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ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, WESTGATE

FAMILY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY

10.30 AM

ALL WELCOME





Children Come and Sing
At Saviour's Church, Westgate

Practice Start

Saturday 18th January

5pm to 5.45pm in Church

ALL WELCOME

Dear friends,

A very Blessed and Happy New Year!

The Christian Church has always cared for hard pressed working people. Those who drew up the Church calendar put feast days together - holy days - to give everyone 'holidays'. So the mid winter pagan festival was converted to Christ's Nativity and the days that followed were made into holidays by dedicating them to saints, that is St.Stephen (Boxing Day), St.John the Evangelist (who writes about Jesus as The Light of the World) December 27th, then the Holy Innocents on the 28th. In England we were given another feast, the Martyrdom of St.Thomas Becket (29th). January 1st. was dedicated to the Naming of Jesus – his circumcision and then on the 6th. his Epiphany, his showing to the world. The Greek Church celebrates the Epiphany with special emphasis given to Christ's Baptism as an adult. Why not join the Margate Greek Orthodox congregation on the afternoon of January 12th. for the Blessing of the Sea - it's a great occasion! The season of Christ's light continues with the feast of St.Paul's Conversion to Christianity, January 25th (put exactly a month after Christmas) and finally on the 2nd of February there is Candlemas, when candles are lit in churches to celebrate the infant Jesus being Presented in the Temple, and Simeon declaring him to be 'The Light to Lighten the Gentiles'.

I love the Church's year and the keeping of saints days because the annual repetition mirrors the seasons of nature and the saints remind me of those who have gone before us giving us examples to follow and prayerful support, which I need. When I was vicar of Banstead, very close to the racecourse at Epsom Downs, I used to think of my own life as being like that of a horse race with the saints all along the rails cheering me on.

2020 is a very special year for Canterbury, our Diocese, Roman Catholics, Anglicans and all Christians who find inspiration from the life and witness of Thomas Becket. 2020 is the 850th anniversary of the 'translation' of his mortal remains from the Canterbury Cathedral crypt, where they lay buried for 50 years, to the Trinity Chapel, which had been especially constructed, and into a golden shrine. 7th.July 1220 was an international occasion. Celebrities included the young King Henry 3rd, archbishops and bishops from all over Europe. The English monk Matthew Paris wrote this, 'present were the incomparable artists, Masters Walter

of Colchester and Ellias of Dereham, by whose advice and skill everything necessary for the making of the Shrine, its erection and the translation had been impeccably prepared.'

Andrea and I are guides at Canterbury Cathedral and we are often asked about things to do with Becket. We have to reply that every physical thing about him was destroyed by Henry 8 in 1538. I was ordained Deacon at the Cathedral in 1970 (the 800th anniversary of Becket's martyrdom) and have long been fascinated by what Becket's shrine may have looked like. My guardian angel came to my rescue. While volunteering at the Margate Pilgrims Hospice Bookshop three years ago I discovered this book – *Thomas Becket: his last days* works by William Urry (Cathedra archivist) and edited by Peter Rowe. When next at St.Saviours I asked our vicar if he was the said 'Peter Rowe' and low and behold he was ! Peter has been immensely helpful in my research for which I am very grateful. I spent a winter researching , drawing and painting a picture of the shrine that I could show to our pilgrim visitors. I was then asked to share my work with Cathedral volunteers and staff and from these I have been invited, in this special anniversary year, to share my findings with church and history groups around Kent. I am very happy to consider giving my slide talk to any interested group. Please ask.

There will be lots of opportunities to enter into the Becket celebrations in Canterbury throughout 2020. 850 years may seem a very long way from us and our present lives. John Guy in his recent book on Becket has found new evidence that during Becket's 6 years in exile in France he studied the lives of tyrannical rulers and how Christians should stand up for those who were oppressed by tyrants. I think he died because he stood up for the ordinary people and poor clergy of the Church. He became the patron saint of the English clergy and an immensely popular support to the sick and needy who came on pilgrimage down the centuries to ask for his prayers. It was a tyrant who destroyed his shrine and attempted to expunge his memory. There are plenty of tyrants in today's world from those who perpetrate domestic abuse to the leaders of countries who pursue racism and climate change denial. We still need the example and prayers of Thomas Becket!

Father David Chance.



Thelma, who is in a care home in Deal whilst recovering from her recent fall, included this message in her Christmas card to us all:

This is a lovely home and I am well fed and cared for. The staff are wonderful. My right leg has been in plaster of paris from toes to knee. My broken ankle bones have to stay put for 6 weeks. 2 weeks left and then it can be stood to plaster of paris for another 4 weeks. My wonderful Pat and neighbour Alan visit me weekly. CMT is a horrible disease. A CMT fall caused the accident.

To everyone at St Saviour's. Thank you for your prayers, cards and good wishes. This gives me Christmas joy as we remember Jesus' birthday. Season's greetings at Epiphany. A New Year of 2020 and goodbye to 2019!! Happy New Year to everyone. God bless the Ministry Team, all who serve The Church

Thelma Blanche Franks

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, Thelma, Carol

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

The Revd Stanley Evans

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”

Simon Moores

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Benjamin Jefcoate 9th January 1943

Wilfrid Smith 28th January 1942

Churchwardens' Report

After the sadness of October and November, December was a much happier month as the church building was cleaned in places we cannot normally reach and then decorated for Christmas before the special services took place. Thank you to everyone who helped with the cleaning on 10th December, decorating the Christmas tree and making the Christingles. A big thank you to Kathleen, who spent many hours decorating with fresh flowers and greenery and candles. Thank you too to everyone who contributed decorations. Sorry that we could not use them all.

St Saviour's School held their evening carol concert for families, which ended with the usual riotous singing of the Twelve Days of Christmas, and an end of term carol service, which included Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer sung in Spanish. Both the concert and service enable parents, carers and church representatives to appreciate the fantastic talent of the children.

Pre-Schoolers from the Piggy Bank Nursery came with their helpers on 17th December. Mother Karen, Valda and Christine had a lovely time singing new and familiar songs. As our visitors walked to the door on the way out, we all sang Jingle Bells and the children played our Family Service instruments.

This year, our carol service included Christingles and a Crib Service was held on Christmas Eve. Although the total attendance was lower than for the Christingle service in previous years, it was much higher than both of us expected. Adults joined the children in forming a ring in the outside aisles at the carol service to sing Away in a Manger by candlelight and it was lovely to see some of the families back again for the Crib Service.

Our Saviour's birthday was celebrated with a midnight communion with carols and a Christmas Day family communion with carols. Attendance at these services was slightly up compared to 2018.

On behalf of Oasis Domestic Abuse Service, thank you for the donations of toys, toiletries and nappies. Daisy from Oasis left with a very full car after the service on the first Sunday of December and returned just before Christmas to collect the toiletries and nappies. She will be calling in every couple of weeks to collect further donations for the mothers at the refuge.

We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items for The Storehouse Food Bank in Birchington and are grateful to Mother Karen, Linda and Emma for taking the items to the Storehouse. If anyone can help with transport on Thursday mornings between 10am and 12noon, please let us know.

Have you noticed that the gate at the Ivanhoe Road entrance is missing? There is no need to panic though as it has been taken away for repairs. Other maintenance work carried out in December was the 6-monthly organ tuning.

We end by recording our thanks to Neil, who retired recently after being responsible for digging and filling the plots in our Garden of Remembrance for some 25 years in all sorts of weather. As a token of its appreciation, the PCC gave Neil an Amazon Gift Card

With love and every blessing for 2020

Chris and Christine



The Crib and Figures at St Saviour's Church are in need of renewal.

Mother Karen thought that it would be very fitting if donations were given towards new Crib Figures in memory of The Revd Stanley Evans who served the Parish for 30 years. This would ensure Stanley would be remembered at Christmas tide.

The Crib Service has fond memories of Stanley and was a Service that Stanley loved, particularly seeing the children singing Away in a Manger around the Crib.

Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre

The December meeting of the Heritage Centre was very interesting. Dave Moorish, who is a retired Civil Engineer, gave an illustrated talk on "Sea Defences". It included many references to Westgate's sea walls and their importance, but went much wider than just Thanet. I am sure I'm not the only one who found it very informative and, of course, it is very relevant today with so much anxiety about rising sea levels and the consequences. We should like to thank Dave for having the confidence to make a presentation. We hope that it will inspire others with special interests or expertise to follow in his footsteps. As I frequently say, that is what the Heritage Centre is all about - to inspire individuals to research something of interest to them and then to share it with us all.

Now it is almost 2020 (I am writing this on 30th December) and we have a busy time ahead. We have an ambitious "rolling" programme which will cover how Westgate was affected by the Second World War, based on the memories of those who were around at the time. The programme title is "We Have a Story to Tell". Part 1 was covered in September last, when we remembered "The Day War broke Out". At our meeting on January 4th we will present Part 2 - "The Phoney War - September 1939 to April 1940". It will again be based on local stories, intertwined with material from such sources as St Saviour's School Log Book. James Brazier has promised to bring some samples of artefacts from his collection. Do come along to help us start off the New Year with a new project.

Our calendar sold out, which delighted us. I have completed the series of booklets on the history of Westgate, which is now available. All areas of the town have been covered and often new material, including new illustrations, has come to light.

We are deeply saddened to lose another member of the Heritage Centre, who was so faithful and enthusiastic. The Revd Stanley Evans, who was Vicar of St Saviour's from 1972 to 2001 died just before Christmas. Until ill health overcame him a few months ago, he attended the Saturday meetings and was so pleased to see friends who he sometimes had not seen for a long time. On behalf of his friends and family I should like to thank those who used to come over to speak to him, when he became increasingly immobile and unable to get to them. I know that it made him very happy. There are many in Westgate and around who will not forget him.

Dr Dawn Crouch Curator

From the Friends of St Saviour's Church

Everyone is welcome to join us at our annual coffee morning to be held on Saturday 25th January from 10.30am to 12noon in Church. Admission is free but there will be a small charge for refreshments. There will also be a raffle and the opportunity to join us or renew your existing membership for the 2020 calendar year.

The annual subscription is only £2 but donations to round up to the nearest £5 are always appreciated. Forms will soon be available at the back of the Church and Susan, Frances and I will have plenty with us on the day.

Please note you do not need to worship in St Saviour's Church to become a member.

Christine Attwood

Secretary

About the Friends of St Saviour's Church

The Friends exist to assist and support the Parish Priest, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Saviour's Parish Church to

maintain, repair, renew, improve and enhance and extend the structure and fabric, furniture, furnishings, fixtures and fittings of St Saviour's Church (including the bells and organ) and

(b) maintain and improve the garden and grounds of the Church including the surrounding walls

The Friends gave a grant of £1,402 to the PCC in 2019 to cover costs of maintaining the church grounds (cutting the grass and cutting back the shrubs and taking away the debris), Portable Appliance Testing (PAT), organ maintenance and floor tile repair.

Various fund-raising events are held during the year including: coffee mornings in January and April, stalls at the Church Fairs and a very popular annual strawberry tea.

**THE FRIENDS OF ST SAVIOUR'S
CHURCH, WESTGATE
INVITE YOU TO A
COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 25th JANUARY**

10.30am to 12noon

Small Charge for Refreshments Raffle

ALL WELCOME ADMISSION FREE

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR IF YOU ARE
NOT A FRIEND OF ST SAVIOUR'S JOIN NOW
ONLY £2 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

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.

Toiletries and Babies nappies are collected

At the back of Church for Oasis.

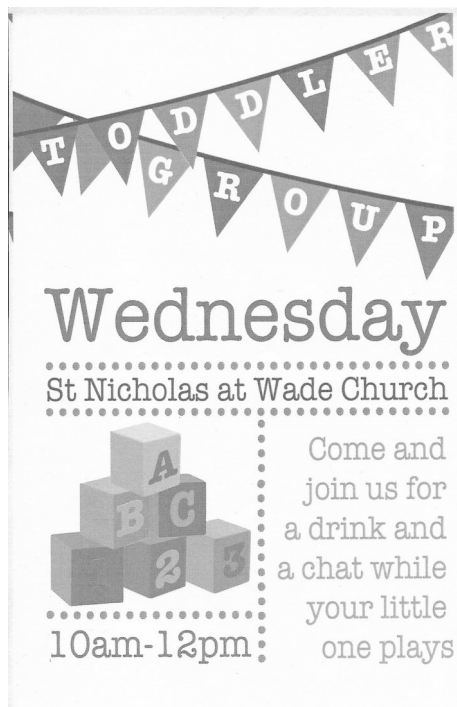


Whilst you are welcome to take and enjoy a copy of “The Link”, donations towards the cost of printing would be appreciated.

The deadline for FEBRUARY 2020 “The Link” is

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Porchlight supports vulnerable and homeless people across Thanet and Kent. We are grateful for the generous and continued support of St Saviour's Church. It has, and will continue to, transform lives like that of Becky. Thank you!

Becky's story

Like many women who've been homeless, Becky has experienced violence and sexual assault.

"My trust in people has been shattered over the years but Porchlight have taught me that not everyone's bad." She spent large periods of her adult life homeless. Now aged 28, she wants to use her story to educate others.

"Being homeless is not a choice. There needs to be more understanding of people's stories."

Becky's homelessness was related to issues stemming from a traumatic childhood. Like many vulnerable women in this situation, she was exploited and abused.

"Occasionally I would be kicked awake by drunks or spat on and told to get a job. I'd have to move around three or four times a night to find somewhere safe enough to get a few hours of sleep. Even in soup kitchens and night shelters I didn't feel safe around men," she explains. "I didn't feel like I could stay in a night shelter."

Becky often chose to remain on the streets where she felt safer. This exacerbated a cycle of homelessness that was difficult to escape from.

Just as the causes of women's homelessness are not straightforward, neither is the journey out of homelessness. Issues escalate the longer women are on the streets, destroying self-esteem and making it feel harder to accept help.

The turning point came when she met Porchlight outreach worker Ismaila who helped her find the right support in one of our hostels.

"Porchlight doesn't just house people – it moves them forward. It knows that everyone's circumstances are unique and takes the time to understand the type of help that you need so no-one falls through the net."

We're pleased to say that Becky is now looking at a positive future. She's determined to make something positive out of her experiences and is volunteering with one of our partner charities.

Eventually, she'd like to join Porchlight and help people who are in the same position that she was.

"I'm so grateful to Porchlight. I'd probably be back out there if it wasn't for them."

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News from St Saviour's Church of England School

There are two more days of the autumn term remaining, children and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest. While we recover from class Christmas parties, teachers are starting to analyse the data from end of term tests, in order to plan teaching blocks for the new year. Year group leaders have identified children who have not made the expected progress from September to December and are currently putting together intervention groups.

Teachers carry out a gap analysis of every test paper they mark. Teachers use their knowledge of the gaps in children's knowledge and skills to choose which parts of the curriculum to move onto next and to judge which elements need revision. Teachers lead intervention groups of six to eight children at various points during the day. Intervention groups provide children with the chance to revise any learning they might have struggled with during the lesson. Teaching assistants also lead intervention groups, these may focus on handwriting, mental arithmetic or times table knowledge. We also use a scheme called Toe by Toe to support children who struggle with reading.

Even though we enjoy some Christmas activities, interventions, quality class teaching and assessment for learning will carry on up until the final day.

Whilst Christmas is a time for most families to indulge themselves, I am acutely aware that, for some of our families, Christmas can also be a challenge. Our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Biggs, is still referring families to our local foodbank. Mrs Biggs and I have also just delivered a food parcel to a local family who had missed the Christmas cut-off date for foodbank assistance. Due to the four to five-week delay in applicants receiving Universal Credit many of our families have experienced food poverty, we are increasingly seeing hungry children.

We are also dealing with what seems to be an increase in both mental health crises and domestic violence incidents. Kent Police – as part of Operation Encompass – inform us if they are called to any domestic violence incident where children are present; we receive notifications on an almost weekly basis. In child protection circles, mental illness, domestic violence and drug / alcohol misuse are often referred to as the 'toxic trio'. Drug and alcohol misuse are ever-present in Westgate and Birchington, particularly among families who are experiencing the difficulties I have already mentioned.

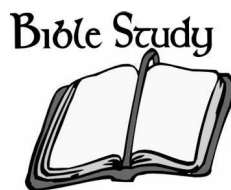
Where families are experiencing debt, poverty and mental illness, it should come as no surprise that these stresses should be exhibited in violence and substance misuse. I must stress that I am describing a small minority of our families. Clearly, when families are experiencing any of these factors, the focus on learning and attending school can often take a back seat.

I must pay tribute to our Family Liaison Officer, Vicky Biggs for tirelessly supporting our most vulnerable children and families. I also know that St. Saviour's Church are collecting food for the Storehouse Foodbank in Birchington and toiletries and babies nappies for Oasis Refuge to help local families in need. It saddens me that there is such inequality in our community but it is heartening that there are many people who are willing to help.

Nick Bonell, Headteacher

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Group meets again on 9 Jan at Susan's at 7 p.m."



Stanley with the new ambulance 1980

The Revd Stanley Munro Evans AKC 1930-2019

Vicar of St Saviour's Church Westgate-on-Sea 1972-2001

A Tribute from Dawn and Christine

Dawn: On 14th March 1993 Stanley invited me to stand for election as churchwarden of the parish of St Saviour. I was doubtful. Although I had been a member of the PCC and of Deanery Synod since 1988, I had no experience as a sidesman or of any other parish office, except for a brief spell as PCC Secretary, but Stanley could be very persuasive. A month later I was elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting and a month after that, was admitted in Canterbury Cathedral as churchwarden, together with Len Benson, a sprightly octogenarian, who was slightly less inexperienced, as he had been a sidesman at the 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion Service for some time. We were to be on a steep learning curve. Len served with devotion and dedication for two years, but then his health failed. Who would replace him? We had worked so well together with Stanley.

Christine: For some years, I had taught at the Sunday School where I used to worship and, following a stewardship campaign, started going to Evensong as well. A new Vicar meant changes to our services and, when attending church, I began to feel like the outsider and missed the Book of Common Prayer Evensong. Travelling on the train to work with John Clifford and the late Ronald Steptoe, I used to hear about life at St Saviour's. Being Deanery Synod Secretary, I knew Stanley and Dawn and was always appreciative of lifts by them to meetings and special services e.g. the installation of the new Bishops of Dover and Maidstone in 1992. Following the wedding of a work colleague at St Saviour's in 1992, I started attending Evensong at St Saviour's, sitting with Dawn, Marie Evans and the late Maisie Hawes, but continued being a Sunday School teacher elsewhere. In March 1993, I decided to make the permanent move to the church in the parish where I was then living and was warmly welcomed by Stanley and others. The next month I was elected as a representative of St Saviour's to Deanery Synod, continued as Deanery Synod Secretary and formed a trio with Dawn and Len in supporting Stanley at services and special events.

Dawn: We served together from 1995 until Christine resigned on her marriage in 2000. We were greatly blessed with so much help from Deputy Wardens and past wardens, which really mattered, for those were very busy years. Christine was still working full-time and in 1995 I registered as a Postgraduate Student at the University of Kent - something which Stanley supported wholeheartedly with his usual kindness and enthusiasm. In 1994 we celebrated the 50th anniversary of D Day, in 1995 the 50th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day. All this meant many extra services with parades, laying of wreaths and flying flags. Stanley was in his element. He loved flying the flags - the Diocesan flag for church festivals and the flag of St George for national occasions. He always said that the art of hoisting a flag was the only useful thing he learnt during his National Service! He loved processions and ceremonial and welcomed warmly dignitaries, both civil and military and veterans. We were always there, just behind him, with our wands of office. He liked to show us off.

He was always very conscious of the part that the parish church should play in a community and no event would take place without his being there to bless it - how delighted he was that in 1979 Cllr Marjorie Peterkin, Mayor of Margate, made the Westgate branch of the St John Ambulance Brigade her chosen charity and raised enough money to buy a new ambulance. It stood proudly outside the west door throughout the service waiting in Ivanhoe Road for a blessing from Stanley, who was her chaplain.

Each August he would be invited to send the Westgate Carnival procession on its way. Annually, when St Saviour's celebrated the anniversary of its dedication and consecration in July, he would welcome the Mayor of Margate, accompanied by the Town Sergeant and the mace, the Recorder and the bewigged Town Clerk, Westgate's Charter Trustees, our local Member of Parliament and local clergy of all denominations - Christ Church URC, St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Garlinge Methodist Church and representatives of the Salvation Army and Church Army to Evensong. The visitors, both lay and clerical, would all be invited to take part. One of our most moving memories must be the year when representatives of all those churches were gathered together at the altar at the end of the service to give a joint blessing

He died as Christmas preparations were being made - appropriate timing for a priest who was able to put the magic into Christmas. How can we ever forget the wonder and the awe he showed each year, as he carried the baby Jesus on His pristine white pillow down the aisle just before Midnight to be placed in the crib after the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us".

At the end of the service, we finished with an elaborate figure-of-eight procession round the church and went into the porch - priest, wardens, crucifer and acolytes. There we would stand, whatever the weather, as he said good bye to his flock. This process would take for ever, as there were always a large number of people "down for Christmas" to be with their families, who wanted to talk to him and give him their news. They would be those who he had baptised, or whose children he had baptised, those he had married or those for whom he had conducted the funeral of a loved one. Everyone wanted to talk to him.

Christine: Stanley was much sought after for taking funerals, regardless of whether the deceased was a parishioner. In 1978 he took the funeral of my godfather, who lived in Saxon Road. Thereafter, by request and long before I started worshipping at St Saviour's, he took the funerals of a number of family members who had so appreciated the service and his kindness. Aubrey started attending church as the result of a promise he made to Stanley at the funeral of his first wife. It was Aubrey's wish that Stanley should take his funeral when the time came as he could rely on it being a traditional service and conducted with dignity. As St Saviour's was in one of our many interregna when Aubrey died, I was able to invite Stanley to conduct the funeral, assisted by the Branch Chaplain of the Normandy Veterans, with a clear conscience.

Dawn: He was a stickler for doing things correctly - we both used to say that there must have been a special course at London's King's College, where ordinands learnt how to tweak - as he would move a candlestick or some other object an inch or so from where

we had carefully placed it! Yet, pastoral care always trumped protocol. I remember being at back of church on sideman's duty at a funeral. I saw him come out of the vestry and make his way along the aisle to go to wait for the coffin at the gate. He was wearing his white Eucharistic vestments - chasuble, stole and maniple. As he approached me he had a half apologetic smile on his face. "I know why you're wearing your vestments Stanley," I said. "They were given by Beatrice" (the lady whose funeral was about to take place". I saw just how much that gesture meant to the members of the family - it was these little acts of thoughtfulness that will stay in the memory.

In 1979 he married Marie Carmichael, a Sister at the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital and their home became a place of welcoming hospitality. PCC meetings can be long and wearisome. They were held at the vicarage and half way through Marie would come in and summon a helper to carry in the tea and biscuits or her famous cherry buns. At Christmas they invited some of those on their own, maybe recently bereaved, to share their meal. Marie was a superb cook and they were excellent hosts. On behalf of all of us who were recipients of that hospitality, I give thanks from the bottom of my heart.

Christine: As Dawn says, Stanley and Marie were very hospitable. I remember my mother and I being invited to meals at the Vicarage, being invited to join them to watch the wedding of Prince Edward when my mother was in hospital and being taken by them on a day trip to Boulogne (my first visit abroad) during a much needed respite break. Having a lift from Stanley was always time-consuming. First there was the difficulty of stopping him talking to others there and then, if the meeting was outside Thanet, being driven home the pretty way rather than directly via motorways. However, he was always good company on a route chosen with great care.

Dawn: Stanley never refused to visit someone believed to be near to death, whatever the time of day or night. He remembered anniversaries of dozens of people. For several months in 1997 he and Marie and I would go to Summerlands after Evensong to take Holy Communion to Len Benson, who was so ill. Len was not short-changed. A table with a white cloth, cross and candlesticks was set up and the service, although shortened, was conducted with the same love and care that he showed in church and this was at the end of a day when he would have taken a Holy Communion service at 8.00 a.m., Choral Eucharist at 10.15 and Evensong at 6.00 p.m.

One of the responsibilities of office that he most enjoyed was to be Chairman of Governors of St Saviour's CE Junior School. Members of staff told me how kind and caring he was if they had problems and the children loved him. He encouraged them to join the church choir and later, when the boys' voices broke, to become servers until they were ready to sing in the adult section. A keen campanologist himself, he encouraged others to become bell ringers and one of the proudest moments of his ministry was when the present ring of six was installed in 1975. Already quarter peals have been rung in his memory from Thanet towers, for he was a Vice President of the Kent Association of Change Ringers, supporting them every way he could, long after he found it difficult to climb into a ringing chamber. St Saviour's ringers are going to carry out the mammoth task of ringing a full peal - three hours - at a later date. I remember him teaching

the ringers of 1997 how to ring a muffled peal for the death of Princess Diana. None of them had had that experience before and they were nervous, but I am sure they have not forgotten a memorable occasion.

One of his greatest achievements was to get new buildings for St Saviour's School to replace the old, overcrowded Victorian ones and the "temporary Horsa Huts". St Saviour's was way down the list for a new build, but he worked tirelessly, persuading our MP, Roger Gale, and our Kent County Member, Derek Dolding, to come to see the school at work and play in 1993. They were so impressed that they threw their support behind him, canvassing on our behalf. After many ups and downs, the beautiful building we have today was completed and he then managed to persuade the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, to come to open it on 30th June 1995. What a day that was!

Many of you will have personal memories of Stanley's outstanding pastoral care. I shall be for ever grateful for the loving support he gave when my mother died and for his sensitivity over the grief that was still with me every Remembrance Sunday, as I mourned my beloved brother.

There are so many events that we would like to remember such as the wonderful service to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his induction as parish priest, which was attended by so many people from all walks of life, many of whom had come a long way to give him the recognition that was his due.

His funeral service will take the form of a Requiem Mass at his request. It is to be held on Thursday 16th January in St Saviour's Church at 1.30 p.m. followed by a private committal at the crematorium. We hope that as many as possible will attend.

We believe that he is now upon another shore and in a brighter light, but still serving the Lord he loved so much. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Christine Attwood Churchwarden

Dawn Crouch Churchwarden Emeritus



Stanley at St Saviour's Civic Service July 1996



Stanley & 2 other Gevornors of St Saviour's School receiving a Long Service award from KEC 2000



The Revd Stanley Evans Vicar of St Saviour's Westgate on Sea 1972-to-2001 as we would wish to remember him. He is wearing cope, alb, stole & maniple & inviting the people to come to "The Lord's Supper at the Lord's Table on the Lord's Day" (these are the words he used week by week.)

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Coffee	Morning	Unity
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Treasurer's Report

Statement for the month of November 2019

November

Income £4778

Expenses £4749

Surplus £29

Retiring collection after Remembrance service for British Legion amounted to £464.50

Total assets at 1 January 2019 £80249

Total assets at 30 November 2019 £80633

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Hon Treasurer

A Message from Oasis

Imagine your home... it's the place where you can sleep peacefully at night, safe in the knowledge that you and your children are protected, that no harm will come your way in those four walls. It's your sanctuary. Around 1.3 million women are affected by domestic abuse every year. For these women and their children, home is not a sanctuary – it's a place of fear, danger and risk. Outside those four walls, often there is no sign of the terror inside. That terror can be physical, emotional, financial, psychological, sexual. Domestic abuse affects every kind of woman, from every kind of background, in every town. When Oasis opened its doors in 1994, two women a week were being murdered as a result of domestic abuse. Sadly 25 years later, this figure remains the same. And so, our services are as vital as ever. At Oasis, the core of our work is to rebuild lives, step by step, to secure a safer future for these women. This starts with a safe place to stay, the refuge, and grows as we support families through every stage of their journey. We operate two refuges, one in Thanet and one in Dover, both areas with high levels of domestic abuse, offering sanctuary to around 50 families each year.

"I first went to Oasis 15 years ago and it saved my life. I have a family now, a job and a house. You can make a fresh start. There is life after refuge. – FORMER RESIDENT"

Christmas at Friendly Friday-:

On the 21st December. 2019, The Friendly Friday social group closed the year with a very enjoyable festive morning. The refreshments table offered delicious "goodies", including mince pies and chocolates! Our "craft" people were busy making angels, and the completed handicrafts looked very impressive. The highlight of our morning was singing Christmas Carols, accompanied by Kathleen playing the clavinova. We were even able to divide into groups to sing certain Carols! Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the singing, and I would like to express my grateful thanks to Kathleen for all of her hard work.

During Advent, our Friendly Friday "craft" group also enjoyed making Christmas cards with a Victorian stained glass window theme. We are certainly looking forward to the New Year, and the introduction of new crafts.

May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you, for your continued support, and finally, my sincere thanks to the refreshment helpers.

A happy and healthy New Year to you all.

Valerie.

FRIENDLY FRIDAY BEGINS AGAIN ON THE 3RD JANUARY. 2020

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**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January)

This year's service has been written by the churches in Malta and is entitled Unusual Kindness. The readings will be from Acts 27 and 28.

Please support the local services, which have been arranged by members of Christians Together in Westbrook, Westgate and Garlinge:

Saturday 18th 10.30am in Christ Church United Reformed Church, Westgate Bay Avenue

Monday 20th 10.30am in All Saints Church (junction of Hartsdown Road with All Saints Avenue), Westbrook

Tuesday 21st 10.30m in Garlinge Methodist Church (junction of Canterbury Road and High Street), Garlinge

Wednesday 22nd 10.30am in Christ Church United Reformed Church, Westgate Bay Avenue

Thursday 23rd 10.30am in St Saviour's, led by the Parish of the Holy Family

Friday 24th 10.30am at 24 Barnes Avenue, Westbrook

Saturday 25th Tea and Taizé at **4.30pm** in St Saviour's Church

Please note the different time and format for the Saturday service. If you can help provide or serve refreshments that afternoon, please have a word with Mother Karen.



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

Saturday 1st February 2020 10.30am Talk “My experiences as a NHS Doctor”

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.

Friday 3rd January 9am to 10am Church cleaning.

Thursday 9th January Bible Study Group reconvenes 7pm at Susan’s

Saturday 18th January Saturday 25th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday 25th January 10.30am to 12noon Friends of St Saviour’s Church Coffee Morning with Raffle and Subscription Renewal

St Saviour’s Church has a Hearing Loop System



From the Parochial Church Council Minutes (PCC).....Meeting 30/10/19.

Minutes approved 27/11/19

Matters arising. Diocesan Prayer cards. To receive 30 cards in future. Fee for Memorial Service. Agreed that the statutory cremation fee should apply. All fees relating to the funeral of late Brenda Carter were being waived. Harvest lunch. Thanks were recorded to all who provided the splendid lunch.

Worship and Mission. New booklets for Family Communion with Baptism had been favourably received. **Advent and Christmas.** Posada. Agreed to consider next year as concerns that it was too late to organise this year. Toy service. Sunday 1 December, Family communion with speaker from Oasis Domestic Abuse Services. Westgate Christmas Fayre. Carol singing being organised by Christians Together. Crib/Christingle and Carol services. Christingle to be combined with Carol service on Sunday before Christmas. Collection in aid of the Children's Society. Separate Crib service on Christmas Eve. Midnight service on Christmas Eve and Family Communion on Christmas morning.

Thrift shop. To be discussed at next meeting. Thanks were recorded to Revd Gill Lurie who had decided to stand down from selecting hymns after some 15 years.

Treasurer's report. The treasurer was pleased to advise that a generous donation had restored PCC finances to a surplus. Friendly Friday. A request had been put forward that a cash float should be available for small expenses incurred by the group. PCC agreed not to approve float and receipts to be passed to the treasurer for reimbursement from petty cash. Agreed that retiring collections after school services should be given to charities for children. To be discussed with Headteacher of St Saviour's School. Agreed that the refund of VAT from the Heritage Lottery Fund account should be made once the retention monies had been sorted in early 2020.

Churchwarden's report. Possibility of a heating policy discussed. Further information for hourly costs to be obtained. Architect to arrange for repairs to leaking gutters. Tenants vacated vicarage during week commencing 21 October 2019. Diocese to arrange for internal redecoration before occupation by Mother Karen.

Correspondence. Attention was drawn to the proposal to build 2,000 new homes in Westgate-on-Sea and the public exhibition of plans on 7 November 2019. It was agreed not to proceed further with the suggestion that additional bells be installed in the tower.

Any other business. Wish list for improvements to church and grounds to be discussed at next meeting. Removal of cobwebs in church to take place before Christmas. Suggestion for an "away day" church meeting welcomed and to be arranged for the Spring next year. Further information about the Open the Book project to be obtained. Following a meeting with an organiser of Vision 2020, it was felt that this may not be appropriate for St Saviours. Thanks were recorded to Mrs Glover for submitting details of all services for publication in the quarterly magazine produced by the Town Council.

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

Family Communion

SUNDAY

2nd FEBRUARY

At 10.30am

**Bring your candles from home
to be Blessed at Candlemas**



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 Friday 24th January.

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

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 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