

**Parish and Community**

# *The Link*

St Mildreds Road



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**March  
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**The Magazine of  
St Saviour's Parish Church**

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

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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

# FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

**10.30am**



*"Day by day as they spent much time together in the Temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of the people;" Acts 2:46, 47. (NRSV)*

You might have heard me speaking at length about evangelism and witness and of living Beautiful Lives. This is the thrust of the Bible Study Course that we have been doing this year. It is vital that we all know how to witness to our Lord for we all have a unique story to tell. A story of coming to Christ and how this changed us. If asked if you were a Christian would you settle for the answer "Yes" or be prepared to take it a step further and answer the question: "Why are you a Christian?" The new and first converts in Jerusalem demonstrated their love and joy of and in Christ by sharing and caring for each other and through praising God. Not only did this attract the goodwill of their neighbours but attracted more converts. They witnessed to Christ through their changed lives. It was a great opportunity to show God's love in all its richness through community, through OUR community. Lent is almost upon us and is a good time to take stock, look at our lives, repent of our loss of faith or of letting Christ down and resolve to move forward guided and transformed through the Holy Spirit. Be sure that those first Christians were truly changed through the Spirit and so are we as we let him do it.

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22,23. (NRSV)*

Without the Holy Spirit in our lives we struggle to show these qualities. Focussed on Christ, his life and his word we begin to understand that we see the beauty of God in Christ and of God's deep desire for our lives. Some might feel that God's rules are too hard to follow yet stripped to their essence they are about worshipping Him and loving our neighbours. There are plenty of examples within this wonderful book that show us what it is to live with Christ, may be this Lent you can commit yourself to rereading the Bible – a book or letter, a good place to begin would be this year's Gospel that of Luke. I know that many of you will be deeply immersed in the Bible and will have in place your own Bible Study, but for those for whom this might be something new Luke is a great place to start. Just read it and let the stories tell themselves as you see the whole stretch of Christ's ministry to you – this is the Good News that he came to share, this is God's love freshly expressed for each one of us. You will find the Lent Courses laid out in another part of this magazine, if you are able to make a commitment to attend one, please do. I think that it will reward, shake and change us and greatly deepen our understanding of all that Christ did for us. Jesus' commanded his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. We are their descendants, someone witnessed to you. If we do not witness, probably through our lives and then our words there will be no more Christians here and the last one out closes the door. Christ's light is not overcome but a generation will not hear about the wonderful love of God for them and how much we need that today. *Revd Susan Wing*

**St Saviour's Church, Westgate**

*Welcome*

**TO OUR  
FRIENDLY  
FRIDAY  
MORNINGS**

**10am TO 12noon**



**REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE,  
ACTIVITIES**

**OR MEET FOR A CHAT**

*Join Us!*

**STARTING  
FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup>  
FEBRUARY**

## **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”*

Phyll, Doreen , Beryl , Liz, Joyce, Kaisha

### **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

Ruth Shilling, Mercia

### **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”*

## Churchwardens' Report

Some good news, hot off the press! You may recall that, last December, St Saviour's, Birchington with Acol and Minnis Bay and the Wantsum Benefice (Minster, Monkton, St Nicholas-at-Wade and Chislet) formed the Seamarsh Group Ministry. We are delighted to tell you that the Revd Karen Gooding, a part-time Associate Priest of the Wantsum Benefice has now been appointed as our part-time Priest in Charge in addition to continuing with her ministry in that benefice. The appointment means Karen increasing her hours so she can minister 1½ days in the Wantsum Benefice and 1½ days in St Saviour's. More about Karen can be found elsewhere in this issue. Do come to her licensing on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March in St Saviour's Church (time to be confirmed). All are welcome. No invitation needed.

Sundays will be split equally between St Nicholas and St Saviour's. This month Karen will be taking our Sunday services on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. From April onwards she will take our services on the second and third Sundays of the month and services at St Nicholas on the first and fourth Sundays of the month. We are pleased that the Revd David Chance and the Revd Susan Wing have agreed to take our Sunday services when Karen is at St Nicholas. We have benefitted greatly from their ministry during our interregnum.

Work on updating the vestry was finally completed last month and after service refreshments should now be back permanently. Do have a look in the middle vestry, if you have not already seen the splendid new sink, worktops and cupboards. We are very grateful to Brenda Carter for the time she has spent in connection with the project and to the Heritage Lottery Fund for granting us the money.

The Quinquennial inspection was carried out at the beginning of February. We are relieved that no works were found to be necessary in the immediate future. Coastal Electrical have replaced various defective LED bulbs in the nave and the spotlights in the chancel.

A new weekday activity "Friendly Friday" began last month. Organized by Brenda and other members of our Social Activities Group, it is held every Friday between 10am and 12noon in the social area at the back of the church. There are various activities and stalls and plenty of time to chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Numbers are growing so if you miss the Bakehouse being open on Fridays do give Friendly Friday a try.

Congratulations to Harry, who was presented with a book for good attendance during last month's Family Service. There will be two family services this month. The usual service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and a special service on Mothering Sunday led by the Revd Richard Braddy (Vicar of the Wantsum Benefice). Having told the story of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple in February, the puppets are sitting out the first of these services but will be back on Mothering Sunday.

If you are able to help make posies for Mothering Sunday, please join us in church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March for about an hour from 9.30am.

With love and blessings,      Chris and Christine

## **An Introduction from The Revd Karen Gooding**

Thank you for welcoming me to St Saviour's! I hope that we will be very happy together exploring and sharing in God's work in Westgate in the years ahead. I came to St Nicholas in December, 2016 and have been part of exciting new ventures during this time, leading to the recent formation of the Seamarsh Group of Churches. Over this period, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to meet so many committed people and I will endeavour to encourage this collaborative and friendly spirit, as it is clearly the way in which we can all best serve God.

Prior to ordination, my background was as a music teacher and parent of five! After a long period in the Quaker tradition, I was drawn into the Anglican Church through music (three of my children were cathedral choristers) and the life of our local parish church. I trained at the Lincoln School of Ministry and King's College, London, where I served my title post as a parish priest and school chaplain.

My 'grown-up children' and four little grandchildren all live in London, with the exception of Aidan, who is a member of the Minster Abbey 'Looking Ahead' community. I am very pleased that the family love visiting Nana, Aidan and Toast (our little dog) at the seaside, so we all enjoy truly happy times here.

My passion is to introduce those who are outside the faith, especially young people, into an experience of God's generous and liberating love: I hope that, as we continue to honour our valuable traditions, we will discover together new ways of sharing God's abundant love throughout Westgate!





## **BELLRINGERS WANTED—NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

Want to try a new hobby? If you are aged between 9 and 90 you are welcome to come and join us on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Bell Tower—NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED—tuition given.



## **Lent Course 2019**

The subject this year will be: “When I survey .. Christ’s cross and ours”. It is a York course so will be CD and booklet. It is in 5 parts and there is a cross section of interesting speakers and plenty to chew over.

There are 3 groups being run as follows:

Thursday’s at Susan’s from 7-9 p.m. starting on 7 March. Please ring her on 836430 for directions to her home or just turn up

Friday’s at Christ Church URC from 10.30 a.m. – midday starting on 8 March just turn up.

Wednesday’s at Garlinge Methodist Church from 10.30 – midday starting on 13 March just turn up.

The idea of one course, three venues is that if you miss your usual day due to other commitments, you can catch up by attending one of the others.

## **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

The church Electoral Roll is to be rewritten at the end of March. New Electoral Roll Application Forms can be obtained from Valda Electoral Roll Officer, and returned to her by no later than the 30th 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 30th March will be presented to the PCC & then added if they meet the correct criteria at the relevant time.

Valda Neve (Hon. Electoral Officer)

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

Children have been enjoying some work on internet safety over the last two weeks. Most of our children in Year 5 and 6 access the internet and most have their own computer, tablet or mobile telephone. Children often use these devices in their bedrooms, away from direct supervision. In order to help pupils keep themselves safe, we try to teach them some basic strategies.

In addition to staying safe, we also try to teach our pupils how to be good digital citizens. Our pupils were rather surprised last week when I told them that I do an internet search (including social media) of any job applicant to the school. I also remind children that whatever they write on social media will remain on the internet for years to come and may be read by parents, future employers and even, eventually, their own children!

The principal focus of our work around social media is safeguarding. Instagram is very widely used by primary school children as are Snap Chat and Whatsapp. Children are potentially at risk from peer to peer abuse and also from adults. We have had children approached online by adults via their You Tube accounts. I regularly deal with arguments which have either been started on internet chat groups or exacerbated online.

As adults, it is tempting to view children's use of the internet as inherently bad – I do sometimes find myself wishing that mobile telephones had never been invented. However, we need to accept that children will use the internet in many positive ways and we simply need to give them enough knowledge and coping strategies in order to stay safe. There are certainly some generation gaps when it comes to social media use. I may have misgivings about the digital footprint of primary school pupils. I cannot prevent children from having an online life but we can ensure they stay safe.

*Nick Bonell, Headteacher*

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

**The deadline for April 2019 "The Link" is**

**Sunday 31st March 2019**

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### MARCH 2019

MARCH three months into the year.

Let us hope March will bring us some cheer.

"In like a lamb or out like a lion" or vice versa as the saying goes.

It will certainly keep us lively & up on our toes!

The gardens look wonderful, crocuses & daffodils suddenly appear.

The snowdrops have shot up & are already here.

The birds are beginning to arrive

They dart here & there looking for food.

Seeing them lifts our spirits & mood.

Yes, Spring has now come.

*Marie Evans*

*hello Spring*



Keep up to date with Elaine and Chris Howes trip tp the Orphanage in Battambang, Cambodia

On their blog [elainehowe14.wordpress.com](http://elainehowe14.wordpress.com)

Items required by the Orphanage are :-

**White board markers and erasers, large bulldog clips, Blue Tac**

Donations will be gratefully received and can be left in Church.



Phonics and numbers. The children are great & real sponges, puzzles are always great fun.



Repairing bicycles—more keep appearing



The classroom is getting decorated with posters & work



Education for these children can be life changing

## **Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre**

The time to write an article for the magazine seems to have come round very quickly with February being such a short month. We have been blessed with such wonderful weather that it almost deserves to be recorded in our historical memories!

Our February talk by Jean Cook based on her memories of the town between 1945 and 1968 was very interesting. It was a reminder of how life in general has changed in a comparatively short time and how Westgate has changed in particular. One of the most fascinating aspects that Jean dealt with was the changes in retailing. She went to work at Boots the chemist in 1952, when she left school. There was a delightful picture of her with her five colleagues standing outside the shop in St Mildred's Road - six assistants to the pharmacist and all of them overseen by a manager. Compare that with today!

April's talk by Jill Beechey will also be about Westgate memories, although from another decade or so. Slowly, we are building up a precious collection of anecdotes which are really valuable social history and we are very grateful to those who are willing to share their stories with us. It takes a great deal of courage to stand up in front of around a hundred people for the first time, but we hope that those who do will inspire others to do likewise.

When you read this we will have held our Annual General Meeting and the reports and accounts for 2018 will have been received. It was not an easy year. There was a lot to get done if we were to achieve the aims we had set ourselves with regard to the commemoration of the Great War, especially getting a memorial erected at Lymington Road Recreation Ground. However, although we still have a few loose ends to tie, as we celebrate the centenary of the Peace settlements, we DID achieve our aims. The memorial is in situ and our books to tell the story of the town in the Great War are complete.

It has been a particularly difficult year for our Treasurer, Mrs Brenda Field, as she has been faced with keeping detailed records of all expenditure, but with the added responsibility this year of making sure that our spending of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant was transparent and accurate. This she managed to the last penny, so we would like to thank her very much for all she has done. We are conscious of the fact that Brenda is not an accountant, but a trained nurse! When all matters relating to the Lottery grant were completed there was the arduous task of "evaluation" for the grantees, which, of course, today had to be done online. Dr Field, our chairman, and Mrs Field spent many hours on this. I think it is fair to say that they will not be encouraging us to apply for any more funding for a while.

We also had the added anxiety of trying to continue our activities when the church was not available to us during the restoration work in St Saviour's.

This put a great strain on all the volunteers who had to fetch and carry books and equipment from our bolthole at the Town Hall Buildings to the Swan for each meeting and I do commend them all - these days I just turn up, confident that the work of the Heritage Centre can continue in the safe hands of the volunteers and that they can manage perfectly well without me.

We have lots of plans for this summer - let's hope that the weather continues to be good when we are open each week. Do come along and see what we have on offer. Everyone is welcome to our meetings and "pop-in" days. The refreshments are always good, thanks to our talented and dedicated hospitality team and you are assured of a welcome from our volunteers, who will help you with any enquiries you may have. They are becoming very competent and knowledgeable - but, as a last resort I hope to be not too far away to help them if they are stuck!

*Dawn Crouch*



**Jean Cook (left) with five of her colleagues outside Boots the Chemist 1952**



**CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR**

**AT 2am**

**SUNDAY 31ST MARCH**



## **From the Parochial Church Council Minutes (PCC).....**

Meeting 09/01/19 and attended by Revd Karen Gooding and Revd Richard Braddy.  
Minutes approved 06/02/19

**Donations.** Cheque for £100 to the Scripture Union Beach Mission to be taken to a meeting of the representatives on 12 January. Donation of £5000 to be transferred from the Heritage Lottery account will be effected next day.

**Seammarsh Group Ministry.** Richard Braddy advised that there were no further developments following the creation of the Group on 1 December 2018. Interregnum would continue until a priest was appointed. The PCC of each church will retain its own finances and would not be expected to pay arrears of Parish share owed by other PCCs within the group. Whilst St Saviours remained a benefice the vicarage could not be sold but continue to be rented out by the Diocese. All existing and future clergy within the Group will be allowed to take services at churches other than that to which they are licensed but could only do so by invitation. The importance of the 8 o'clock service at St Saviours was stressed by the PCC. There was some discussion regarding the need to hold a 'Vision Day' for the congregation later this year and the creation of a central administration office for the Group.

**Worship and Mission.** It was decided to defer any discussion regarding the introduction of a healing service until a new priest is appointed. Details of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 – 25 January) were provided.

**Update on Clerestory Window project.** Work on the roof, guttering and clerestory windows completed. Some issues (snagging) to be resolved.

**New Vestry Sink.** Contractor unable to start until 14 January. Contract completion date extended to 31 January. Making of side cupboard in addition to original works also deferred.

**Project Finances.** The PCC asked for a statement showing a column of costs excluding VAT, a column showing the VAT for each cost and a third column displaying the costs inclusive of VAT. Refund of VAT was still being pursued.

**Church Open Morning.** Date of event 12 January 2019

**New vestry cupboard and replacement of coir matting** in front of west door with wood flooring. These small works were originally included in the Heritage Lottery Gant application but were dropped at the second round stage. Some discussion took place as to whether to continue with these works. It was decided to proceed with these works.

**Treasurer's Report.** Financial statements for the months of November and December together with cumulative statements for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 were approved. An update on the HLF account was also provided. Details of charity collections were provided, British Legion £430, Diocesan Advent Appeal £100 and Children's Society £474. It was stated that expenses continued to exceed income on average by £800 per month and that there was likely to be a

deficit in the year ended 31 December 2018. Position would become clearer when the end of year account was prepared

**Gift Aid.** Further payments had been received for the period May to August 2018.

**Churchwarden's Report.** The fault with the chancel spotlights was to be investigated by an electrician. A number of volunteers had carried out a major cleaning and polishing session on completion of the quinquennial repair works. Thanks were recorded to the churchwardens for cleaning the church every weekend whilst the repair works were in progress. Storage to be found for the 'There but not there' silhouettes provided by Westgate-on-Sea Town Council for Remembrance last November.

**Draft Licence Agreement** with the Westgate Heritage Centre. Reply from the Diocesan Registrar received just prior to meeting. Content to be discussed at the next meeting.

**The date for the Summer Fair** was set for 15 June 2019

**Christmas Cards** depicting a wintry scene of St Saviour's Church were sent to St Saviours School in place of tins of sweets as this proved less expensive. Cards were sent to each class and the HeadTeacher, Mr Bonell. A card was also sent to the Archdeacon, Revd Richard Braddy and other clergy who had taken services during the interregnum.

**Any other business.** The Town council's plans for 'Westgate Day' in July 2019 were acknowledged and that it coincided with the church Dedication Festival weekend. It was suggested that a special Songs of Praise be part of the town's celebrations. Contributions to the Trustees Annual Report to be provided to the PCC Secretary by 31 January 2019. The date for the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting was set for 27 April 2019.

### **Retirement of the Bishop of Dover in May 2019**

Bishop Trevor's Diocesan farewell will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May after Evensong in the Cathedral, which starts at 4pm. Financial gifts to thank Bishop Trevor and Margaret for their ministry should be sent to the Finance Team at Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury CT1 1NQ. Please make cheques payable to 'CDBF - Bishop Trevor Farewell'. Thank you

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

**Donations of food needed for the Thanet Foodbank, please support our local foodbank.**

Thank you, Ann Lawrence



# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Bellringers** Practice every Thursday 7.30 to 9pm.

**Bible Study Group** meet Thursday at 7pm, details & inquiries ring Susan 836430 .

**The Westgate Heritage Centre**

**10am to 12 noon on the First Saturday of the month at 10.30am TALK**

Refreshments available.

**Saturday 2nd March 10.30am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Followed by a short talk by Dr Dawn Crouch about items donated to Heritage Centre.

**Church Cleaning 9am to 10am** on the 1st Friday 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 upkeep of the church and grounds. Membership forms at the back of the church or ring

Christine Attwood Tel 833314 email cattwood2002@yahoo.co.uk

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**FRIENDLY FRIDAYS 10am to 12 noon** every Friday ALL WELCOME.



**SATURDAY 30th March 9.30am** Posies made for Mothering Sunday



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

**FAMILY SERVICE**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**MARCH 31st**

**10.30a.m. with**

**distribution of posies**



# CHURCH SERVICES

## Sunday Services

8am Said Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist

**10.30am First Sunday of the month FAMILY SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 11am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes**

## 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.

# JOIN THE



# ADVENTURE....

Come along and try 1st Westgate-On-Sea  
Scout Group for Boys and Girls

**Where:** The Billabong,  
St. Crispins Road  
Westgate-On-Sea CT8 8EB

**When:** Beavers: Tuesday 5:15pm—6:30pm  
Cubs: Tuesday 6:45pm—8:15pm  
Scouts: Thursday 7:00pm—9:00pm

**Ages:** Beavers: 5 3/4—8 years  
Cubs: 8—10 1/2 years  
Scouts: 10 1/2— 14 years

**Contact:** 1st Westgate-On-Sea Scout Group  
Email: 1stwestgatescoutgroup@gmail.com



Girlguiding



**1<sup>st</sup> Westgate Rainbows**

**For Girls aged 5 to 7 years**

**Meet Fridays in term time**

**4.15 to 5.15pm**

**Westgate Community Centre**

**STARTING A NEW PROGRAMME THIS YEAR WITH LOTS OF  
EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES**

**APPLY HERE : [https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-  
for-parents/register-your-daughter/](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)**

**Any queries: [westgaterainbows@outlook.com](mailto:westgaterainbows@outlook.com)**





**Caring for an elderly relative or neighbour?**

**Do you need a break... or do they?**

**Respite care for the elderly available at...**

**Yoakley House**

Drapers Close, Margate

Kent CT9 4AH

For details or to arrange a visit:

Tel: **01843 223652**

Email: **admin@yoakleycare.co.uk**

**[www.yoakleycare.co.uk](http://www.yoakleycare.co.uk)**

**Scripture Union Minnis Bay**  
**29<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019**  
**Intercessions**

You may have your own programme but for those who don't may I suggest the following:-

**Everyday.** Thank God for his blessings on last year's mission and the missions that went before it. Pray for good weather throughout the fortnight, for the safety and health of the team, the children and all who will attend, that there will be adequate, suitable accommodation for the team members and pray for their hosts. Remember especially Avtar and the organisers that God will bless their labours. Pray for the preparations for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for the next planning meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Pray for Hannah the [Youth and Communities Worker](#) at *Birchington Baptist Church* and Sam Youth and Communities Worker at *Christ Church, Westgate* as they work together in local schools. Please pray for *the Loft, Messy Church, Yo Yos, Hangout, and the local Junior Churches / Sunday Schools in the area.*

**Sunday** Pray for the team members in their day to day lives, the churches they attend, their families and the work they are called to do in their home communities. Pray for the churches in Thanet and their witness to Christ.

**Monday** Pray for the families of the very young children who will attend *TIDDLERS*. For all who will attend *the Café* and those who will be serving coffee, tea, providing cakes and talking to those who have little connection with the church. Pray for the team members who feel God may not be calling them to return in 2019, that they may receive guidance in whatever they are called to do. Locally pray for the Anglican Churches.

**Tuesday** Pray for the children and their families who will attend *TWIGS*. For the leaders who will be responsible for the young children. Pray for those who are considering joining the team for the first time, for guidance in the selection process. Locally pray for the Roman Catholic Churches

**Wednesday** Pray for the children who will be attending *TRAMPS* for the leaders responsible for making the Gospel come alive to them. Pray for the team members who will be returning and thank God for their dedication. Pray they may especially guide and assist the new team members. Locally pray for the Baptist Churches.

**Thursday** Pray for those who will attend and lead the *TROGS* for wisdom, understanding and the means to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray for the team members travelling great distances as they spend a whole year raising the funds for their trip. Thank God for their dedication. Locally pray for the Methodist Churches.

**Friday** Pray for those who will attend *SUPER TROGS*, those who lead them and for the various ventures and outings planned.



That there will be a rich harvest of new leaders coming through. Pray for all local team members in their witness within the churches of Thanet throughout the year. Locally pray for the URC Churches.

**Saturday** Pray for the various groups and ventures that will seek to continue the work started by the Mission. Pray for other Missions throughout the country planned this year in Abersoch, Aberystwyth, Byker, Criccieth, Cromer, Felpham, Hexham, Kidlington, Marske, Nefyn, Perranporth, Polzeath, Port St Mary, Southwold, Sutton on Sea and others. Thank God for the legacy of the team members of bygone years and pray for them in their work for the Gospel wherever they are now.

### **A Prayer**

Almighty God, we ask you to bless the Scripture Union Missions throughout the land planned for 2019. Especially we pray for the mission in Minnis Bay. Go before the local churches and the team in all the preparations calling out faithful leaders and helpers and supplying all the needs. Help us all to make sense of the Gospel and to relate to the needs of all who will attend so that many will be drawn to our Saviour's love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



22<sup>nd</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August

**Minnis Bay  
Holiday Club**

### **BEDS WANTED!**

Once again about 60 mainly young SU volunteers will arrive to work for two weeks with our children, joining the many local SU team members sharing God's love using church halls in Birchington for this holiday club. Last year some 600 children attended over the fortnight.

This year I am making an early plea for home accommodation for them. Just beds are needed—they have all their meals, including breakfast, at the halls.

If you might be able to help (even for one of the two weeks) please let me know. Ring or email me for more information

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