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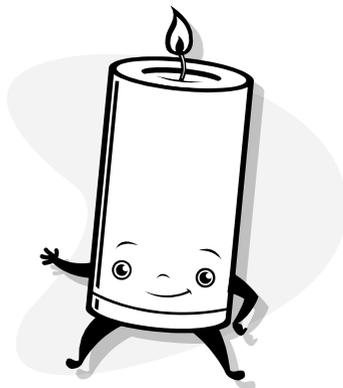
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A Letter from The Rev'd Susan Wing Honorary Assistant Priest

The fellowship group that meets at my home has been studying the Messianic Prophecies in the wonderful book of Isaiah. Isaiah is the most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament. It started as an Advent study but has continued into this year. It was amazing seeing how much of Isaiah was drawn into the Gospels pointing to Jesus as Messiah. We have had to hurry somewhat as Lent is nearly upon us and we are going to do a York Course entitled "Glimpses of God, hope for today's world". If anyone would like to join us, please speak with me.

I wonder how many of us have read the complete book of Isaiah let alone the whole of the Old Testament. I know of one great Biblical teacher who read the whole Bible 4 times a year – I am struggling to read it even once. What it highlights, though, is how important it is to come to terms with our scriptures. The Bible reads like a great novel – sex, scandal, betrayal, murder, death, defeat, victory, love, grace, mercy, redemption and peace and that is just the Old Testament. Yet it is a story of God's people finding their way to Him, how to live as He calls us to live it: "For I am the Lord your God, sanctify yourselves therefore and be holy for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44) and to find that he cares for each one of us individually. There is the wonderful book of Psalms that also opens up a world of God's wonder and love to us – sadly we do not read the Psalm at our main morning service and we miss much. If you are not quite ready for the main challenge of reading the whole book why not have a go at Isaiah and Psalms, for those who have never read them all or at all, you will be amazed and enriched, for those who know them well there is always more to be opened up to you and me.

Reading the scriptures is a gift of the Holy Spirit who longs to accompany us and open up the teaching to us. Go on give it a try and lose yourself in God's wonderful word and your continuing journey with Him.

God Bless Susan

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”

26th January Debbie Gasking and John Barnfather

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, Marie, Dot, Edna

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

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 am sure you will be pleased to hear that the PCC is this week planning a meeting with Revd. Barbara Way to prepare for the Licensing Service on Tuesday, 5th March, 2013 at 7pm in church.

You are all invited to come to this very special occasion, so please put the date and time in your diary.

The PCC has to prepare the Invitation Cards for all the guests, together with name cards for the reserved seats. The Area Dean will help us with names for this.

A special Service Booklet has to be drafted well before March 5th so that there is time for Bishop Trevor to ensure that it is correct and ready for printing.

Just prior to the Licensing day, a rehearsal is conducted by the Area Dean.

On this day, I am sure that all the St. Saviour's congregation will be rejoicing that Revd. Barbara Way will become our new Parish Priest, and we will be welcoming both Barbara and Andrew to join with us in the Ministry of St. Saviour's Parish.

Following the Licensing Service, refreshments will be served for all the guests and congregation. It would be lovely if members of the congregation could help us to prepare the refreshments and help serve. We are planning to have cold drinks and a finger buffet.

If you would like to help, would you please sign the list at the back of church, indicating what you would like to contribute or if you could help in any way.

With love and thanks for your help for this special and happy occasion.

Brenda



News from St Saviour's Church of England School

It has been a busy start to the new year. Despite the snow, our children and staff continue to give their all at St. Saviour's. Our Year Five children have been enjoying 'Pirate Day' today as part of their English work on *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. Every child in the year group has dressed as a pirate for the day and taken part in pirate-based learning activities such as a treasure hunt using co-ordinates and writing a pirate diary. As usual, our parents have risen to the challenge by creating a range of stunning (and warm!) pirate costumes. Themed days such as this make learning fun for children.

As usual, our Year Six children have been leading assembly and collective worship today. Children prepare the assembly, on a Thursday afternoon, with the support of our fantastic Assistant Headteacher Mr Arnold. Certificates are awarded to children from each year group for outstanding effort, exceptional learning or simply for being kind or considerate. Each week, the Year Six children write a short prayer which they then read out as children bow their heads in worship. Last week's prayer was as follows:

Dear Lord,

Please help us with our education. Help all of the students in different schools and countries to learn, so that they have a good education and a good life.

Amen

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends at St. Saviour's Church for their enduring support for the school. The school's Christingle Carol concert, at the end of last term, was incredibly well attended and we always feel very welcomed by everyone at St. Saviour's Church. Christian values inform everything we do in school, this makes it vital that children visit and understand the work of their local church. We look forward to many more visits and a future of cooperation between church and school.

Nick Bonell

Head of School

From the Treasurer

DECEMBER 2012 Monthly Financial Review

In December **RECEIPTS** amounted to £4,024.

We received £800 rent for a property we share with other charities and a generous donation of £150 towards the heating of the church. Gift Aid Tax refund amounted to £278.

We made **PAYMENTS** of £24,194.

This included £20,000 which was paid into the Deposit Fund. We paid £744 for repairs to the Tower roof and £484 for a new water heater in the vestry and toilet.

This resulted in an operating **DEFICIT** of £20,170.

FLOWER FUND (DESIGNATED FUND)

The Flower fund now stands at £289.

Brenda Carter (Hon. Treasurer)

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The church Electoral Roll is to be rewritten in the next month. There will be announcements made at Church services on Sunday 17th February and Sunday 24th February and new Electoral Roll Application Forms can be obtained from Valda Electoral Roll Officer, and returned to her by no later than the 17th March in order to get the new Roll written and displayed in the legal requirements. EVERYBODY has to apply again, new members are welcome provided they meet the requirements. Any forms returned after 17th March will be presented to the PCC & then added if they meet the correct criteria at the relevant time. Valda Neve (Hon. Electoral Officer)

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

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

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)

WEDNESDAY 13th February ASH WEDNESDAY

11am Ash Wednesday Service led by The Rev'd Susan Wing

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 20th February Speaker Kate Humphreys - Local Midwives in Ethiopia

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 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)

Saturday 2nd March - “Let's walk along Sea Drive!” From the Ingleton (now the Swan) to the Birchington border

Mothers Union St Saviour's Westgate Branch

Church Cleaning

The Friends of St Saviour's Church - Annual Membership Fee only £2

New members welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th March 7pm Licensing Service of The Rev'd Barbara Way to the Parish. ALL WELCOME