Ann Clark

The Piggy Bank Nursery Harvest Celebration

On the afternoon of Friday , October 5th the children from the Piggy Bank Nursery came to church bearing their lovely harvest gifts for a short thanksgiving service. The children came in carrying lovely harvest gifts and also being carried amongst them was a lovely scarecrow which they had made and named "Geoffrey" .

Brenda Carter, Christine Attwood and myself had the pleasure of being able to partake in the celebrations in which we and the children talked about Harvest and also sang along and did the actions with the songs that the children had learnt,

The children let us keep Geoffrey the Scarecrow for the Harvest celebrations at the church and he was greatly admired.

This was a very enjoyable time and we look forward to joining the Piggy Bank Nursery in future celebrations.

Valda Neve

General Christmas Greetings will be put in next months (December) edition of The Link for a donation to the church.

They can be given to Valda or emailed to valdaneve@hotmail.co.uk by Sunday 25th November



Seasons Greetings

The logo features the words "Seasons Greetings" in a large, bold, serif font. The text is white with a dark grey drop shadow. Above the letters, several stylized snowflakes of various sizes are scattered across the top of the word "Seasons".

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services

8am Said Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist

10.30am First Sunday in month - FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 4th November 10.30am Family Service Eucharist

4pm All Souls Service

Sunday 11th November 10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service

Weekday Service

Friday 11am Holy Communion (Said)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1st Westgate Rainbows Fridays 4.15 to 5.15pm

8th Westgate Brownies Fridays 5.30 to 7pm

Both held at the Community Centre, Westgate.

HI KENT! For all your hearing needs

A new service! Your local clinic is held at

Westgate Library, Minster Road on the Fourth Wednesday of every month

2.30 to 3.30pm .

For details speak to Mrs Jean Glover

Whilst you are welcome to take and enjoy a copy of "The Link", donations towards the cost of printing would be appreciated.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

St Saviour's Ladies Circle

Meets in **church** 2 to 4pm

The third Wednesday in the month **NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

Bellringers Practise every Thursday 7.30 to 9pm.

The Westgate Heritage Centre

WINTER PROGRAMME

On the first Saturday of each month 10.30am to 12.30pm

There is a Talk at 11am

Saturday 3rd November 2012

**11am Talk “ 70 years ago—1942—A Bleak Year for the Nation -
And for Westgate”**

Saturday 1st December 2012

11am Talk “Out of sight and out of mind”

Mothers Union St Saviour's Westgate Branch

Church Cleaning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17th November 10am to 12.30pm AUTUMN FAYRE

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

A DATE FOR YOUR 2013 DIARIES

The last minute cancellation of the Choristers' Concert last December due to the sickness of Dr David Flood, Cathedral Organist and Master of the Choristers, was a very great disappointment. However, David promised to bring the Choristers back to St Saviours when their very busy diary allowed.

We are pleased to say that the Concert is now arranged for Saturday July 6th 2013 in the evening. A date next March was offered but this would have fallen within Lent and we thought that a Summer's evening would be a much more suitable occasion, with the church looking at its best, and with the long Summer evenings.

Further details much nearer the time.

Ann and Alan Clark

LADIES CIRCLE CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER in church

2pm to 4pm EVERYBODY WELCOME

Come and enjoy the Festive Season early

