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The Link

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St Saviour's Parish Church

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

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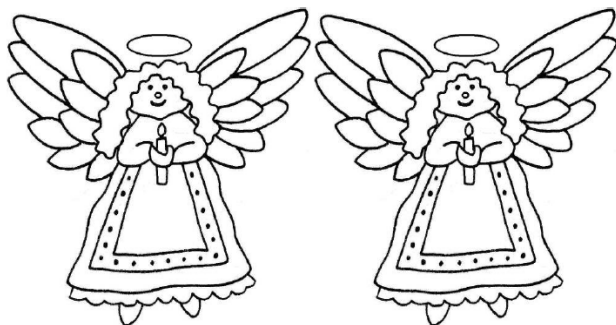
at ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

FOR CHRISTMAS

PRACTICE SATURDAYS

AT 5pm to 5.45pm

In CHURCH



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

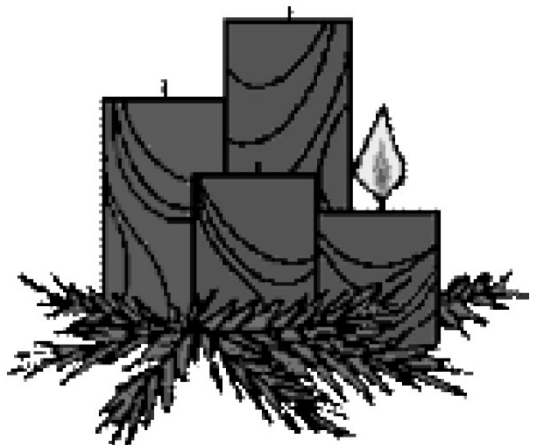
FAMILY COMMUNION

SERVICE

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

Sunday 1st December

At 10.30am



Christmas means so much to so many people- a time of memories, over-spending and exhaustion, joyful reunions and poignant meals with one less place at the table or children's plays and carol singing- there is something for everyone in the Christmas season. Often, too, it can bring regrets and disappointment because we have such high expectations of it all. What does Christmas mean to you?

There are so many answers to that question and many of us will be able to balance the positives with the aspects of Christmas we enjoy less; but sometimes there is a moment of magic- usually unprepared for and unexpected- in which we suddenly become aware again of the mystery and wonder we might have known, if we were fortunate, in years gone by. What is that magic?

Well, I suppose most of us would call it the Christmas Spirit. It comes in all sorts of guises- unexpected generosity or kindness; the innocence of children singing or a sweet memory evoked by a Christmas tree or lights in the dark and cold. There are so many ways to celebrate Christmas that it can feel as if it's taken over our lives completely for the month of December. Some folk, sadly, get anxious- and some can't cope because of the extra pressures- especially the pressure to be jolly! And all of this throws long and dark shadows as we notice the figure huddled in a shop doorway or glance at another envelope that has landed on our doormat asking for a charity donation. Christmas seems to highlight all of the good and bad in our world- and it can be overwhelming.

And this, of course, is what it's about. The mix-up of beauty and brokenness, joy and tears, anticipation and disappointment. When God chose to come to earth in human form He made sure, from the start, that He didn't miss out on any of our experiences. Homelessness- refugee status-unanswered questions about pregnancy and parentage and a very challenging collection of visitors were all part of the package for God-made-Man in Jesus. If we think about His strange entrance into the world, we might recognise that this season includes all of us and accepts us just as we are- not as we would like to be.

I hope that this thought might help to relieve you of some of the pressure to 'make it perfect' this year. Christmas has never been about perfection. The magic of the Christmas Spirit is the way it creeps up on us in our everyday lives and transforms us because of its message of love. We hope that you will want to come into church and spend a bit of time hearing again the message of the angels this Christmas; that the Christmas Spirit of love, joy, peace and goodwill will take you by surprise- as it

did Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Wise Men and that, with them, you will see the wonder of God's love for us all in the face of a new-born baby.

Mother Karen



CRIB SERVICE

Sunday 22nd December

At 3pm

There will be a real baby, Mary and Joseph and an invitation for all ages of angels and shepherds.

CHURCH DEEP CLEAN

Ann and I are going into the Church between 10 am and Noon on Tuesday December 10th to have a go at reaching some of the difficult to access areas which are likely to need a good clean and/or polish such as the lights, the organ pipes and the reredos screen. I hasten to add that this is no reflection whatsoever on the regular cleaners. For several years there was the practice about every six months or so on a Saturday morning for a team both male and female to come together to take this on – and very convivial these sessions were.

Please join us on the 10th if you can. Mother Karen is raring to go. As before, we shall have a tea or coffee break.

Alan Clark



St Saviour's Church, Westgate



CHRISTINGLE with CAROLS

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER

At 3.30pm

All welcome



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 , Joyce, Maureen, Bailey, Joan, Ken, David, Brenda W, Stanley

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”

Sheila Brace

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Frederick Clark 1st December 1943

Edwin Tyrie 11th December 1941

Bernard Setterfield 23rd December 1944

Church Warden Report

As we approach the busiest time of year within the church calendar and with so much other things in our lives going on its been hectic but we are still standing !

We are trying to maintain the smooth running of St Saviour's along side embracing new ways and ideas, with so much work behind the scenes. If anyone can help us or are interested in becoming part of the team that deliver the intercessions please contact us.

Remembrance services found the church so full for the All Souls service and Remembrance Sunday. Both services were moving and touched the hearts of so many people. Candles were lit in memory of loved ones during the All Souls' Service. On Remembrance Sunday the parade from church to the War Memorial at Sea Road was well organised. We thank everyone who helped in making this possible all the hard work and planning involved. We thought Westgate on Sea looked amazing with all the poppies. A big thank you to all involved in the Paint the Town Poppy Red Project.

On the 8th we said farewell to our dearest friend Brenda, so many people came to pay their final respects to her. The church was full and we gave her full church wardens honour by using out wands and parading her in in a traditional way.

Such a sad month to report on.

Moving on to happier things the autumn fair was a delight raising £846. The church was full and many cups of coffee with cake were served. We thank everyone who was involved in the organisation and running of the fair - you all worked so hard.

Facebook followers are growing in number but still needs to reach more people in the community, please follow St Saviours parish church and like and share the posts.

Mother Karen is moving into our Vicarage and we wish her love, peace and joy in her new home. We're sure that Westgate-on Sea welcomes her. We are so looking forward to December with our newly formed children's choir that is rehearsing each Saturday at 5pm. It's not too late to join more the merrier.

The Christingle and Crib services are two separate services this year (see elsewhere in the magazine for details) and we are both looking forward to seeing you all there

With love Chris and Christine

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

CRIB SERVICE

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

At 3pm



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.

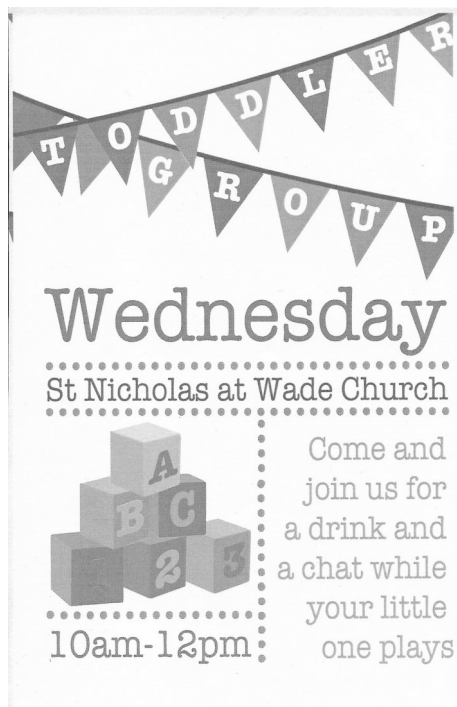
Donations of food needed for the Storehouse Foodbank, based at Birchington Baptist Church. Please support our local foodbank.

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 JANUARY 2020 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER 2019



Thank You so much!

Thank you to the following shops in Westgate who donated raffle and tombola prizes at the Autumn Fayre

EW hairdressers £10 voucher

Paul's Bar and bistro cream tea for two

The Card Gallery purse, scarf and soft toy.

Diocesan Prayer Cards for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Lent

The prayer cards are now available at the back of the church. Please take one.

The aim of the cards is to connect us together across the Diocese in prayer, with a focus on praying for mission and renewal. Suggested ways of using the card are:

- Helping those on the intercession rota prepare prayers.
- Having the collect as part of the service liturgy.
- Giving a copy to each member of church prayer and Bible study groups.
- Putting them out where they will be seen by people using the church building.
- Giving them to those no longer able to attend services due to ill health or old age. The cards can help people to feel connected in prayer to the life and mission of the Church.



**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
WESTGATE ON SEA**



CHRISTMAS EVE 24TH DECEMBER

11.30PM MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER

**10.30AM FAMILY COMMUNION WITH
CAROLS**



From the Friends of St Saviour's Church

Thank you to everyone who supported our jewellery and gift stalls at the recent autumn fair and a special thanks to Suzanne, who gave so many lovely things for the gift stall. With the decorated jars at the back of the church, which you are welcome to take in exchange for a donation, money is still coming in. To date, our takings from the fair amount to over £150.

Advance notice that I'll be after your renewal subscriptions next month. Membership remains at £2 per person for the 2020 calendar year and an ideal time to renew is at our annual coffee morning. This is being held in church on Saturday 25th January from 10.30am to 12noon.

Christine Attwood

Hon. Secretary

Help with Christingles

This year we are ringing the changes with our pre-Christmas services: a Carol Service with Christingles on Sunday 22nd December at 3.30pm and a separate Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 3pm.

If you can help make the Christingles, do come to the church on Saturday 21st December at 3pm. Christingle-making is usually a happy event at St Saviour's with much banter and we need to be finished by 5pm as that is when the children arrive for their choir practice.

We will also need help with looking after the children and their lighted Christingles on the Sunday afternoon.

If you can help, please contact the Wardens (Chris and Christine). Thank you





Season's Greetings

Christmas wishes and a Happy New Year to all,
from Thelma

Jean and Gill wish everyone a peaceful and
happy Christmas.

Beryl wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas,
Healthy New Year and many thanks for all your
prayers and help during this year.

Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Healthy 2020 to all , from The Neve Family.



Is All at St Saviours Church



It was so kind of you to
give us your harvest festival
food. We will use it well
to help many people who are
really in need

yours sincerely
Maddie Watters
(Team Leader)



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Advent
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Treasurer's Report

Statement for the month of October 2019

October

Income £3638

Expenses £3411

Surplus £227

Total assets at 1 January 2019 £80249

Total assets at 31 October 2019 £80604

G R Neve

Hon Treasurer

Donations of Crib figures any size and Christmas Tree decorations needed. Bring them to Church throughout Advent. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
ST. MARY MAGDALENE, MONKTON
FROM
SATURDAY, 7TH DECEMBER
UNTIL CHRISTMAS
COME AND JOIN IN – BE INSPIRED
YOUR GROUP, SCHOOL, BUSINESS, FAMILY

- **EVENT INCLUDES SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS AND COFFEE**
- **THE SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN – OPEN FROM 12 TO 6 PM ON SATURDAY, 7TH DECEMBER**
 - **AMAZING QUILT RAFFLE**
 - **FESTIVE MUSIC**
 - **NATIVITY SCENES**
- **FABULOUS NEW CHURCH LIGHTING**

TO JOIN IN CONTACT Denyse -
denysecole@btinternet.com
Or Kay – shudy@talk21.com

TIPS FOR TREES

- ❖ **ARTIFICIAL TREES ONLY UP TO 4 FEET**
- ❖ **BATTERY OPERATED LIGHTS**
- ❖ **CONTACT AND EXHIBITORS' NAME ON TREE**
- ❖ **SET UP AT CHURCH FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER OR BRING COMPLETE**

News from St Saviour's Church of England School

The final two weeks of this term look set very busy at St. Saviour's Church of England Junior School. I have been listening to our Year 3 children practise their Nativity play carols over the last week or so. There is something very moving about seeing Year 3 children overcome their nerves and speak or sing in front of a large audience. The work that goes into these productions is extensive; parents make or buy costumes and help their children to learn songs and dialogue, school staff prepare staging and props. I am looking forward to watching my thirteenth St. Saviour's Nativity!

In addition to the Nativity, teachers will be hosting year group parties for children. Christmas parties in the afternoon are a lovely opportunity for children to unwind, sing carols and play party games. Over the years, we have developed a strategy whereby we fill the children with sugary food just in time for them to leave school and be collected by parents! The food for the parties is also kindly donated by parents.

Christmas food is also distributed by our Family Liaison Officer, Vicky Biggs. Mrs Biggs and I have identified several families who may appreciate a helping hand at this expensive time of year. It was very heart-warming to be contacted by a parent who received a food package last year (due to suddenly losing her job), she finds herself in a more secure financial position this year and was very keen to return the favour and help other needy families. This desire to help others shows that Christian values alive and well in our community.

On behalf of everyone at St. Saviour's Church of England Junior School, I would like to wish everyone at St. Saviour's Church a very happy Christmas.

Nick Bonell, Headteacher



Thank
you



Thank you to everyone who knitted hats for the Sea Farers, a total of 30 hats were sent.

Thank you, Barbara Yates

WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDLY FRIDAY MORNINGS!

Friendly Friday is a very informal social group held every Friday morning between 10 am to 12 noon, at St Saviour's Church, Westgate. There are refreshments available and newspapers to read. There is also a weekly book sale offering a wide variety of books. Colouring tables are provided for those who would like to take part in this increasingly popular activity (all materials are provided) ! Our colouring work is displayed on a board at the back of the church. You can just simply meet for a chat!

Please join us! All are welcome! You will be assured of a very "Friendly" welcome!

Valerie Lamb

[Co-ordinator of Friendly Friday]

2) THE BEGINNINGS OF FRIENDLY FRIDAY

On Friday 1st February 2019, the late Brenda Carter, myself and members of the Social Activities Group, begun a new social group at St Saviour's Church for parishioners and people from the wider community of Westgate. This group became known as "Friendly Friday". This replaced the previous "drop in" session that used to follow the former Friday morning Eucharists. Some of the reason for us volunteering to start the "Friendly Friday" group was to fulfill the grant terms of the Heritage Lottery Fund. In May. 2018, historic St. Saviour's Church was fortunate to be awarded a Heritage Lottery Grant to carry out vital restoration work. This saved the church from certain closure, as the windows were dangerous. However, St Saviour's has had to comply with the Heritage Lottery Fund Terms of Grant, in that the church must be kept open for at least 40 days (=80 half days) each year, outside of the regular hours of worship. This Term of Grant applies for a period of up to 10 years after project completion. The "Friendly Friday " weekly group is helping greatly to account for these hours, and we are very grateful for all of your support. Thank you.

Valerie Lamb [Co-ordinator of Friendly Friday]

There will be NO Friendly Friday 27th December

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**

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

Meeting 18/09/19.

Minutes approved 30/10/19 without amendment

Matters arising. Autumn Fair (item 9ii). Mrs Susan Bennett had agreed to continue to organise this event with assistance from the Social activities group. Stall holders were to be responsible for setting up their stall and removing unsold goods afterwards. Floats would be available from the treasurer. Revd A Way agreed to provide music in the grounds. Offer to approach local shopkeepers gratefully received. **Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) (item6iii).** The situation regarding VAT had not been sufficiently understood at the previous PCC meeting to reach agreement. No one doubted that the HLF had closed their interest, having been satisfied that the correct grant had been paid. A meeting was held on 19 August between PCC HLF contacts, PCC treasurer and PCC VAT coordinator to try to clarify position. Minutes of that meeting were provided. Lengthy explanations followed but no agreement reached on the possible outcomes, which were then put to a vote. There were no votes in favour of repaying the whole of the VAT recovered (£24256.23), but 8 members voted in favour of repaying £2610.37 being the amount funded by the HLF. There was also agreement that no further claims to recover VAT should be submitted in respect of this project. There were two votes in favour of not repaying any part of the VAT recovered.

Worship and Mission. Harvest. Arrangements to decorate the church were confirmed. Nave altar to be used to make the family communion service more friendly. Arrangements for the All Souls service, Remembrance Sunday service and Armistice Day were confirmed. **New order of service** for baptisms would be ready for use in the next baptism service to be held on 13 October.

Treasurer's report. Summaries of all transactions for July and August 2019 previously circulated. Renewal of Boiler Breakdown cover was approved given increase of £23.72 over last year. The Mothers' Union communion service for Mary Sumner Day realised a collection of £16.50. Ideas for using money currently held on deposit to improve the church building and grounds to be brought to the next meeting.

Churchwardens report. Notes of meetings held with Mother Karen previously circulated. Tenancy agreement for vicarage due to expire 5 October. Discussions in hand regarding proposal for Mother Karen to relocate from St Nicholas-at-Wade vicarage.

Correspondence. It was agreed that the number of Diocesan prayer cards received from the Changing Lives Prayer network be increased to 25. Invitation to be sent to Porchlight to come to speak at church services on 26 January 2020. Retiring collection to be held in aid of Porchlight. Discussion regarding the fee to be charged for memorial services. Agreed that fee should be equivalent to the cremation service fee.

Additional bells for tower. Proposal to augment the number of bells from 6 to 8. Correspondence showed the cost to be £20984 plus VAT. Consideration of the proposal deferred to next meeting.

Any Other Business. Harvest lunch. Arrangements for 5 October to be overseen by the Social Activities group. Annual grounds cutback to take place on 19 and 26 October.

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

Saturday 4th January 2020 10.30am Talk “Westgate in the Second World War”

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.

Monday 16th December St Saviour’s School Carol Service for Families

Tuesday 17th December 10.15am Christmas visit by Piggy Bank Nursery

Wednesday 18th December 9.30am St Saviour’s School Service

St Saviour’s Church has a Hearing Loop System



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, WESTGATE

FAMILY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY

10.30 AM

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

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

12noon Friday Holy Communion monthly on the last Friday.

There will be NO Friday Holy Communion at 12noon this month.

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

Our November talk on “Trench Art” by James Brazier was very special, as it linked the end of our commemorations for the centenary of the First World War with those for the 80th anniversary of the Second. It was, as usual with our talks for that month across the years, a tribute to those who had given their lives in the cause of freedom and peace and it did not disappoint.

Unfortunately we did not know when we drew up our programme earlier in the year that, on the day of the talk, one of the most important events in English sporting history would be taking place at exactly the same time! It was also one of the wettest and windiest Saturday mornings we had endured for a long time. Our numbers were, therefore, down from what they usually are and many people missed a treat.

The church looked beautiful. Mother Karen had agreed that some of James’ lovely decorated brass shell cases might be placed on the altar to flank the cross given in memory of Major Alfred Tyler who died in 1914 at the First Battle of Ypres. Three pairs were used, including the two, simply inscribed with the dates 1914 and 1918, which had been used in November last year to weigh down the Union Flag, which draped the new commemorative wall at the Lymington Road War Memorial Recreation Ground before the unveiling ceremony. The photograph in the Link cannot do them justice, as it is not in colour, but there is a large coloured photograph available for the church’s display. The altar candles were lit and the spotlights switched on and candles also burned in the candle stand.

The talk was moving and informative - it was a subject that most of us knew little about and James ranged from the Boer War to the present day with pictures of articles of every kind and of every material that could be imagined. Some had been made by Prisoners of War recycling whatever was at hand - from animal bones to scraps of wood. We were reminded that the most prestigious award for gallantry, the Victoria Cross, is an example of Trench Art as the medals are made from bronze Russian cannon captured in the Crimean War.

Our December talk by Dave Moorish is on the sea defences built to protect the coastline from erosion - something to which Thanet has always been prone. Archival evidence in the form of the deeds of farmland near the cliffs of Westgate and Westbrook show that many acres of land were washed into the sea over the years. Building sea walls was the priority of the early developers of Westgate. Many people can remember the “chalk stacks” at West Bay which were clearly visible before the sea walls around our two bays were finally joined together in 1957 by Margate Borough Corporation to celebrate the centenary of its charter. One of our members remembers going on a boat trip with his mother to see one which used to be near the site of the present West Bay café.

The Heritage Centre would like to wish all readers of The Link a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. We have an exciting programme ahead for 2020. Do come and join us.

Dr Dawn Crouch Curator



Chapel—courtesy of James Brazier



Chalk tack—courtesy of Chris Whittingham

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**

Benjamin Britten's

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

Experience Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* in the atmospheric setting of Rochester Cathedral's medieval Crypt as performed by the Rochester Cathedral choristers and harpist Carys Hughes.

Saturday 14th December 2019, 7pm

Doors: 6.30pm, unreserved seating

Tickets £20 including drinks reception

Tickets available in the Cathedral shop and

www.rochestercathedral.org

Rochester
CATHEDRAL
Growing in Christ since AD604



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**

NOVEMBER 2019

Now it is NOVEMBER there are 2 dates to remember.

NOVEMBER 5TH GUY FAWKES NIGHT & NOVEMBER 11TH REMEMBRANCE DAY.

November 5th A plan to blow up Parliament, this reminds me of a dance we used to do.

In my words Brexit in, Brexit out, in out in out you shake it all about,
You do the Hoakey Coakey & turn around, that's what it's all about.

In out, in out!!

11th November when we remember all Service men & women & people & children
who died in Wars.

Let us hope there will be no more war & that peace remains.

Marie Evans

DECEMBER 2019

The last month of the year December is here.

It is dark by 3pm so we can stop & drink tea and look & see what is on the TV.

Now excitement is stirring as Christmas draws near.

There are cards to write & gifts to buy.

Cakes to bake & puddings to make.

But we must not forget what Christmas really means.

The birth of Our Lord Jesus HIS BIRTHDAY.

We all go to Church to give our thanks & take Holy Communion and keep HIM in our
Hearts.

A Happy & Blessed Christmas to you all.

Marie Evans





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?

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