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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

FAMILY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

10.30AM



Dear friends,

As we put our clocks forward and embrace April and the bright half of the year once more, many people notice a change of mood: there seems to be more cheerfulness and optimism about! Bare twigs and branches are beautiful again with colourful flowers and blossom- and this bursting forth of new life has, since earliest Christian times, helped to spread the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ- the faith on which we place our hope.

However- Easter is a festival which can feel daunting in its complexity and depth, which explains why many people choose to keep it simply as a celebration of new life, while looking away from the darkness of the tomb which preceded Jesus' Rising to New Life.

Our church, in company with churches throughout the world, follows the events of Jesus' last days with an intensity which is unparalleled at other times of year. We find ourselves caught up in the powerful story- waving palms as we process, singing, on Palm Sunday and thrown almost immediately into a dramatic reading of the rejection and betrayal of Jesus. We meet for the commemoration of his Last Supper in the evening of Maundy Thursday and enact the full drama with songs on the morning of Good Friday. This is an opportunity for young and old to rediscover the meaning of the Easter story and follow in the Way of the Cross. As the day progresses, the church becomes increasingly quiet and still, in memory of Our Lord's death.

Slowly and subtly, the flowers of Easter find their way into church and churchyard on Holy Saturday, until, early on Sunday morning, the church becomes ablaze with light, scent and colour once more in commemoration of the glorious first Easter morning. The organ and choir burst forth with joy and we join in the Alleluias! Christ is risen! Death has lost its sting!

The re-enactment of the events of Easter is a once-a-year opportunity to step inside the Mystery of God's love. Come and join us at any stage of our celebrations; you will be very welcome! Mother Karen



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

8am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Parish Communion

With distribution of palms,
procession & the reading of

The Passion

Palm
Sunday

APRIL

14th



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, Maureen, Stephen

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”

Churchwardens' Report

Such a busy month to report on. After an email out of the blue from Mother Karen with nothing from official sources, it was all systems go with organizing Mother Karen's licensing service. We visited her that evening so we knew it was real and it gave us a chance to iron out some finer details. We both admit we came away from that meeting with such optimism and excitement for the future. Then we had to write a letter to the Bishop's office confirming the PCC agreed to Mother Karen becoming part-time priest in charge of St Saviour's. All with only 3 weeks' notice!

Once we had authorisation to go (on 1st March) it was full speed ahead, from compiling an invitation list and getting the invites out, to having the order of service printed, sorting out seating plans and catering. Our computers were on almost 24 hours a day. We normally phone each other most days, but we had lots of extra conversations. Rehearsal went well with Richard Braddy Co Area Dean a few days before.

The evening on 12th March went so well with 120 people witnessing Mother Karen being licenced by the Bishop Trevor and installed by Archdeacon Jo. It was such a moving yet personal service. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clergy that helped us in our time of interregnum. Your help and kindness was so greatly appreciated.

Mother Karen went straight to work taking both services on 17th and 24th March and plans to be the celebrant at one service each Sunday at St Saviour's in addition to the newly introduced service following Friendly Fridays on the 4th Friday of the month at 12.15pm. Christine has been showing her and Toast (her dog) the local area. Mother Karen's days in Westgate will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, but the logistics haven't been finalised just yet.

Lent has begun and the courses are being held and are well attended.

Susan Wing conducted 2 funerals on 11th March: for Ruth Shilling, a well-known lady around Westgate, and Mercia Beach, a faithful member of our 8am congregation. Our thoughts and prayers are with their friends and family at this sad time.

Lesley Valiant, Diocesan Chaplain to the Mothers' Union, will be celebrating Holy Communion on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10.15 starting on 11th April. All are welcome to the new weekday services.

We are both willing to stand for re-election at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 27th April at 10.30am in church, subject to nomination forms being obtained from Jean Glover and returned to Mother Karen before the meeting.

With our love and blessings

Chris and Christine



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

7pm Holy Communion

**With hymns and Stripping
the Altar followed by short vigil
and Compline**



Maunder

Thursday

18th

APRIL



The Licensing and Installation of Mother Karen Gooding to St Saviour's Church 12 March 2019.

The event was organised with unusual speed as notification of the appointment of Mother Karen was not received until 1 March 2019. Due to the reorganisation of the Thanet Deanery and the bringing together of the churches in the Wantsum Group, Birchington Group and St Saviour's church, it has been possible for Mother Karen to expand her ministry currently within the Wantsum Group to include St Saviour's. It was with delight that the Parochial Church Council accepted the proposals and to welcome Mother Karen.

The service began with the singing of the hymn 'God is working his purpose out' during which the choir from St Nicholas-at-Wade followed by Clergy and Readers, the Area Dean the Reverend Richard Braddy, the Archdeacon of Canterbury the Venerable Jo Kelly-Moore, host Churchwardens and the Bishop of Canterbury and Dover the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott processed from the west end of the nave. The Bishop then welcomed everyone to the service before formally presenting Mother Karen to the congregation. In his address the Bishop Trevor spoke of the need to look to the core aim of promoting Ministry through prayerfulness and to try to avoid being distracted by the ever present pressures of finance and upkeep of buildings. He was confident that Mother Karen would lead St Saviour's to a new future. There followed the second hymn 'We have a Gospel to proclaim' before the act of Licensing was conducted by Bishop Trevor. After the signing of the License, the act of Installation was conducted by Archdeacon Jo, during which representatives from the Thanet Deanery (Deanery Lay Chair), other local Church Denominations (United Reform Church), local schools (St Saviour Church of England Junior School) and Town Councillors (Westgate Town Council) welcomed Mother Karen to St Saviour. It was good to hear a sense of humour expressed creating a warm and relaxed ambience. During the next hymn, 'Let us build a house....', Archdeacon Jo led Mother Karen to the font to receive waters of baptism, the porch to toll a bell to herald the start of a new partnership between priest and people of God, 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 Mother Karen before the final hymn 'Guide me O Thou great Redeemer'. A great climax with the sound of the organ, choir and congregation at full throttle!

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.



Mother Karen's Licensing Service 12th March 2019

St Saviour's Church,

Westgate

Good Friday

SERVICES

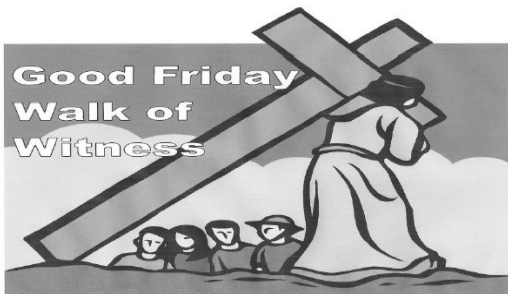


FAMILY SERVICE

**At 9.30am and
making of the**

EASTER GARDEN with the children

**Good Friday
Walk of
Witness**



**11am Walk
Of Witness**

From Christchurch URC



2pm to 3pm

Devotional Hour

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of The Friends of St Saviour's Church

The AGM is taking place on Saturday 13th April 2019 in St Saviour's Church. Light refreshments will be available from 10am and there will be an opportunity to support the raffle in aid of our funds. The meeting follows at 10.30 am and normally ends about 11am. The raffle is drawn at the end of the meeting.

During the meeting, reports will be given on our activities during 2018 and the grants given to the PCC for the upkeep of the church building and grounds; elections will be held for officers and committee members; and the independent examiner of our accounts for 2019 will be appointed.

Our current officers are Alan Harris (Chair), Christine Attwood (Secretary) and Ann Lawrence (Treasurer). Officers are elected annually but must not serve for more than 5 years in one post, unless a special resolution is passed with a majority of 75% of those present. The 6-committee members are Susan Bennett, Christine Bolger, Jill Fordham, Frances Morris, Joy Palmer and Sue Wells. Committee members are normally elected to serve for 3 years, retiring by rotation

By April 2019, Ann Lawrence will have completed 5 years as Treasurer and, having previously been Acting Treasurer for many years, has decided not to seek re-election. We will miss Ann at our meetings and thank her for looking after our money so well. Frances and Joy retire by rota but are willing to be re-elected to serve for the usual 3-year term.

You do not need to worship at St Saviour's to become a member of The Friends or to serve on the Committee so please see Alan or Christine, if you would like to know more.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 13th April.

Christine Attwood

Hon. Secretary

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
THE FRIENDS of ST SAVIOUR'S
CHURCH**



SATURDAY 13th APRIL

In ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

MEETING STARTS at 10.30am

ENDING at about 11am

Light refreshments available from



10 am



**RAFFLE in aid of funds drawn at the
end of the meeting.**

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

EASTER DAY

SUNDAY 21st APRIL

8AM HOLY COMMUNION SAID BCP

10.30AM SUNG FESTAL COMMUNION

**WITH EASTER CEREMONIES &
ANTHEM**



HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND REPORT

The work on the building of St. Saviour has now been completed apart from one high level masonry infilling item which will probably require a cherry picker to complete this task. We are hoping that this external work will be completed on Friday, 12 April, 2019. At present the contract with Pierra Ltd. has cost £120,611.74.

The Progress has been monitored by the HLF against the following Approved Purposes:-

- Perform structural repairs to the supporting stonework of the clerestory windows.
- Conserve the original Victorian glass and leadwork in the windows and install wire guards.

- Overhaul the rainwater goods system.

- Repair roof tiles where needed and masonry on North side of Chancel.

- Install new sink and cupboard.

- Upgrade the Church's website, including a new virtual tour of the Church.

- Produce a new educational display depicting the heritage of the Church.

- High visibility acknowledgement of the National Lottery funding awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund on site, online and in all activities.

Apart from the item described in the first paragraph, items 1 – 5 have all been completed. The Heritage Lottery Fund awarded a grant of £142,200 towards this project. We received £71,100 (50% of the grant) at the commencement of the work in July and once certain criteria had been fulfilled, we received a further 40% of the grant (£56,880). The remaining 10% will be withheld, partly as a 5% retention by the Contractor and also satisfactory completion of the above 1 – 8 criteria. Number 8 is an ongoing requirement to advertise our thanks for the Heritage Lottery Fund grant and to the players who contribute to the National Heritage Fund. We do fulfil this criteria by using the Heritage Lottery Fund logo and organising events wherever possible.

This leaves items 6 and 7 both of which are being worked on at present. The Church's web site is being upgraded and the virtual tour of the Church is in hand. You may have noticed that some of the new educational display depicting the heritage of the Church is already on display. The remainder of the display is being completed very soon and this will be followed by the production of a leaflet handout for visitors to the Church to follow as they walk around.

At present the balance in the Heritage Lottery Fund Community Account with Barclays Bank stands at £4,023.67.

Brenda Carter (St. Saviour's HLF Contact Person)



News from St Saviour's Church of England Junior School

On behalf of everyone at St. Saviour's C.E Junior School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Karen Gooding. Karen visited St. Saviour's today, dressed as a clown. Our children were hugely entertained by Karen and David's double act!

I look forward to work with Karen to continue the close links between church and school. During my twelve years at St. Saviour's, I have worked with five vicars and learned something from all of them. The support the school continues to receive from the team at St. Saviour's Church continues to be exemplary. On a personal level, the good counsel and common sense that comes from our foundation governors is a vital ingredient in the way we support and care for children. The values of Anglicanism, via the partnership from our local church and diocese, really do impact positively on all children at our school.

Many people may not realise that the Diocese of Canterbury provides an apparatus of training and advice for schools. Advisers like Rebecca Swansbury are constantly on hand to advise schools on how to deliver a more effective and diverse education. At a time of static budgets, increased demand and rising costs, being supported by colleagues from the church means everything. *Nick Bonell, Headteacher*



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.

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 May 2019 “The Link” is

Sunday 28th April 2019

St Saviour’s Church has large print Hymn books, Order of Service books and Pew Sheets (readings only) for use. Please do not hesitate to ask if you require one.

Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre

March came in and went out like a lamb this year - we have been able to enjoy such wonderful weather and now it is April and the Heritage Centre is looking forward to its summer programme, which begins on 1st May.

Our Annual General Meeting went well with 78 attendees, who received the Reports and Accounts for 2018 and listened to the plans for this summer. I gave a short talk on three of the donations we received in 2018 - a book, a cup and a picture. We also told the members about the special plans to spend the rest of the grant from the Co-op Local Community Fund that we had received to enable us to complete the commemorations of the centenary of the Great War, which we had started in 2014.

As those of you who were there or who look at "Westgate Matters" on Facebook, it is our hope that we may be able to present Westgate-on-Sea Town Council with two commemorative benches. One of these will be to commemorate the Royal Naval Air Service Station at St Mildred's Bay (1914-1919) and the men who flew from it to protect our shores. The second will commemorate the sixty-one men and forty-eight women of the Westgate Division of the St John Ambulance Brigade, who served as ambulance men and nurses in the VAD hospitals on the sea front, caring for more than 2000 sick and wounded servicemen between November 1914 and January 1919.

We have, in faith, ordered the benches, as we have to have spent the grant money by the end of June this year. I am having a very frustrating time at present trying simply to find out the hoops through which we have to jump in order to get them installed. Do we or do we not need full planning permission for each seat? How much does it cost to install each one? I was told I would receive an answer to my email to TDC in ten working days. Sixteen have passed so far and no word has been received, but we have felt obliged to set aside another £1000 for these formalities. (The benches cost almost £2500). The grant does not quite cover those extra costs, so they will come from the Heritage Centre's own funds. I just hope that I live long enough to see the plans come to fruition!

We look forward to our April talk by June Beechey on her memories of Westgate and hope for a good attendance. Unfortunately the Town Council has chosen exactly the same day and time to hold another meeting about the proposed housing development.

Our Summer Programme is now available. We have interesting talks. September 7th has been chosen to be our main event "The Day War Broke Out", which will be based on the memories of local people collected over the last few years. It will be linked with Heritage Open Day on 14th September, when the Second World War Air Raid Wardens' Post close to the Bakehouse will be open to the public for the first time, whilst the Heritage Centre will have talks and displays in the Town Hall Buildings. Our exhibition in August will also be based on the early days of the Second World War and how the people of Thanet coped.

We hope to see you at one or more of our events. Everyone is welcome to our meetings and Wednesday and Saturday Coffee Mornings, which start on 1st May. 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.

We welcome the Revd Karen Gooding to Westgate-on-Sea. We are sharing her with the parish of St Nicholas at Wade, so she will be very busy, but we look forward to her being with us at some of our events, as a very special guest. - or, of course, we would welcome her as a member!

Dawn Crouch



Heritage Centre has ordered 2 of these benches, which will be suitably inscribed

Help needed!

Did you, or anyone you know, attend St Saviour's School in the early 1970s? I have been contacted by someone who is trying to create a "memory box" for her mother, who is gradually losing her memory. The mother attended St Saviour's School 1973/74 after coming down from London to be "in care" at Apsly Rise Children's Home (71 Sea Road). A frightened, unhappy little girl of nine, she was greatly helped by the kindness of the head teacher, Mr Matthews. I have photos of Mr Matthews with various classes in the 1950s, but none from the '70s. If anyone has such a photo and would be willing for it to be copied, please contact me. I have already sent various pictures which have helped jog her memory, but one from that time would be fantastic. Her daughter said that her mother cried when she heard that Mr Matthews had died (he was in his nineties) because she had never forgotten how he helped her settle in. What a wonderful legacy for a school master.

Dr Dawn Crouch

Concert followed by Afternoon Tea in aid of The Friends of St Saviour's Church

The Friends of St Saviour's Church very much hope you will support a concert followed by afternoon tea on Saturday 18th May at 2.30pm in St Saviour's Church. Members of the Blend Singing Group are providing the concert and the cost of the afternoon is £5 per person. To assist with catering, the Committee is requesting payment at time of booking.

To reserve your place(s) please contact Christine Attwood on 01843 833314 or by email at cattwood2002@yahoo.co.uk Last day for booking is Wednesday 15th May.

THE FRIENDS OF ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
Presents
BLEND SINGING GROUP CONCERT
In St Saviour's Church
SATURDAY 18TH MAY
at 2.30pm
Followed by AFTERNOON TEA
£5 per person

To reserve your place(s) contact

CHRISTINE ATTWOOD 01843 833314 OR email
cattwood2012@yahoo.co.uk LAST DAY OF BOOKING

WEDNESDAY 15th MAY

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Annual	Egg	Palm
April	Friday	Rose
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Cross	Good	Sunday
Crucifixion	Hot	Thursday
Donkey	Lamb	Vestry
Dragon	Maundy	
Easter	Meeting	

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APRIL 2019

“APRIL showers bring forth MAY flowers” so the saying goes.
 Let us hope the weather will not be like the “Roaring Lion of March!”
 We also hope this month will bring more peace to our disturbed world.
 With daffodils and tulips making a beautiful sight.

The grass is green & growing fast.

And the birds have re-appeared at last.

The robins & blackbirds hop onto the bird bath,
 take a drink & wash to clean all their feathers,
 this they can do no matter what weather.

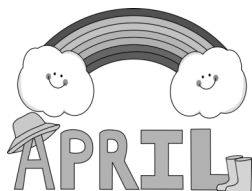
As dusk falls & the light slowly fades.

The large ginger cat went by stopped & looked through the window,
 gave us a stare.

It is good to just sit & look & think.

As the days go by and with hardly a blink EASTER is here!

Marie Evans



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

On their blog 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.



On their day off students making sorbet in the cafe



Making noodle soup and Sushi

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

Meeting 06/02/19, 13/02/19 and 06/03/19.

Minutes approved 25/03/19

Minutes 6 February 2019.

Seammarsh Group Ministry. No further progress. PCC Secretary to write to Arch-deacon

Worship and Mission. Requests to invite guest preachers at the 10.30am service were discussed but not taken forward pending a reply from the Archdeacon (see above)

Westgate Day. The idea for a Songs of Praise service was approved

Collection for Porchlight on 27 January 2019 amounted to £271

Update on Clerestory Window project. Work on the clerestory windows and rain-water goods completed. Snagging had identified some issues. No action on faculty application required until certificate of completion received from architect.

New vestry sink. Manufacturing delay of sink and worktop meant that work could not be completed before 7 February 2019. Church without sink and hot water for past three weeks.

Project Finance. The revised paper requested at the previous meeting was not prepared.

Insurance cover. Architect to be contacted for advice on insurance needs if snagging work not completed by 15 February 2019.

VAT refunds. Thanks to Alan Clark for submitting claim were recorded.

New vestry cupboard and replacement of coir matting in front of west door with wood flooring. No further progress.

Treasurer's report. The annual account to 31 December 2018 was discussed. A number of queries were raised. Account to be amended and considered at the next PCC meeting.

Churchwarden's report. Annual statistics for Mission were brought to the meeting. Usual Sunday Attendance had fallen from 44 in 2017 to 40 in 2018. Electoral Roll numbers had fallen from 73 to 67. Attendance for Harvest and during Advent had been adversely affected by the internal scaffolding.

Draft Licence agreement with the Westgate Heritage Centre. No further comment by the Diocesan Registrar, wherefore it was decided to accept the advice given that a license agreement was not necessary. Existing Memorandum of Understanding to be updated in consultation with clergy when appointed.

Friendly Friday first opening event had been very successful.

St Saviour's School. It was reported that there were difficulties in filling the Foundation Governor role left vacant by Revd Peter Rowe. The PCC were reminded that the church was the assembly point for the school in the event of emergency evacuation.

Friends of St Saviours. The recent coffee morning was well attended and £600 banked following renewal of membership subscriptions and raffle/refreshments proceeds.

AOB. Suggestion that the church be a collection point for spectacles for charity was not taken forward. Display of posters from local charities was approved. Clarity of the HLF article in the February edition of the Link magazine was given in that the sentence 'Accurate figures will be provided after audit' was meant to convey that the figures were incomplete and that these will be provided after the Independent Examiner's examination.

Minutes 13 February 2019. Meeting to consider amended annual accounts (see Treasurer's report above)

There was discussion regarding the inclusion of bank transfers from the deposit account as income which remained unresolved. Advice to be sought from the Independent Examiner. The figure for income tax recovered was disputed. Treasurer to review and amend account if necessary.

Donations for Charities and Missions shown as £621 collected and £921 paid to charities. Report stated amount paid to charities as £1608. Treasurer to review. There were other queries raised on the content of the Treasurer's report which will be revised for discussion at a further PCC meeting to be arranged.

A separate account for the HLF works was presented. A number of suggestions to improve the layout were made. Revised paper to be prepared for the next meeting.

Minutes 6 March 2019. Meeting to approve amended annual accounts (see minutes 13/2/19 above) and receive update regarding the appointment of Mother Karen.

Subject to a few minor amendments and inclusion of an explanation that the operating surplus was due to the receipt of a legacy amounting to £28461 without which there would have been a deficit in the year ended 31 December 2018, the account was approved. This will be presented to the Independent Examiner, who in view of tight deadlines had already started work on them.

The PCC were informed of the recent correspondence from Archdeacon Jo and Bishop Trevor leading to the appointment of Mother Karen, the date for the Licensing, preparation of invitations and the service booklet.

Saturday 27th April 10am Memorial service to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the B24 Liberator crashing In Westgate on Sea at the Plaque.



Retirement of the Bishop of Dover in May 2019

Bishop Trevor's Diocesan farewell will be on Saturday 11th 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



The Summer Fayre is to be held on 15 June Saturday 10-12 in church . We are making a special effort this time as we missed out on the Autumn one due to building works .

We need the usual raffle prizes . tombola .books ,good bric a brac ,gifts and jigsaws .We also need nearer the time cakes and savouries for our home produce stall

We are always open to new ideas for example games or different stalls .

Warm wishes to all Sue

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

Welcome

**TO OUR
FRIENDLY
FRIDAY
MORNINGS**

10am TO 12noon



**REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE,
ACTIVITIES**

OR MEET FOR A CHAT



Join Us!

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

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 6th April 10.30am TALK by Jill Beechey Heritage Centre Member

“Memories of Westgate”

Saturday 4th May 10.30am Illustrated talk by Dr Graham Field “The story of Kent Lodge, Westgate Bay Avenue”

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 13th April Friends of St Saviour’s AGM 10.30am

Saturday 20th April 9.30am Church decorated for Easter.

Saturday 27th April 10.30am Annual Meeting of Parishoners and Annual Church Meeting.



St Saviour’s Church has a Hearing Loop System



St Saviour's Church,

Westgate on Sea

FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 5th MAY

10.30am

All welcome

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services

8am Said Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist

10.30am First Sunday of the month FAMILY SERVICE

For Easter Services see notices

Thursday 4th April 9.30am St Saviour's School Service

Thursday 11th April 10.15am Holy Communion for Mothers' Union

Friday 26th April 12.15pm Holy Communion

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



1st 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





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

Scripture Union Minnis Bay
29th July to 9th 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 125th anniversary and for the next planning meeting on 1st 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.**



22nd July to 5th 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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