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## A Letter from The Rev'd Gill Lurie Honorary Assistant Priest

I can not think of a better New Year message than to share this story with you

### **The Carpenter**

Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side-by-side, sharing machinery and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference and finally, it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I 'm looking for a few days' work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with? Could I help you?"

"Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbour. In fact, it's my younger brother! Last week there was a meadow between us. He recently took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll do him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence an 8-foot fence -- so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you." The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day -- measuring, sawing and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all.

It was a bridge. A bridge that stretched from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all! And the neighbour, his younger brother, was coming toward them, his hand outstretched. .

"You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done."  
The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder.

"No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

### **Remember this...**

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you helped get where they needed to go.

God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.

God won't ask about the colour of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in Heaven, and not to the gates of hell.

God won't ask how many people you forwarded this to, but He'll ask why you were ashamed to pass it on to your friends...

May we all have a Happy, Holy and Blessed New Year.

Revd Gill Lurie

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### **For those Baptised**

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

### **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, Tina, Phyll, Jeffery, Julie, Evelyn, Tony,  
Doreen Ranson, John Tebbutt-Ford, Tana, Marie

### **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

Aubrey Attwood, Cyril Robert Barker , Phyllis Fox

### **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”*

## **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

I hope you all enjoyed a happy Christmas with your families and friends.

The services at St. Saviour's have been much appreciated this year. The numbers at the Crib and Christingle service on Christmas Eve afternoon seem to grow every year, and this year was certainly no exception. The pews were full and extra seating was provided at the back of the church.

During the service, led by Revd. Susan Wing, children volunteered to bring Mary and Joseph with the animals, to the stable, followed by a narrated special bible reading by four members of the congregation. The beginner group of handbell ringers playing "Jingle Bells", was especially appreciated by all. Christingles were given to all the children and, by candlelight, everyone joined in singing "Away in a Manger".

After the service, christingles were delivered to the residents at Ocean Swell.

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm was well received, as was the Christmas Day Eucharist, when Bishop Trevor came to lead the family service on this special day. This was a lovely service. Afterwards, Bishop Trevor and his wife mingled with members of the congregation, sharing Christmas greetings.

Now as we look forward to a family Epiphany service on the 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, led by Revd. Derek Duncanson, we are grateful to know that Barbara and Andrew will be joining us soon (maybe around Eastertime).

At this time of the year it gives me great pleasure to be able to say "thank you" to you all for your valued support throughout the year and for the help you have so willingly given.

On behalf of the PCC, I wish you and all the Clergy who help us, a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

With love and best wishes,

Brenda

## **News from St Saviour's Church of England School**

As we come to the end of this term, I am delighted to report the outcomes of our recent Statutory Inspection for Anglican Schools. We were judged to be **OUTSTANDING** for every aspect inspected.

*Here are a few of the report highlights:*

'St Saviour's demonstrates a positive Christian ethos where explicit Christian values are evident in relationships between all stakeholders. Consequently pupils' behaviour is outstanding. They are encouraged to feel unique in God's eyes. The values of respect, excellence, community, resilience, enjoyment and compassion underpin every part of the school's daily life. The impact is felt not only by pupils but also by parents. There is a prevailing sense of mutual respect. As one pupil said, 'We're all treated as individuals and we're respected for who we are.' Because of the strength of care and compassion in this school, individual pupils and families receive very high quality support. Parents value the fact that their children are nurtured in a Christian environment where 'our children can be themselves and be the Christians they want to be.' Pupils enjoy Religious Education. (RE) Through RE, they are taught to be reflective about their learning. This includes applying their learning to their everyday lives. For example, they learn about the importance of forgiveness through the parable of the Unforgiving Servant. As one pupil said, 'When someone does something wrong, we should always forgive them because God always forgives us.' Social, moral, spiritual and cultural (SMSC) values are developed in pupils through all areas of the curriculum. Pupils participate in a wide range of fund raising events including local and global charities. The school environment contributes to pupils' spiritual development with Christian symbols prominently displayed around the school and in the classrooms and in the main circulation areas. There is an area for reflection in all classrooms and prayers are said before lunch and at the end of the day.'

**More importantly to us, it is how this translates into the everyday life of our school and wider community, including our much valued relationship with St Saviour's Church. We are so grateful to the Church for the support shown to the school, and especially the outstanding work of our Foundation Governors, Mrs Brenda Carter and Mr Graham Neve.**

Jane Troth  
Headteacher

## **From the Treasurer**

### **NOVEMBER 2012 Monthly Financial Review**

In November **RECEIPTS** amounted to £3,003.

We received fees of £165 and £550 for the Autumn Fair. The collection at the Remembrance Sunday service amounted to £182.

We made **PAYMENTS** of £3,079.

Assistant Clergy fees amounted to £346 and an order for candles, wine and wafers £219.

This resulted in an operating **DEFICIT** of £76.

### **FLOWER FUND (DESIGNATED FUND)**

The Flower fund now stands at £345.

Brenda Carter (Hon. Treasurer)

### **Aubrey Attwood**

Aubrey died peacefully in St Michael's Nursing Home on 16<sup>th</sup> December aged 87. All are welcome to attend Aubrey's funeral at Thanet Crematorium on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January. A double slot from 2:40pm has been booked for the service to be conducted by the Revd Stanley Evans (who married us in St Saviour's Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2000) and the Revd Rod Whateley (Chaplain to the East Kent Branch of the Normandy Veterans Association). Any donations in Aubrey's memory will be given to Thanet Hospice and should be sent to Gore Bros at Westgate.

I am very grateful for the prayers and support given by the Church Family during Aubrey's illness and following his death. I know that Aubrey's family, particularly his children Jacqueline, Aubrey and Julie, would value being supported by prayer in the coming weeks.

Christine

## **PHYLLIS FOX 1923-2012**

Phyllis Fox came to live at Palm Court in Westgate about fifteen years ago. She and her late husband had enjoyed many holidays in the town with their caravan and had happy memories of it. A dedicated Anglican, she soon found a spiritual home at St Saviour's and for many years attended the 10.30 service with her new-found friends Dorothy Passmore and Dot Goodey - three feisty ladies who had held down important jobs during World War II, not shy, shrinking violets! They were regular attendants at the Eucharist and loyal members of the Friends of St Saviour's. During the time that I was churchwarden, they were always supportive – I especially remember one September when Dorothy and Phyllis volunteered to be stewards for the Kent Churches' Bike Ride and they presided over the bookcase/desk with great beams on their faces, a welcome encouragement to those who arrived to be signed in.

A few years ago Dorothy and Phyllis became too frail to continue attending church, so Tina Brown, who had the Bishop's permission to take communion to the sick, would visit Palm Court and hold a little service in Dot Goodey's flat. Dorothy died a little while ago and then Tina became too unwell to continue her ministry and so Phyllis lost contact with St Saviour's, although the Revd Stanley Evans continued to keep in touch with her each Christmas.

She and her friends attended Christ Church's Thursday lunches and they kept in touch with her, so it was at Christ Church that her funeral service was held. Her family asked that Stanley should participate in it as Phyllis had wanted some Anglican elements included and so he was invited by the Revd Marina Watson-Jeffrey to read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm from the Book of Common Prayer and say some prayers. The service was truly ecumenical – as Marina said - St Saviour's had fed Phyllis spiritually and they had done so physically.

Many of you will not have known her, but I was pleased that I was able to attend to pay my respects to a lady who I had known well as a member of the congregation and of the Friends. May she rest in peace!

Dawn Crouch

## St Saviours School Carol Concert

On the 18 December, the church was filled with parents, grandparents and friends of the pupils who were participating in the concert. Mr Bonell, Head of School, welcomed everyone before singing Once in Royal David's City the first verse of which was sung solo by a member of the school choir. We were then treated to solo performances on the keyboard, flute and clarinet by pupils ably playing Jingle Bell Rock, Rudolf the Red nosed Reindeer and Santa Clause is coming to town respectively. The year 5 and year 6 recorder group played well known festive songs and the school orchestra added so much to the singing of In the Bleak Midwinter. The school choir which continues to go from strength to strength sang some thoughtful songs, Hope of Heaven, Everyone has something to live for and Let All the Earth Rejoice. The Community Choir, consisting of both staff and parents sang the Coventry Carol. In between Staff of St Saviours and members of the wider school community, read the nine lessons. Candles were lit and the church lights switched off whilst everyone sang Away in a Manger. Prayers were read by pupils before a final blessing. As a final climax, Mrs Read who had produced the concert, divided the audience into groups in readiness to sing The Twelve Days of Christmas. Everyone played their part with gusto ensuring all left in high spirit, not forgetting the mince pie provided by the school.

On the 20 December, the school were due to hold their Christmas Service in church. Unfortunately, for the second year running, the appalling weather meant that it had to be cancelled. However the Service was held in the school hall to which Rev'd Susan Wing, Brenda Carter and Graham Neve were invited. The service included readings to explain the meaning of Christingle and carols in which we could join in. A group of pupils also sang a Spanish Carol in Spanish. Prayers were again read by pupils before Rev'd Susan gave a blessing. As the pupils left the hall to return to their classroom, they sang the Twelve Days of Christmas. A delightful end to an enjoyable Service.



**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**

### **THE FRIENDS OF ST SAVIOUR'S COFFEE MORNING**

The coffee morning will take place on Saturday 26th January 2013  
In church. This is the occasion when subscriptions for the coming  
year are renewed .

We particularly welcome people who are interested in joining us at  
a cost of £2 per year. All monies collected go towards the up-  
keep of the church and grounds of St Saviour's.

Application forms are available in church.

Susan Bennett



# **CHURCH SERVICES**

## **Sunday Services**

8am Said Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist

10.30am First Sunday in month - FAMILY 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 to 3pm .

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

**Wednesday 16th January Speaker - Sara Welham –Estate Planner**

**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 5th January 2013**

**11am Talk “St James’ Church, Westgate, (Usually known now as St James’ Garlinge)”**

**Saturday 2nd February 2013**

**“Sir William Ingram Bart” - A look at the life & character of this interesting man who left his mark on Westgate on Sea e.g. The Town Hall (Carlton Cinema)**

**Mothers Union St Saviour's Westgate Branch**

**Church Cleaning**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 6th January FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am**

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

An enjoyable afternoon was had by the few people that attended the Ladies Circle Carol Service early in December on a miserable wet and windy afternoon.

Members of The Ladies Circle read lessons and everybody joined in the singing of carols accompanied by The Rev'd Ben Crick playing the organ.

The afternoon finished with everybody enjoying a chat and refreshments - especially a lovely warming cup of tea.

Many thanks Ladies Circle for making this occasion an open meeting and getting everyone in the "Festive Mood"

Valda Neve