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The Link

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

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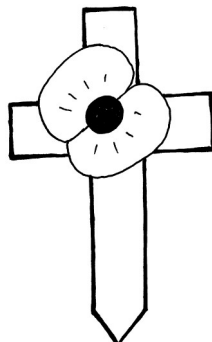
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FAMILY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

10.30AM



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
WESTGATE
ALL SOULS SERVICE



SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

3.30PM

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED
LOVED ONES

Dear Friends

As the days get shorter and we get used to the cold and rainy weather, we know that November is approaching and the poppy sellers will be 'on duty'.

My Aunt, was born just after WW1, when on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the guns of Europe fell silent. She was part of that band of committed and faithful people who are out every November, whatever the weather, selling poppies. In her case for over 50 years.



The first Armistice Day was held in 1919 throughout Britain and the Commonwealth, and came to symbolise the end of war and the beginning of peace. Since the WW2, Armistice Day became Remembrance Day to remember those fallen in both Wars and later conflicts with the nearest Sunday observed as Remembrance Sunday.

Why do we remember? Why do Christians observe Remembrance Sunday in church? What does the poppy have to do with the cross?

They are both symbols of remembrance and of hope.

It is thought the poem 'In Flanders Fields' inspired the use of the poppy. A Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote his now famous poem in the spring of 1915, after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

On Remembrance Sunday we can look back with gratitude to those who laid down their lives for their country that we might be free, and live in peace.

For Christians every Sunday is a remembrance of Jesus Christ laying down His life to reconcile us to God, so we might have life in all its fullness, and be thankful. As we receive the bread and chalice of red wine every Sunday we eat and drink 'in remembrance that He died for us, and feed on Him in our hearts by faith ...'.

The Poppy and the Cross are both about repentance. We do not rejoice in victory over former enemies but repent of the tragedy of all war, and we resolve to reconcile and not repeat those acts of war. In our Sunday church services we have a time to repent and say sorry for our mistakes and bad ways, so that we can be reconciled to God, and our neighbour. We say 'we are heartily sorry for these our misdoings'. The aim of repentance is reconciliation.

As we proclaim the virtue of peace on Remembrance Sunday it is not to dishonour or diminish the sacrifice of those who have died. As we stand in silence, our vision for peace, our efforts for peace and our prayer for peace, between neighbour and nations, are as timely today as they ever have been.

All Christians look forward to the day when Jesus the Messiah will return as Prince of Peace to establish His reign of Peace. In that new age, as Isaiah writes, ‘they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (2:4).

Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds but it is also deeply personal.

Why not take time this November to pause and reflect!

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

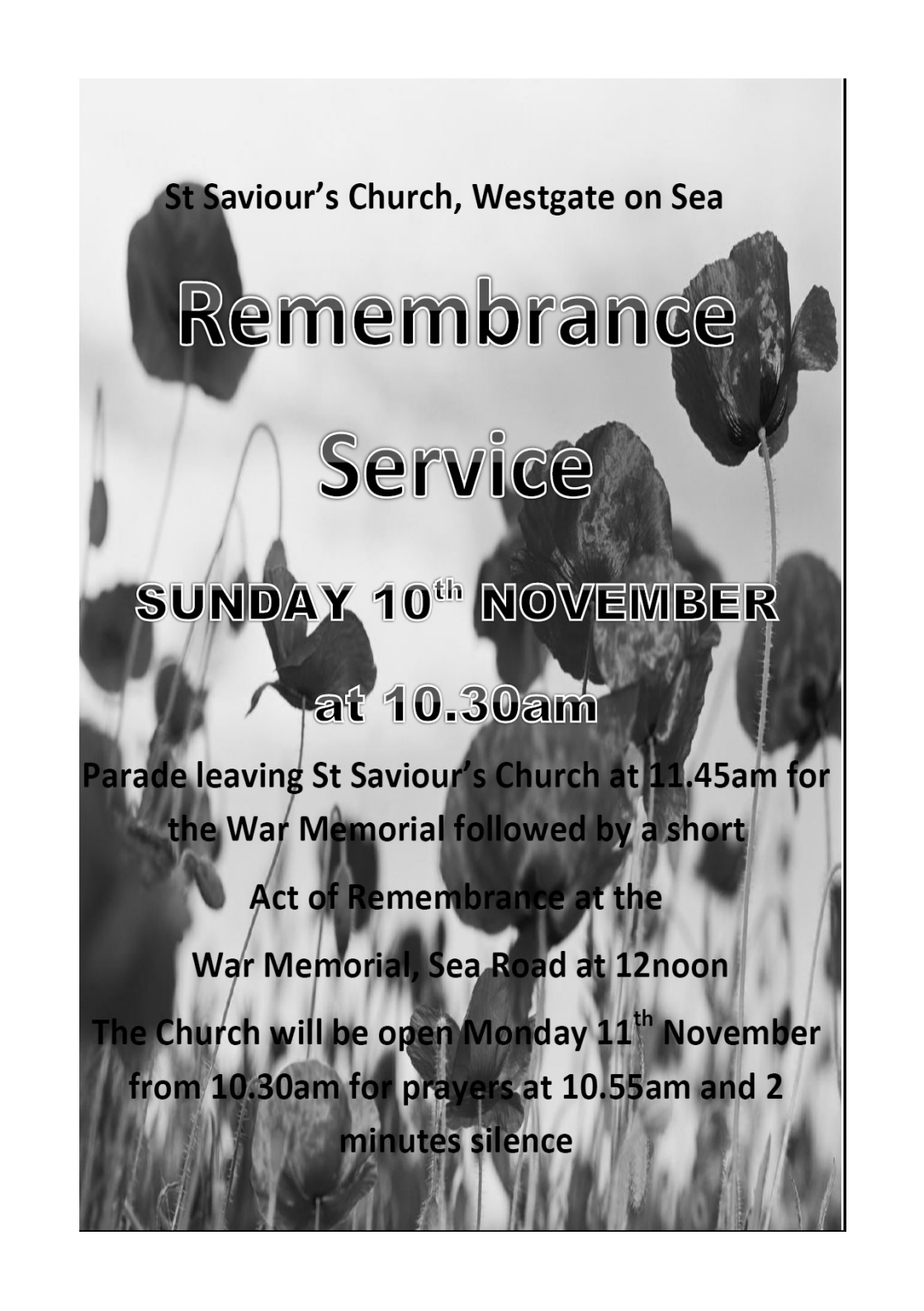
The Revd Lesley Valiant

“I should like to thank the friends from St Saviour’s for the magnificent flower arrangement I received. – my favourite autumn colours. It has given me a lot of pleasure and I am pleased to say that I am now feeling much better. God bless you all. Dawn”

Flowers for Dr Dawn Crouch and the late Brenda Carter

Both Dawn and Brenda served many years as churchwarden and, when both were unwell, Mother Karen and the present Churchwardens thought they would appreciate some flowers from their friends at church. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the special collection on 13th October. Half of the money raised was used to order some lovely flowers for Dawn from Flowers by Vanessa at St Nicholas-at-Wade, which were greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, Brenda was readmitted to hospital before her flowers could be ordered and her family has asked that Brenda’s share of the money be used for fresh flowers in church for her funeral. Kathleen and Joy will be doing the floral arrangements together, with Kathleen using fresh flowers. Money is still coming in and, to date, £45 has been received.



St Saviour's Church, Westgate on Sea

Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER

at 10.30am

**Parade leaving St Saviour's Church at 11.45am for
the War Memorial followed by a short**

Act of Remembrance at the

War Memorial, Sea Road at 12noon

**The Church will be open Monday 11th November
from 10.30am for prayers at 10.55am and 2
minutes silence**

Westgate-on-sea Paint the town Poppy Red

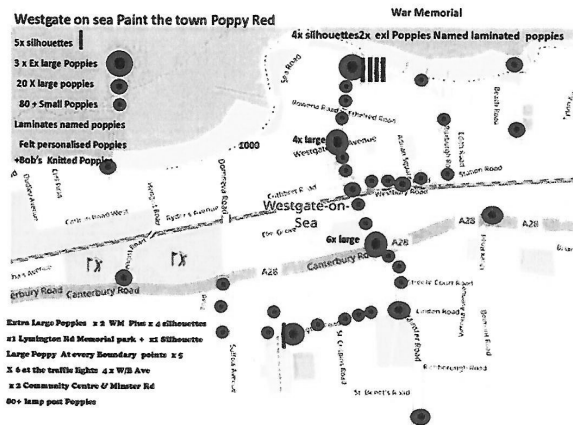
Recycling your old plywood & paint.

In 2018 my husband Richard Hambidge made a large poppy and silhouette soldier for Westgate's war memorial for Remembrance Day in honour of our war hero's.

2019 we want to make this bigger and better.

We with the help of Fixology & our Town Council, we are hoping to work with our local children in this project.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Look in your shed & garages for old plywood and Red and Black paint & donate it to our Paint the Town Poppy Red project.

Our vision is to have a poppy on every lamp post from Lymington Road Memorial Park, down to the traffic lights and all of St Mildred's Road to the War Memorial on Sea Road.

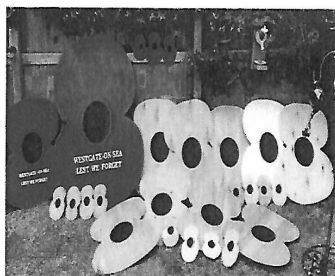
HELP US HONOUR OUR HERO'S.

For further information about how to get involved and support contact **Lorraine Hambidge** at Pottybird@ismyemail.co.uk 07989943256

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**WE NEED MORE
RED & BLACK PAINT
& PLYWOOD**



Working with Fixology at Westgate Fix it Don't bin it.

FROM THE REGISTERS

For those Baptised

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

Sunday 13th October Hugo-Jon, Herbert– Jack

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 , Joyce, Maureen, Bailey, Joan, Ken, Vanessa, Abbie, David

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 Mary Addison, Brenda

May Brenda rest in peace and rise in glory. Brenda's passing will leave a huge gap in St Saviour's life and we lovingly commit her to God and remember her family in our prayers at this desperately sad time. May God be with you all as you grieve. Mother Karen. “The funeral of the late Brenda Carter will take place on Fri 8 Nov at 2 p.m. in St Saviour’s Church followed by private cremation.”

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”

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

7th November 1944 Robert Duff 11th November 1942 Geoffrey Maxton

13th November 1944 George Lynas 14th November 1943 Ernest Hole

MY MEMORIES OF BRENDA CARTER

Liz and I were on a sort of Iona Community meeting, cum pilgrimage and holiday in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic when Christine Attwood copied me into an email announcing the death of Brenda Carter. This came as a great shock and sadness to us both, and Brenda has been and will continue to be in our prayers, as I am sure she is in yours.

I was only priest in charge of St Saviour's, Westgate-on-Sea, for two years, between May 2016 and May 2018. During all but the last month or so of my ministry with you, Brenda served her last two of a considerable number of years as both Churchwarden and Treasurer. With Christine Attwood, Brenda made us both very welcome when we arrived in Westgate and both were quick with practical help with any little teething problems as we settled into the vicarage and the parish. Both Christine and Brenda came regularly to the vicarage for churchwardens' meetings with me (and the cat, now alas passed on, who was always in attendance as we started, but lost interest when no grub was forthcoming) and I cannot say how helpful these meetings were to me. I will always be grateful to both for the help and encouragement I got from both churchwardens. Christine will understand if I now turn exclusively to Brenda.

It has been said that a firm or business has a good administration when you are not really aware of it. Brenda was like a good administrator behind a lot of what happened in the church. As the priest in the church two or three times a week to celebrate the Eucharist, I almost took it for granted that everything that needed to have been done by way of preparation of the altar, vessels, elements and so on would have been done. Everything was always ready, and that was down to Brenda, who I am sure made the lives of several priests at St Saviour's much easier as a result. As you prepare to celebrate the Eucharist, you try to recollect your thoughts and put yourself in a prayerful place. That is so much easier to do with a very good sacristan, which Brenda was.

Brenda also worked behind the scenes in other ways. She made herself responsible for organising Friday morning Eucharists and the drop in session that followed, and has since continued her work on Friday mornings, since the weekly Eucharist ceased, putting in the hours motivated by both her natural generosity and her willingness to share in the burden of the Heritage Lottery's requirement that the church be kept open for a certain number of hours each year. Her contribution in this area of the church's life will also be missed.

When early last year the church's main contact with the Heritage Lottery Fund decided to step down from that position, it was Brenda who volunteered to keep our show on the road at what was a crucial time as the final financial arrangements were

put in place, and she oversaw completion of the project. I was frankly astonished when Brenda offered to take all this on, and worried that it might be one act of generosity too many. I know for sure that I could not have taken things over as Brenda did. But that was like her, She thought about things, knew her own strengths, and once she had decided to serve in yet another way, she just got on with it. I loved her for that.

There are many other things I could mention about the goodness that Brenda showed in so many ways, in the life and work of the parish, pastoral care for not a few parishioners and others not particularly connected to the church, her wisdom based on having been around for a long time and knowing a lot of families' backgrounds (especially helpful to a priest at baptisms, weddings and funerals) and last, but not least for Liz and me, her personal kindness and concern for us both when life got a little stressful or illness marred to some extent our lives.

Brenda had her own ways of doing things, but in two blessed years that I worked alongside her I soon realised the truth of what our Lord said about how every good tree produces good fruit, and that by their fruit shall you know people. (If you want scriptural references, please look at Matthew 7:15-20 and 33-37; Luke 6:43-45; and James 3:8-12). The fruit that Brenda grew was good, and those privileged to know her a little, like me, saw that she could really be known by that good fruit. For some, this seemed not to be as obvious as it was to me, and I know that Brenda was sometimes deeply hurt by the opposition she experienced from a few, opposition that showed scant regard to her generosity and goodness, and which would have depressed and daunted me. But as well as being good, Brenda was also courageous. She soldiered on. By her death all at St Saviour's have suffered a great loss, but all can take comfort from the thought that the congregations of St Saviour's has nurtured a saint, who I am sure has already gone to her reward in heaven. If I have the good fortune to make it there myself, meeting Brenda again will not be the least of the good things that our Lord has in store for me and, I pray, for all of you.

With lots of love.

Peter Rowe



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.

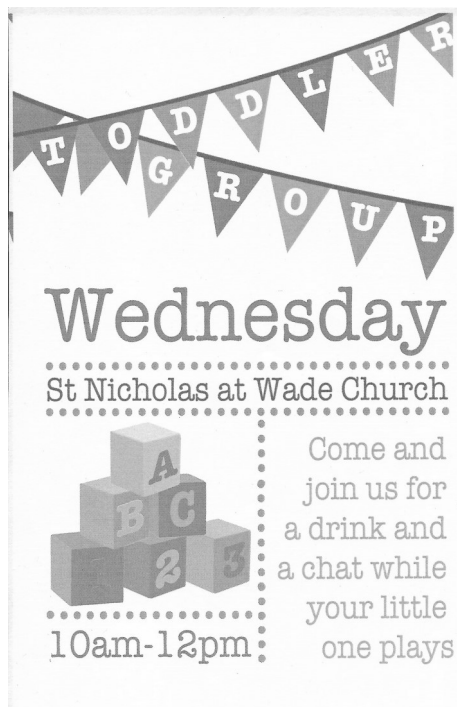
Donations of food needed for the Storehouse Foodbank, based at Birchington Baptist Church. Please support our local foodbank.

Thank you.



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 DECEMBER 2019 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2019



AUTUMN FAYRE

The Autumn Fayre will take place on 16 November 10 -12 am in Church . We would be grateful for donations of gifts for the raffle and tombola stalls ,good items for our white elephant stall ,toys and games and also anything you feel would be a good contribution .

Our home produce stall will be in need of cakes and savourys ,we have many good cooks who have kindly donated in the past. Thankyou Sue

LADIES

It's that time again when I ask you to look out any unwanted jewellery you may have hiding away."The Friends" are always so grateful for any contributions for their stall at the Autumn Fayre.Thank you all so much, Joy.



THANK YOU to Linda and Emma (Grandparent & Parent/Governor of St Saviour's School) for packing & taking **ALL** of the Church Harvest produce to The Storehouse in Birchington for the Church.

Marie and Stanley wish to thank everybody for their Anniversary wishes.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Seasonal messages will appear in the December edition of "The Link" . Messages can be hand written or emailed to Valda no later than SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER . Donations for sending greetings this way to be given to Graham Neve, Treasurer. ALL DONATIONS ARE FOR CHURCH FUNDS>



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

Plenty to be found

Home Made Food, Raffle, Jewellery,

Tombola, Books, Jigsaws,

Refreshments and more at the...

AUTUMN FAYRE

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER

10am to 12noon

Free Entry

Churchwardens' Report

We begin by recording our thanks to the late Brenda Carter, who served St Saviour's for many years as Churchwarden and PCC Treasurer and represented us at Deanery Synod. Our thoughts are with Brenda's friends and family at this time. We have received numerous lovely tributes from members of our own church family, members of other local churches and from others in the community. All have been shocked and saddened by Brenda's sudden death and said how they will miss her friendliness, kindness and professionalism in carrying out her many duties. Brenda was not afraid to take on tasks no matter how difficult. Many will know that she took on the project for repairing the clerestory windows and rainwater goods and improvements to the middle vestry when no other PCC member was willing to do so. This involved many hours dealing with our architect and the Heritage Lottery Fund. However, very few people will know that Brenda's concerns for public safety on Remembrance Sunday led to her grasping the nettle in 2014 to develop a traffic control plan (with limited assistance from the police) and set up a small group of church and community representatives to plan the annual procession and service at the War Memorial. Although Westgate-on-Sea Town Councillors have been on board since the Council came into being, much of the hard work was done in the first year and the control plan was so well thought out that it only requires a little fine tuning each year.

Having benefitted from Brenda's guidance and worked together as wardens for nearly two years, we feel confident to face the future and adapt to changes in the life of St Saviour's Church. However, neither of us has the time to take on all that Brenda did, nor should we. We are therefore looking to members of St Saviour's Church Family for support and working together as a team. We are very grateful to those who have stepped up in recent weeks to run Friendly Fridays (another of Brenda's initiatives) and to take on the role of sacristan. We hope to draw up a rota for serving refreshments at Friendly Fridays and need someone to co-ordinate the monthly church cleaning. Do please let us know if you can help.

During the past month, Mother Karen's name has been added to the "priests' board" by the main door, the defective bulb in the north aisle has been replaced, the urn has passed its Portable Appliance Test and a small band of volunteers has been working hard to cut down the shrubbery in the church grounds. Thank you. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen complications, the date for Mother Karen moving into our Vicarage has been postponed.

At our family service at the beginning of October, Harry, Charlie, Callula and Lydia were presented with books for good attendance. Well done! The following week, we used our new service books for the baptism of Hugo-Jon and Herbert-Jack.

Other highlights of October were the visit by children of Year 3 of St Saviour's School and the harvest celebrations in church by both the St Saviour's School and the Piggy Bank Nursery. Thank you to parents and carers of the nursery children for your many donations of food items, which were added to those kindly given at our own harvest festival. The windowsills and chancel area were overflowing with items until they were packed up and taken to The Storehouse at Birchington. We are so grateful to Linda and Emma for speedily packing everything up and taking the items to The Storehouse. There was hardly any room in Linda's car for her to get into the driver's seat.

Looking ahead to December, our annual toy service will be the Family Communion on Sunday 1st December at 10.30am. Toys (new or in good condition) given at the service will be donated to Oasis Domestic Abuse Service and a representative of the charity is coming to the service to tell us about their work.

With love and blessings

Chris and Christine

News from The Friends of St Saviour's Church

Sadly we have recently been advised of the sudden death of Mary Addison on 7th October. Many of you will not know Mary as she lived and went to church in Broadstairs. However, having grown up in Westgate-on-Sea, she was always interested in the town and a great supporter of both the Heritage Centre and The Friends. In fact, Mary served on the committee of The Friends for some 20 years until stepping down in April 2018. At the time of writing, we only know her funeral is on 6th November and is likely to be held at Queens Road Baptist Church, Broadstairs.

On a happier note, we are pleased to welcome a new (co-opted) committee member to serve from October until April 2022: Stephen Short, one of our bell ringers. At our AGM in April, we were unable to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by Frances Morris being elected as our new treasurer and, a few weeks later, Stephen kindly volunteered to join us.

We have recently granted £1,402 to the PCC for works carried out last year: grass cutting, cutting back shrubbery in the church grounds, portable appliance testing, organ maintenance and floor tile repairs.

We hope you will support our jewellery and gift stalls at the Church Autumn Fair to top up our bank balance and enable us to make further grants to the PCC towards maintaining the church building, organ and grounds.

Christine Attwood Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Statement for the month of September 2019

September

Income £6771

Expenses £3571

Surplus £3200

Total assets at 1 January 2019 £73895

Total assets at 30 September 2019 £80381

G R Neve, Hon Treasurer

Church Grounds Cut-back

Once again the shrubs around the church walls are neatly trimmed and looking cared for. Many thanks to everyone who turned up on Saturday 19th and/or 26th to accomplish this result. Despite the excessive rainfall this October (around 170% usual month's rainfall) we were fortunate to have two fine and comparatively mild days. The remaining shrubs along St Mildred's Road and down the cinema side together with clearance of the pile of trimmings will be tackled by Top Branch Tree Services who undertook similar work last year.

Thanks also to Christine for providing the tea/coffee refreshment on both occasions and to Valda for providing cakes on both occasions.

News from St Saviour's Church of England School

Children and staff at St. Saviour's are looking forward to our half term break. Children have worked diligently in the last seven weeks, I am really proud of their efforts. The school attended St. Saviour's Church today for our Harvest Festival Service, which was very well attended by families. I was amazed by the amount of food our school community has donated. Each year, the school asks for donations of none-perishable food on behalf of Birchington Food Bank. This food bank is very well-used by many St. Saviour's families. The introduction of universal credit by the government has placed several of our most vulnerable families under additional financial pressure as there is often a four to six week wait between making a claim and receiving benefits. This factor, alongside very low wages, insecure tenancies and short term work contracts forces families into food poverty as they scramble to cover housing costs.

Mrs Biggs (our Family Liaison Officer) and I visited a mother last week who had not eaten for two days as she was struggling to feed her children – she was waiting for a universal credit payment. Birchington Food Bank supplied the family with food and kept the children from going hungry.

Most food banks operate a referral-only policy, which helps in two ways. Firstly, only accepting applicants who have been referred by a profession (social services for example) or another charity (such as Shelter) blocks fraudulent claims. Secondly, the referral-only policy also compels those seeking food to engage with professionals or charities who can help tackle the root causes of their food poverty. Many of those who find themselves reliant on food banks have complex needs and may need support around housing, health or pathways back into employment. A box of groceries can help a family in the short term but many need professional help to avoid becoming dependent on food banks in the long term.

The work that St. Saviour's Church does to support the work of foodbanks, alongside the generosity of local families, shows how Christian values are enacted in our local community. We have been talking to our children this term about Thankfulness. I have used numerous collective worship sessions to remind children how lucky most of us are. The willingness of our families to donate food shows that this Thankfulness is felt by most of us; we are happy to share our good fortune by donating to others. I am thankful for the opportunity for our school to play a modest role in helping families in Thanet who might be struggling. *Nick Bonell.*

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

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

Refreshments available.

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER Illustrated talk by James Brazier “Trench Art”

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER Illustrated talk by Dave Morrish “Westgate’s Sea defences

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.

Sunday 3rd November 3.30pm All Souls Service

Saturday 16th November Church Autumn Fayre 10am to 12noon

St Saviour’s Church has a Hearing Loop System



CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services

8am Said Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist

10.30am First Sunday of the month FAMILY SERVICE

10.15am Mothers Union Holy Communion on the 2nd Thursday of the month - contact The Revd Lesley Valiant ALL WELCOME

12.15pm Friday Holy Communion monthly on the last Friday.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1st Westgate Rainbows Fridays 4.15 to 5.15pm

8th Westgate Brownies & Guides Fridays 5.30 to 7pm

Brownies for ages 7 to 10 years Guides for 10 to 16 years

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

Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre had a busy October. The October talk on “**Westgate, a place for schools**” was well attended and then, **on Thursday 17th October**, there was a short ceremony at St Mildred’s Bay, when the specially commissioned commemorative World War Two seat was presented by the Chairman of the Heritage Centre, Dr Graham Field, to the Chairman of Westgate-on-Sea Town Council, Cllr Martyn Pennington. The weather had been bad all week, but that morning the sun shone on the thirty or so people who had gathered to see the ribbon cut by Chris Sandwell, whose mother, Marjorie Clifford, was one of those commemorated, as she had served in the Westgate Auxiliary Fire Service in the Second World War at the nearby headquarters in Roxburgh Road. We were delighted to have Mother Karen with us to lead a short act of thanksgiving and remembrance and we are so glad that the seat has been installed in time for this year’s Remembrance ceremonies.

Later that day, I received an email to say that the Heritage Centre had been awarded a grant from the Co-op Local Community Grant Scheme for 2019/20. As most of you know we received a very generous sum last year for our First World War projects, which, among other things, enabled us to purchase the two Great War commemorative seats, so we are very pleased to be recipients yet again of money, which comes from the Westgate community (those who shop in our local branch are those who support us) to help us in projects of benefit to the community as a whole. We will keep you informed.

We look forward to our November talk, when Heritage Centre member, James Brazier, will give an illustrated talk on **Trench Art**, a subject about which most people know nothing. Mother Karen has given permission for some of his examples of beautifully decorated shell cases to be placed on the altar of the Memorial Chapel with the cross and candlesticks given in memory of Major Tyler of the Royal Engineers, who was “missing presumed killed” at the First Battle of Ypres in 1914 and who is commemorated on the Menin Gate.

Our calendar has sold well and there are only a few copies left and I am (God Willing) on course to complete the set of twenty plus booklets on the story of Westgate by the end of November, which is the 20th anniversary of my being awarded my doctorate.

Although we are not open during the winter, except for the talks on the first Saturday in the month, we can be contacted if anyone has a question about Westgate that they think we might be able to answer. Meanwhile we are looking at ways in which we can support the Town Council in its plans.

Dr Dawn Crouch Curator



Chris Sandwell cutting the ribbon



Mother Karen, Cllr Pennington, Chris Sandwell, Dr Graham Field, Dr Dawn Crouch (seated)

WESTGATE-ON-SEA HERITAGE CENTRE

Second World War Commemorative Seat



**This seat has been specially designed by David Ogilvie Engineering,
for the Heritage Centre.**

**It is now ready and we hope that it will be installed at St Mildred's Bay
before Remembrance Sunday**

The inscription is

**Donated 2019 by Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre to commemorate
civilian volunteers - ARP wardens, Home Guard, firemen, firewatchers,
police, ambulance workers and Women's Voluntary Service members
who provided safety and comfort to Westgate in the dark days of the
Second World War 1939 - 1945**

**The seat will cost just over £2200, which we hope to raise from
donations and special events. Please support the project to remember
brave and dedicated men and women, who can be so easily forgotten**



WESTGATE-ON-SEA HERITAGE CENTRE



- Calendar 2020 -

Westgate on Sea Heritage Centre Calendars NOW AVAILABLE Cost £5 each.

Plus Postage £1.50 First Class £1.35 Second Class if required.

Makes a wonderful gift. Available at Heritage Centre opening times and via website .

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

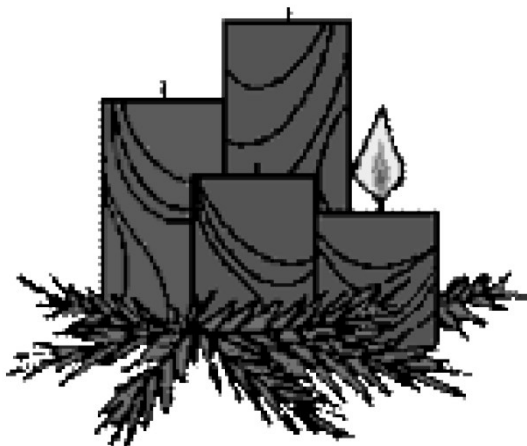
FAMILY COMMUNION

SERVICE

**Donate a new or nearly new clean toy
for children of Oasis Women's Refuge**

Sunday 1st December

At 10.30am



Westgate Art and Craft Group



**We meet every Tuesday afternoon
1.30 - 4 pm**

**Westgate Community Centre
Lymington Road**

**First three weeks are free
£1.50 a week including tea & biscuit**



**Westgate Art, Crafts & Cards group
Don Eacott 01843 833653**



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