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A Letter from The Rev'd. Barbara Way

Greetings from Westgate Vicarage

Holiday time – August – time for relaxation and recreation – except of course for those who still have to work right through the month. For many of us, it is a time to ease up as the schools and colleges break up and many committees have a break. Whether or not we go away, somehow things seem more relaxed.

I know some people stock up on leisure reading books or DVDs to watch or CDs to listen to, or of course there is always the kindle. Others think about touring round or having days out or going on holiday. Still others are still harvesting or working in various services or still going to the office.

As I write, we have just heard the good news of the new baby prince being born. There is something about a new birth that gladdens the heart and gives a new confidence for the future. It is good to see that there seems to be some stability now within our royal family, and it is great to be able to rejoice with them.

It is worth remembering that as we celebrate family life, so we should be more and more concerned at the necessary multiplication of food banks and in the need for them. We at St. Saviour's, alongside others, are going to support the "Thanet Food Link" running from St. Paul's Church in Cliftonville. From our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October onwards, if not before, we will be collecting tins and jars of food and dried goods, tea, coffee and squash and cereals amongst other things to take there. It should not be the case that this is necessary in twenty-first century Britain, but sadly it is necessary and I hope many of you will support this move. More details in September's "The Link".

Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 13 that Love (worded "charity" in the old translation) is the quality that is eternal, along with Faith and Hope. All else will pass away, but these three remain – the greatest being Love. Let us try and achieve justice and peace, exercising the three eternal qualities and pray that others will also do that. Together we may play our part in a better world, praying that the positive aims and achievements may triumph over greed and power seeking, and that we may truly try and support each other in our efforts to make our community thrive.

God bless you all, Barbara



Westgate Art and Craft Group

Present their

ANNUAL EXHIBITION

2013

From Monday 5th August to Saturday 17th August
At St Saviour's Church, Westgate-on-Sea

Viewing Hours

Monday to Thursday: 10am to 4pm

Friday: 12 noon to 4pm

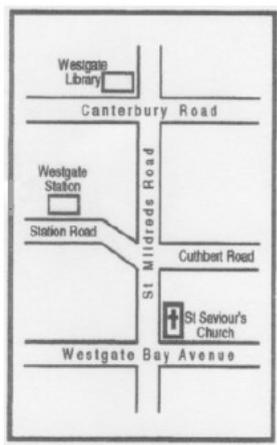
Saturdays: 10am to 4pm

Sundays: Closed all day

for normal Sunday worship

Admission Free

Coffee and Tea available



The group meet at the Westgate Community Centre, Lymington Road

Every Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm

New members always welcome

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

During the lively and interesting Service of Dedication yesterday, in recognition of 129 years of worship at St. Saviour's Church, we were reminded of the need to continue to maintain our Church for the benefit of future generations of the community in Westgate-on-Sea. As Revd. Derek Duncanson ended his sermon on "What is Church", "long may St. Saviour's flourish".

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that we do depend increasingly on your support and help if St. Saviour's is to continue to flourish. If you feel you would like to offer your help in any way, please let me know. We are looking for sidespersons, PCC members, cleaners and help with refreshments at this time.

I would like to say how much we appreciated the gifts we received on Saturday's Gift Day and Sunday. We are delighted that £312 was added to the Church Funds today and thank those involved for their generosity. The PCC is actively progressing the provision of more heating in the church before the winter.

As September approaches we turn our thoughts to Harvest. Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday, 6th October, and the Harvest Lunch is on Saturday, 12th October at 12 noon. This year we are planning for our gifts to be taken to the Thanet Food Link, which is a Christian – not for profit – initiative, led by Harvest New Anglican Church, Broadstairs and St. Paul's Church, Cliftonville, to help those in need.

Many churches and organisations are collecting items at their own venues to be forwarded to either Broadstairs or Cliftonville. The PCC decided that we should have a collection box in church to start collecting now in addition to our Harvest gifts later on.

The items required are Tinned/Jar Food e.g. baked beans, vegetables; Dried Food e.g. pasta, Cup-a-Soups; Other Food e.g. Biscuits, Cereals, Jam; Beverages e.g. Coffee (small jar), Long Life Milk & Fruit juice, Tea Bags.

As regards our own Harvest Festival we will still welcome gifts suitable for the residents of our 8 residential homes (e.g. packets of biscuits and small packets of suitable sweets) and gifts suitable for those known personally to us. More details about Harvest will follow nearer the time.

Next week on Monday, 5th August we will be welcoming the Westgate Art & Craft group in church for their annual exhibition from 10am – 4pm each day, apart from Friday mornings when the 11am service will continue as usual, and on Saturdays when they close at 1pm on the 10th and 12noon on the 17th.

With love and best wishes for a Happy Summer break,

Brenda

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”

Saturday 20th July Cherry and Nick

Sunday 28th July Jessica and Liam

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, Daphne, Phaedra, Jeffery, Anne, Annie, Joyce, Maureen, Rafael Herenas, Brenda Field, John, Charlie, Amber and Eden

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”

John Mendham, Melvyn Van Holland, Esther

Cathedral Choristers Concert, Saturday July 6th 2013

Well, we made it. The concert postponed from December 2011 was held on another beautiful evening and from the feed back we have received very much enjoyed by all.

Ann and I thought it might be of some interest to set out some reflections, from “backstage” if you like, on the day itself.

Long awaited and with as much advance planning as possible under our belt, the day kicked off with Graham Neve and I meeting in church at 7.45 to set up tables and chairs for the choristers' tea and one of the refreshment tables, to put out glasses and napkins for wine and fruit juice, to replace a couple of failed light bulbs in the aisles, to check that the west door could be opened easily and that the organ keys were accessible and the feckless lamp working, to put up parking cones outside for the choristers' bus, and to tidy and sweep the grounds and steps, plus various other small tasks to make our church ready and welcoming. Ann, Lorna and Brenda met at our house at 10 to prepare the boys' tea (no gluten free diets this time but no dairy products for one of them, and also on David Flood's advice no Coke as it inhibited the boys' voices), and we all then took a break in readiness for the afternoon with anticipation and excitement rising – and some apprehension lest something went wrong.

David and the boys - reduced in number by three to 12 owing to indisposition – Ed Hewes, his brilliant young Organ Scholar about to go to the Royal College of Music, and a Matron arrived just after 5pm direct from Cathedral Evensong and pitched straight into rehearsal. This was a special time for those of us present – Ann, Brenda, Lorna, Valda and Anne Lawrence putting out the tea, Barbara, Graham and me to welcome, and Roy Rogers on hand for any organ-related needs - and would you know it the organ light, working faultlessly in the morning, packed up on us so that Graham had to rig up a temporary spotlight for Ed to play by. It was simply glorious whilst we went about our activities to listen to David and the boys at work, to appreciate and admire the interface between them, and - as David said during the concert itself – to witness the eagerness with which the boys volunteered to sing the various solo parts.

Duly rehearsed, just after 6 the boys tucked into tea - sausage rolls, ham sandwiches and crisps being particular favourites. As they finished, the first members of the audience were beginning to arrive, and a hectic 15 minutes

or so ensued as audience numbers swelled, the tea table and leftovers (hardly any!) were removed and the second refreshment bar was set up. Graham, Valda and Christine Attwood ensured a smooth flow of people into church, ably identifying those variously picking up and paying for tickets and programmes ordered in advance, those already paid up and programmed, and those coming in “on the door”.

During this time I had to go outside for some reason or another and it was really heartening to see so many smartly attired people making their way towards the church with the bells ringing out. It felt a real sense of occasion – worthy of another John Betjeman poem were he still here to observe and pen one.

And so the Concert began. I cannot possibly describe it in words and nor do I need to. We had been hoping for about 150 in the audience and fell only just short given an income of £1370 equating to 137 people. From where Ann and I were sitting at the back of the church the nave seemed gratifyingly full. What was clear and most important was the rapt attention evident on everyone’s faces throughout the Concert with not a rustle nor cough to be heard, and the applause after each item of music that David Flood introduced so well gave testimony to that. (In talking to people afterwards I deduced the making of a David Flood fan club!). It was great to see so many old friends among us, Heritage Centre members, many new faces, and three sets of choristers’ parents. Barbara in her closing remarks was good enough to single out Marie and Stanley Evans being with us, and this was Marie’s first time out following her major operation last year.

Our thanks to all who contributed to the success of the evening. To those already mentioned and also to Christine Attwood and Thelma Franks in particular in helping get flier notices – over 300 went out - and posters round to other churches, local organisations and friends and acquaintances; to Stewart Willmott and his team of bell ringers; and to Philip who was a first rate bartender.

Hard work, yes, particularly as this was the second time round, but so worthwhile given the feedback we have received.

Alan Clark

From the Treasurer

June 2013 Monthly Financial Review

In June **RECEIPTS** amounted to £4,230

This month we received fees of £1,876 and £175 from the Heritage Centre for winter heating.

We made **PAYMENTS** of £3,066

We spent £184 on cover for clergy , £323 on Architect's fees and sent £188 to Christian Aid.

This resulted in an operating **SURPLUS** of £1,164.

FLOWER FUND (DESIGNATED FUND)

The Flower fund stands at £289.

CHURCH HEATING AND NORTH WINDOW (DESIGNATED FUNDS)

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

Donations towards these funds are most welcome as the window has now been repaired and quotes for improving the heating are already being considered. Thank you.

Brenda Carter (Hon. Treasurer)

The Ladies Circle - Monday 23rd September at 2.30 pm at The Vicarage in Thanet Road.

Thank you to all those who completed the questionnaire regarding the Ladies' Circle. Although some would have preferred to keep to its original Wednesday time, far more people could not manage that day. Carole and the other ladies who met together to discuss the questionnaires have therefore decided to make a new start and to meet on Monday 23rd September at 2.30 pm at The Vicarage in Thanet Road, to have a cuppa and some cake, to talk together about a good way forward for us all. I look forward to welcoming all interested ladies then.

Barbara Way 831869

Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre

Due to the need to get St Saviour's ready for the concert by the choristers of Canterbury Cathedral, the monthly talk for July took place in Christ Church in Westgate Bay Avenue. We were made very welcome and Gillian and Connie kindly made scones and served the refreshments so our usual catering team could just enjoy the talk. The furniture removals and washing up teams also had no work to do and, at 10am, it looked as though the meet and greet team would be having a rest because only a handful of people had arrived. However, although there was not the usual queue to sign the book, 55 people had done so by the time Dr Dawn Crouch was ready to give her talk at 10:30.

Dawn's talk was on church life in Westgate-on-Sea before and just after the foundation stones were laid for both Christ Church and St Saviour's in 1883. It was important for Victorians to be able to walk to church on Sundays and it was fascinating to hear the differences between how the sites were chosen and how the money was raised. We also heard about the people involved in each project. If you would like to know more, a booklet about St Saviour's can be bought when the Heritage Centre is open and copies of Dawn's account of the early days of Christ Church are on sale there.

Many members took the opportunity to have a guided tour of the church and grounds before they went home.

All who came to the talk on 6th July are very grateful to the Heritage Centre members at Christ Church for looking after us so well. Particular thanks are due to Connie Foad and Chris and Gillian Whittingham.

To end on a personal note, it was lovely to be able to welcome many of the same people later that day when they came to St Saviour's Church for the evening concert.

Christine Attwood
Membership Secretary

Thanet Food Link – Otherwise known as the Food Bank

The Thanet Food Link is a local charity providing emergency food for people who find themselves unable to afford basic items of food. It is an initiative led by the Harvest New Anglican Church and St Paul's Church Cliftonville. Referrals are made by accredited agencies and organisations through a voucher system. These vouchers will provide a minimum of three days emergency supply of food.

The charity is dependent on churches, groups and members of the public to donate non-perishable foodstuffs which are delivered to a central point where they are taken to a local warehouse for sorting into emergency food packs for distribution. Here at St Saviour's Church, we are participating in this scheme by collecting foodstuff for delivery to the Food Bank. Our Harvest Donations will also be delivered to the Food Bank. Items required are contained in a Food Link Shopping List which includes the following items

Tinned/Jar Food	Other Food	Beverages
Baked Beans	Biscuits	Coffee (small jar)
Custard	Breakfast Cereals	Fruit Juice (long life)
Fruit	Cereal Bars	Milk (long life)
Rice Pudding	Jam	Tea Bags
Soup	Cream Crackers	Dried Food
Spaghetti		Packet mash potato
Tomatoes		Cup-a-Soups
Vegetables		Dried Pasta (500g)
Potatoes		Dried Rice (500g)

Why not help this worthy local cause? It does not need to cost a lot. An additional purchase of a value tin of soup or pack of biscuits, or even donating that 'get one free' item in your shopping basket can make a real difference to the people in our community. Throughout the summer St Saviour's Church will be open from

10am – 12 noon on Wednesdays, Saturdays and of course Sundays (throughout the year). Why not just pop in to donate an item. You might just be surprised by what is going on.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL ENTRY

Did you know that if you are a member of a church congregation in the Diocese of Canterbury, you can go into the Cathedral free of charge?

You need to fill out a form from the Visits Office.

It is a wonderful resource, and makes a great break in a busy days shopping or any day out in the city.



*Diocese of
Canterbury*

“THE LORD GOD MADE THEM ALL”

Come and enjoy the wonders of nature in Kent at Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust COUNTRYSIDE FAIR on 25th and 26th August at Old Downs Farm, GUILFORD ROAD, SANDWICH CT13 9PF

(www.sbbot.co.uk) ENTRY FREE

Attractions include bird ringing demonstrations, hourly guided walks (£3), live music and stalls for RSPB, Kent Bat Group, Reptile and

Amphibian, and insect related groups for Butterflies, Dragonflies and Bumble Bees.

Crafts include painting, photography ceramics, glass and wood.

LOTS to SEE and DO!

FREE bus from Barclays Bank stop in Sandwich.

Cars £1 at tollgate.

David and Andrea Chance

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

St Saviour's Ladies Circle

Meets Monday 23rd September 2.30pm at The Vicarage, Thanet Road

Bellringers Practise every Thursday 7.30 to 9pm.

Bible Study Group reconvenes on 12th September details & inquiries ring Susan 836430

The Westgate Heritage Centre SUMMER PROGRAMME

Open from 1st May Wednesdays and Saturdays 10am to 12 noon

Saturday 3rd August Members Day-some of the Committee will share the results of their recent research.

Saturday 7th September The Railway

Refreshments available.

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

Monday 5th - Saturday 17th August Westgate Art Group Exhibition

Saturday 14th September 10am to 6pm Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

Sunday 29th September 3.30pm Michaelmas Songs of Praise

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services

8am Said Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist

10.30am SUNDAY 4th August 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.

New Service for NHS Hearing Aid users from August 5th

There will be a weekly Hi Kent Clinic held at Westgate Surgery -
every Monday 2-3pm - for hearing aid batteries, tubes and free advice.

There will continue to be a Hi Kent Clinic at Westgate Library on the 4th
Wednesday of every month from 2-3pm.

WESTGATE DOCTORS SURGERY new telephone number is

03000 426426 - a local rate call

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