

# Parish and Community

# *The Link*

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ST SAVIOUR WESTGATE ON SEA**

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## **A Letter from The Rev'd Barbara Way**

### **Greetings from Westgate Vicarage**

It is a great joy to be able to write this letter to you all to introduce myself as your new parish priest. Like so many, I can remember coming here to Westgate-on-Sea for a very early summer holiday when I was very young, and finding the sandy beach really exciting.

I formally start here as “house for duty” priest, which means I should be working part-time hours, at a special service on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. I will have moved in with my husband, Andrew, who is also a priest, at the end of February. We are really looking forward to becoming a part of the community here and to getting to know many of you.

We have two adult children and four grandchildren and have lived in various places up and down the east coast of England between Grimsby and Cleethorpes in the north to Dover in the south. We have been in Eythorne and Whitfield near Dover, and then Ash near Sandwich, for the last fifteen years.

March is quite a month this year – Ash Wednesday has already happened and we are in the season of Lent. I read in a newspaper recently that younger people are far more likely to give up things in Lent than their seniors. Even more important is the reason why we do anything for Lent. Some would say it is a good time to take stock of our lives, others - to give something away to someone in need or to a charity, still others would say it is a good to make time to read a section of the Bible or a spiritual book, time to study and pray a while.

All this is, of course, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter – that most remarkable few days of the Christian Year, which takes us from the hailing of an earthly king on Palm Sunday, through to the most dreadful of events on the Friday, and then to the most joyous and stupendous event of all on Easter Day.

These events of over two thousand years ago, still speak to us today. They speak to our emotions; they speak to us of betrayal and forgiveness; they speak to us of fear and tremendous courage, they speak to us of running away and of staying with, they show us humanity at its worst and at its best.

These events call us to face ourselves and seek our Saviour's help to do it. We are called to make a new start and yet use the experience of the past and redeem it.

So we go from possible fasting in Lent, to hot cross buns and the cross, to Easter eggs (whether with yolk or with chocolate) and the new beginnings. May we spend a few moments linking ourselves with Jesus Christ during this time. It may change something in you and in some way, give you a new perspective.

God bless you this Lent, this Holy Week and this Easter.

- *Barbara Way*



## **EASTER SERVICES AT ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH**

### **Thursday 28th March "Maundy Thursday"**

**1.45pm St Saviour's School Easter Service**

**7pm Maundy Service and Stripping of Altar**

### **Friday 29th March "Good Friday" 11am Walk of Witness"**

**2 to 3pm Good Friday Meditation**

### **Sunday 31st March "Easter Day" 8am Said Eucharist**

**10.30am Easter Sung Eucharist**

**SUNDAY 3RD MARCH**

**10.30AM**

**FAMILY COMMUNION**

**ALL WELCOME**



Mothering Sunday

Family Service

Sunday 10th March

10.30am

All welcome

## **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, Evelyn, Tony, Doreen Ranson, 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

Ann Pilcher

### **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 Chamberlain, Mr Robert Rousell, Mr Murdoch

## **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

As this is the last time when the Link will be published within the interregnum, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your good-humoured and loyal support during this time. (officially 12 months but realistically for us 15 months owing to Tom's sick leave)

I am sure you would all like me to give grateful thanks to the churchwardens and PCC, our Assistant Priests and retired clergy for maintaining the fabric of the church and the ministry of St. Saviour's during this time.

Especially, I would like to thank you all for your faithfulness and commitment which have ensured the continuation of all the regular services, baptisms, weddings and funerals, in addition to the welcome extended to new friends who have joined us during this time.

Sadly we are only too aware of some areas of ministry which we have not been able to fulfil very well, in particular the pastoral care of members of the church and community. We can only apologize for this and take comfort in the knowledge that once Barbara is licensed on Tuesday, pastoral care will certainly be enhanced.

We are now looking forward to Barbara and Andrew joining us. They will be living at the Vicarage from Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February and we hope that they will settle very happily into their new parish home.

The Licensing Service on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. will be a very special time for us all.

We hope that many members of the congregation will be able to come and enjoy the occasion and stay for refreshments following the service. It will be an opportunity for you to meet guests from Barbara's previous parishes as well as guests and friends from the Thanet Deanery.

We now pray that with the help of God, the Parish of St. Saviour's will grow numerically and spiritually for the benefit of the whole community in Westgate-on-Sea.

With love and many thanks to you all for your help and kindness,

Brenda

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



African symbols known as adinkra are often seen in Ghana, a beautiful West African country on the Atlantic, situated between the Ivory Coast and Togo. On cloth and walls, in pottery and logos, these Asante tribe symbols can be found everywhere.

The symbol shown is used to represent co-operation. It means: help me and let me help you.

We often use the story below to teach the children about co-operation and how much more effective working together is for everyone:

**Once upon a time, two donkeys were left tied to each other in a stable. One donkey's feeding trough was at one end of the building, and the other's was at the other end. They pulled and pulled at each other, trying to drag the other to their trough, till they collapsed hungry and exhausted to the floor. The donkeys were hungry, despite having been given plenty of food, because they refused to co-operate. They could have walked together to one trough and then to the other and both been well fed.**

Thankfully schools are far less competitive; we are now working in much more co-operative ways for the benefit of children across the traditional boundaries of 'catchment areas'. St Saviour's belongs to a group of schools which includes St Crispin's Infants, Birchington CE Primary, St Nicholas CE Primary, Holy Trinity and St John's CE Primary, Minster CE Primary and Monkton CE Primary. Our commitment to share best practice between us means that 'help me and let me help you' can be seen in our day to day work with the children in our schools.

Ecclesiastes 4:9: 'Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.'

Jane Troth  
Headteacher

## **From the Treasurer**

### **JANUARY 2013 Monthly Financial Review**

In January **RECEIPTS** amounted to £9,127.

We received £6,509 from the Listed Places of Worship Vat refund scheme for work completed and paid for the West wall and window restoration project. We were grateful for a generous donation of £500 towards church funds.

We made **PAYMENTS** of £4,742.

This included payment of £624 for a survey to identify ways of improving the heating in the church, £90 for grounds clearance and £230 for the Thanet Children's Society.

This resulted in an operating **SURPLUS** of £4,385.

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

The Flower fund now stands at £289.

Brenda Carter (Hon. Treasurer)

### **FRIENDS OF ST SAVIOUR'S**

On 26th January The Friends Annual Coffee Morning was held. This was well supported and many people renewed their subscriptions due for the coming year of 2013.

We are anxious to increase our membership of The Friends at a cost of £2 per year. Application forms are available at the back of church.

All of the money goes towards the upkeep of St Saviour's Church building and grounds.

*Susan Bennett (Chairperson)*

If you were in church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, you may have noticed that the candles in the candelabrum were lit. This was not just because it was Candlemas Day, when the church is ablaze with candles, but because it was the nearest Sunday to 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The candelabrum is a war memorial. It was given in memory of **CHRISTOPHER MOOR**, whose father, the Revd Charles Moor, retired to Westgate on Sea and often helped out in the taking of services in St Saviour's Church.

In March 1997 it was stolen, but thanks to the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, it was replaced and the words of the original inscription inscribed around it. They read: **"In loving memory of Christopher Moor B.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Hants Regiment who was born 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1892 and fighting for England at Gallipoli passed into light 6<sup>th</sup> August 1915"** He was so closely linked with the church's two great festivals of light – Candlemas and the Feast of the Transfiguration that it is good to light his candles on the Sundays nearest to those dates and on Remembrance Sunday, to remember all those who have died in war, especially those who have no known grave. Christopher is remembered on the Helles Memorial

The Regimental History of the Hampshires records: "At 3.50 the infantry went forward with utmost dash and gallantry, the Hants attacking in four waves. A low crest 50 yards from our line was crossed almost without loss, but then machine guns opened up on all sides and mowed down the attackers wholesale before many of them had got anywhere across No Man's land. Our guns could do nothing to subdue their fire and under attack soon withered away. The Hants suffered terribly, above all in losing Captain Parker, who fell in heading the advance of the second line, and with him two other of the originals, Capt Day and Lt Webb, both previously wounded but back on duty, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Gawn, who had won the DCM in Somaliland, **whilst 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Moor fell on the Turkish parapet, which a very few of the leading waves seemed to have reached.**" (Page 95)

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them"



**Ann and John Bartlett invite you to a  
COFFEE MORNING to view the house  
37 Linksfield Road, Westgate CT8 8EX  
WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH  
10AM TO 12NOON  
Telephone 01843 830602**

## Further urgent repairs to St Saviour Church

It has come as an unwelcome surprise to discover the need to repair the window in the north west corner of the church, at a time when we are recovering from the large expense (£92199) of the restoration of the west wall and window.

Following comments that there was an excessive draught through the window on account of gaps between stonework and iron work, it was noticed that there were significant new cracks in the tracery above the mullions. The PCC immediately contacted our architect who inspected the damage in January 2013. His report was disconcerting.

It was reported that the iron ventilators and internal saddle bars have over the past 129 years, rusted and expanded pushing the mullions into the central light, splitting the stonework and causing the glass to become bowed and distorted. The tracery now displays collapsing fractures in the masonry which will rapidly become unstable within the next 4-6 months. The recommendation is to effect repairs before further deterioration takes place.

This is the last window (at this level) to be in its original form, all other windows having been replaced with stained glass. The architect recommends that the ventilators be removed (like the other windows) to prevent future corrosion. The PCC have accepted the recommendation and instructed the architect to proceed with the repairs. Initial estimates suggest that this is likely to cost in the region of £5000 plus professional fees and VAT. Invitations to tender have been issued and are due to be submitted by the end of February. Professional fees amounting to £798 have been paid to date. Clearly our fundraising efforts will need to be diverted to accommodate the unexpected cost.



## THE CHURCH

There stood the church all tall and proud  
Of grey stone and patterned panes  
It gave an invite to share within  
The given glory of its history  
Shown in tapestry, and the voice of a hymn.

The pews of wood all polished bright  
To welcome the weary, happy and sad  
The aisle to tell its many tales  
Of brides and grooms and young baby wails.

To hear the word the minister sent  
And gathers strength from what they meant  
To think of sweethearts giving glance for glance  
That their world would get a chance.

All happens here within the walls  
The pillars tall, the altar steps worn  
Of many hopes and dreams that might have been  
Strong the building sensed, it's more than  
Stone and Mortar, Wood and Glass.

The vibrant spirals that life has to offer  
As we sit and ponder,  
Of baby age and growing older  
How rewarding is the time in there,  
As we kneel in prayer.

*By Anne Pilcher*

*March 2011*

**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 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

**FRIDAY 1st MARCH WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**"I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME" PRAYING FOR FRANCE**

Services to be held at 10.30am St Austin & St Gregory Margate

Speaker Mrs Sally Willins

2.30pm All Saints Westbrook Speaker The Rev'd Jan Dash

7.30pm The Bay Church URC Minnis Bay Speaker Mrs Kim Palmer

## **Bach St John Passion**

**Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs - 7pm on March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

This year will see the fifth in the highly successful series of Passiontide concerts mounted at Holy Trinity Church in Broadstairs. The Seventy Chamber Choir, with the Festival Baroque orchestra and soloists, will be performing Bach's St John Passion. Though on a somewhat smaller scale than the St Matthew Passion, which was performed two years ago, the St John is equally renowned for its beauty and power.

The narrative is taken from chapters 18 and 19 of St John's Gospel. The tenor Evangelist tells the story, with the other soloists taking the parts of the characters - principally Jesus and Pilate – and the chorus acting as the crowd. There are two levels of comment and reflection on the action; firstly in a series of arias for the soloists and then in the 12 chorales - settings of hymn tunes popular in Bach's day - which punctuate the piece.

It is a work rich in dramatic contrast, with the quiet reflective beauty of the closing chorus and the chorales, for example, set against the fierce anger evident in the baying crowd scenes. Perhaps the greatest joy of the St John Passion, however, is that for all the ferocity and sorrow of the Good Friday story, it is a truly optimistic work anticipating the resurrection with music suffused with light and hope.

For tickets - £12 in advance, £15 on the door – please telephone 01843 602332.

We hope you can join us.

**WANTED USED POSTAGE STAMPS—see Carol Daniell**



# **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

## **St Saviour's Ladies Circle**

Meets in **church** 2 to 4pm

The third Wednesday in the month

**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 March - "Let's walk along Sea Drive!" From the Ingleton (now the Swan) to the Birchington border**

**Saturday 6th April - 1883 - A new look for a fashionable watering place?**

**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**

# CHURCH SERVICES

## Sunday Services

8am Said Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist

10.30am **SUNDAY 3rd March Family Communion**

**10.30am SUNDAY 10th March Mothering Sunday 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.