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

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## A Letter from The Rev'd Barbara Way

### Greetings from Westgate Vicarage

April – Spring, Easter, April Fools, Sunshine and Showers, songs like “All in an April Evening...” Just a few of the things conjured up in one’s mind with the idea of April.

Easter Day this year was early on 31<sup>st</sup> March, but that is just the start of the Easter season which continues right up until The Ascension, which this year is 9<sup>th</sup> May. It is not for nothing that we often think of the new life that is all around us in April, whether lambs or new shoots on the trees and hedge-rows and compare that to the events of Easter, when the new life of Jesus rose from the dead, so that we might have a new life of grace within us.

As you know it is hard to imagine that a daffodil or tulip will emerge when you look at the unlikely looking bulb you may have planted last Autumn. There is a wonderful Easter carol that speaks of “the green blade rising from the buried grain” showing us the picture of the wheat growing from the planted seed, and comparing this to the Easter events as Jesus is seen and appears to his disciples and to Mary – the same but different.

We can see this at work in our own lives if we look at the transforming power of love or at the miracle of new birth.

We, I am glad to say, are gradually seeing the back of cardboard boxes from our move here and looking forward to the Spring in Westgate by the sea. We have already appreciated many different weathers and therefore many different seascapes. We look forward to seeing more.

Meanwhile there are various events happening. Do come to our services or any of the various events as they come around. You will be very welcome.

God bless

- Barbara

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### **For those Baptised**

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

Sunday 31st March Penelope Hanslit

### **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, Kit, Daphne, Phaedra

### **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

Rose Ellen Rice, Frederick Charles Waterfield

### **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”*

Mary Trewin-Watts

## CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

I was very privileged early this year to be invited as Churchwarden of St. Saviour's to the inauguration of the ministry of the 105<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury. I replied that I would like to attend but was told that there would have to be a ballot for the allocation of tickets. However, much to my surprise some weeks later, I received a ticket with instructions telling me how to enter the Cathedral which would be open at 1pm but to be seated by 2.10pm when the processions commenced. The Service was due to start at 3pm.

I found I was sitting between Richard Rouledge, Churchwarden of All Saints, Westbrook, and the Churchwarden of Headcorn church, in the North transept with a television screen in front of the three rows, which were just behind the Quire.

The timing was precise. At 2.50pm His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall were received at the West Door by the Dean and Chapter. When the Archbishop arrived at the West Door he struck it three times with his pastoral staff, the doors were opened and a fanfare was sounded. The Archbishop was asked by a young person who he was and why he requested entry? He replied "I am Justin, a servant of Christ, and I come as one seeking the grace of God, to travel with you in his service together." The choir sang Psalm 80 followed by the congregation singing "When I survey the wondrous cross".

The Dean welcomed the Archbishop and remembered the anniversaries of the death of Benedict, whose Rule continues to influence the life of the Church and Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, whose Book of Common Prayer shaped the worship of the Church of England.

The Declaration of Assent and the Oath was followed by the signing of an Ecumenical Covenant and then the Ministry of the Word.

The Archdeacon of Canterbury joined in the Installations by taking the Archbishop by the hand and placing him in the throne and the Bishop of Dover responded to the giving of the Pastoral Staff by the Dean to the Archbishop, as a symbol of his investment with the Spiritualities of the See of Canterbury.

Following the Peace an African dance with drums leading the Archbishop to and from the Chair of St. Augustine to the Pulpitum screen, was very exciting and outstanding. The Archbishop in his sermon, which revolved around the influences of Benedict and Thomas Cranmer, indicated that he was not going to be careful in his ministry as long as he was following the will of God.

Throughout the Service the music, the choir and the congregational hymns were beautiful. But for me one special Anthem sung by the choir, commissioned by the Archbishop's mother and stepfather, taken from the Rule of St. Benedict, and following the theme of the Service, was the highlight of the afternoon:-

Listen, listen, O my child,

Listen, listen carefully, O my child, to your teacher's guidance,

And incline the ear of your heart, incline the ear of your heart.

Receive willingly and carry out effectively your loving Father's advice.

With love and every blessing for A Happy Eastertide,

Brenda

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

By Ella Philpott (Year 6 pupil)

On Comic Relief day at St. Saviour's Junior School, everyone did 'something funny for money'. The children came to school in mixed-up clothing (back to front, odd socks and, well just about anything different). The very memorable day got a sprinkle of icing in assembly, the teachers came dressed as school children and were faced with a very funny but silly challenge, a bake off! It was no ordinary competition, the teams of two were blindfolded. Mr Bailey, our P.E coach ended the contest by shoving a cake in a poor teacher's face!

With the help of very kind parents, the school raised nearly £700 for charity. The money gets spent on numerous charity projects, both in the U.K and abroad.

Overall the children had a fantastic time, we were happy to do something different and help other people at the same time.

## **Annual Meetings**

The Annual vestry meeting will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in Church. Coffee will be served from 10.am. This meeting is to elect two Church Wardens. Anyone who lives in the parish is invited to attend, and also all those on the electoral roll of the church.

This is a very short meeting and will be followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which 3 persons are to be elected to serve on the PCC for 3 years, each, one person for 1 year and one person to serve on the Deanery Synod for one year.

Nomination forms will be placed at the back of church and anyone interested should speak to Barbara, Brenda, Joy or Jean for more information. The one year posts are very useful if you are wondering whether this could be for you. Please do offer yourself.

The rest of the meeting involves hearing about the past year of the church and, most importantly, a chance to hear and meet our new parish priest the Revd Barbara Way.

Please come!!!

### **From the Revd Canon Peter Gausden.**

Canon Gausden has written to say how much he has enjoyed his 8am visits to St Saviour's during the interregnum and his thanks to Alan, Brenda and members of the congregation for making him so welcome.

### **Acknowledgement**

A belated thank you from me and Aubrey's children and their families for all the prayers, cards and many kindnesses following Aubrey's death. Thank you also to all who attended the funeral and gave donations in Aubrey's memory to Thanet Hospice. Details of the donations were received too late for last month's Link but I am pleased to tell you that Gore Brothers received £105, East Kent Branch of the Normandy Veterans gave £130 and at least £10 was sent direct to the Hospice making a minimum total of £245.

Christine Attwood

## **From the Treasurer**

### **February 2013 Monthly Financial Review**

In February **RECEIPTS** amounted to £3,000.

We received £1,016 from the Friends of St. Saviour's as a grant towards grass cutting, electrical testing, installation of water heaters in the toilet and vestry, repairs to the vestry safe and 2 porch door handles.

We made **PAYMENTS** of £3,902.

This included payment of £191 for refreshments at the Licensing Service and £798 for Architect's fees for the North window.

This resulted in an operating **DEFICIT** of £902, which was covered by the current account.

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

The Flower fund remains at £289.

### **CHURCH HEATING AND NORTH WINDOW (DESIGNATED FUNDS)**

The amounts in these funds stand at £70 and £20 respectively.

Brenda Carter (Hon. Treasurer)

### **LOOKING BACK**

"Will Spring ever arrive?", he asked

"Of course. Be patient." she replied

"Before it does, remind me of how it is" he asked.

She paused for a moment. Her eyes turned to the grey clouds outside. And then she remembered.

"Its just like re-visiting our childhood. When our days seemed to last forever. The sun seemed always to shine. The rain fell only in light, gentle showers. And the air tasted of the future,yours and mine. Alive with expectation".

"But we cannot have those days again", he said

"No", she answered, smiling. "But we can share another Spring".

David Norman

## Update on Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre

I am pleased to report that those who have been attending the monthly talks free of charge for the past five years have readily applied for membership since our re-launch last October together with many newcomers to the area. By the end of the first six months we had over one hundred members, some of whom live some miles from Thanet.

We usually get between fifty and sixty members and visitors to each talk. It is interesting to see, from sitting at the back of the church, that some come every month, some come when they can and others come to talks on a specific subject. Thanks to Chris Whittingham, we usually manage to get most (if not all) of them to sign our visitors book, which is so important for proving the footfall to English Heritage and that St Saviour's is complying with conditions required by the grant for repairs to the church tower in 2004.

With effect from February, money raised from refreshments has been given to the Heritage Centre rather than the Friends of St Saviour's. We are grateful to the Friends for generously giving up this source of income. The only strings attached were that Susan Bennett (Chair of the Friends) could continue to serve the refreshments. That was not a problem as she had already become a member of the Heritage Centre.

Diana Davies has also kindly agreed to continue providing her delicious scones on talk days – some people refuse to sign the book until they have secured their scone! - and we were pleased to present her with an honorary membership at our March meeting. We also presented a bouquet of golden roses and a card signed by everyone present to mark Diana and Jeremy's Golden Wedding Anniversary later that month.

The last talk of the Winter Programme is at 11:00 on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. **Please note that the Heritage Centre will be open for its Summer Programme from 10:00am to 12 noon on Saturdays and Wednesdays with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> May.** The earlier start time means that talks on the first Saturday of the month from May onwards will begin at 10:30am.

I will happily give the necessary form to anyone wishing to join the Heritage Centre. The cost for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 is £6 for a single membership and £10 for a membership of two or more family members. There is a £1 discount if you would prefer to receive the exclusive quarterly newsletter by email. Non-members are welcome to attend talks for a suggested donation of £2 or to visit us on other Saturday or Wednesday mornings for a suggested donation of £1. Tempting refreshments are available whenever we are open.

Christine Attwood    Membership Secretary

# **The Licensing and Installation of Reverend Barbara Way to St Saviour's.**

**Tuesday 5 March 2013**

It was with great joy that the Parochial Church Council was able to welcome Reverend Barbara to officiate at St Saviour, following a twelve month interregnum, during which time the PCC was challenged by Archdeacon Sheila Watson to evaluate the work within the parish at present and the desires and aspirations for the future. The occasion was also an opportunity to welcome Reverend Barbara's husband, Reverend Andrew Way to share in the Ministry of St Saviour's Church.

The service on Tuesday sent a clear message that the Anglican Church is alive and well, demonstrating the capacity to bring together both the Local Community and wider Church Community with the church full to capacity. The opening procession led by the choir of All Saints Church, Birchington, followed by over 20 clergy robed for the occasion from both the Thanet Deanery and Dover Deanery, where both Barbara and Andrew previously served. With the Area Dean, the Reverend Paul Worledge, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Venerable Sheila Watson and Bishop of Canterbury and Dover, the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott completing the procession to the hymn "And can it be.." set the scene for what was to follow. After a brief ceremony of welcome from Bishop Trevor and referring to the 'Welcome' banner created by the young people of the church, suspended at the western end of the nave, Bishop Trevor addressed the congregation with good humour, emphasising his pleasure at appointing Barbara and confidence that the wealth of experience held by both Barbara and Andrew would serve St Saviour's well in their desire to develop Ministry and Mission. There followed the second hymn "Lord for the years..." before the act of Licensing was conducted by Bishop Trevor. This was followed by the act of Installation by Archdeacon Sheila during which time representatives of other local churches, schools and community groups formally welcomed Reverend Barbara to St Saviour. The service continued with the next hymn "This is our God, the servant King" during which Archdeacon Sheila led Reverend Barbara to the font to receive waters of baptism, the lectern to receive a Holy Bible, the chancel to receive a vessel of olive oil, and finally the Altar where bread and wine were presented. Prayers were then said by Reverend Way before the final hymn "Guide me thou O Great Redeemer". What a great climax with the congregation singing at full throttle and the descant sung loudly by the choir. All in all a memorable service showing St Saviour's Church at it's best. Not forgetting the wine and buffet refreshments available afterwards!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed towards the success of the occasion.

**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

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

The Annual General Meeting of The Friends will be held on the 27th April At 10.30am in St Saviour's Church. Refreshments will be available and also a raffle. We are hoping that as many people as possible will be able to attend .

Susan Bennett (Chairperson)

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

**Saturday 4th May 10am- "Lighting the Town" Part 1 by Gas**

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

**Church Cleaning** 11.45am 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month

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

**New members welcome. Join the Friends of St Saviour's church**

**Subscription only £2 per year . All monies raised go towards the up-keep of the church and grounds. Membership forms at the back of the church or ring Susan Bennett on 01843 831079**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 13th April** 10am Coffee followed by 10.30am Annual Church Meeting

# CHURCH SERVICES

## Sunday Services

8am Said Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist

**10.30am SUNDAY 7th April 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.

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A new service! Your local clinic is held at

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For details speak to Mrs Jean Glover

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