

Parish and Community

The Link

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**February
2020**

The Magazine of
St Saviour's Parish Church

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

www.stsaviourswestgate.org.uk



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**WELCOME TO
THE SEAMARSH GROUP**

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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

Family Communion

SUNDAY

2nd FEBRUARY

At 10.30am

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



**The Seamarsh Group invites you to
come and meet Bishop Rose**

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY



CANDLEMAS SERVICE

3pm at St Mary's Church, Minster

ALL WELCOME

Do you spend time running around looking for something that you want and cannot find it? For me it is usually the service book I need now! I know that I put it somewhere safe and ready for use but..! It is then that I ask the Lord to open my eyes to see rather than just look and I find it in very plain sight and close by. I have just returned from a Retreat at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, a very special time spent with God and friends with much space to reflect and healing prayer ministry available if needed. In the small Chapel is a picture of Jesus looking towards Peter after the latter's denial of him. The eyes look at you so directly and as I sat opposite the picture, those eyes looked right at me and saw me. A picture, of course, but a true reflection of the Lord who knows us, who sees into our heart and soul and wishes to heal and guide us. Unnerving, well yes, but surely a true image of our Lord. I can dodge around, think that I am hiding things from him, but he sees right into me, my heart and soul, lie I might but there is no lying to our Lord, I may deceive others, certainly try to deceive myself but God I cannot deceive. The thing about the gaze is that it is direct but there is love too. We are seen so directly and completely because of his love and care for us, his desire to bring us closer to him that we might be transformed into his own image, full of love and truth. Lent presses upon us and you will see the dates of the various ecumenical Bible Study groups available in this magazine. The theme is "Journey to the Cross". Let our Lord journey with you drawing you into all truth and love, you are seen fully and loved completely. For those of us who still try to hide the truth about ourselves from God, now might be a good time to admit the truth and let him fully in.

God Bless Susan

Thank you to Emma Canpbell, Florist Westgate for the beautiful Christmas tree at Christmas



Thank you to Monty's of Birchington for the oranges for the Christingles .





Children Come and Sing
At Saviour's Church, Westgate

PRACTICE ON SATURDAY

5pm to 5.45pm in Church

ALL WELCOME

(Not held during school holidays)

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

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”

Len Palmer Ruth Shilling

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

13th February 1942 Francis Shrimpton

18th February 1944 Sidney Cook

Glance back over January

January has been a time for celebrating the old and the new at St Saviour's Church. We said final goodbyes to our beloved Father Stanley Evans, Vicar of this parish for almost 30 years; Stanley's Requiem Mass was an occasion to remember with great pride and joy as well as sadness and we were grateful to the many people who came to fill our lovely church and to pay their respects as well as the clergy team from All Saints, Ramsgate, for leading the beautiful service. The Crib, standing in its place by the pulpit, which Stanley had commissioned from local craftspeople many years ago, gave us the idea to buy some special new Crib figures in Fr Stanley's memory (see insert on a later page)

So- on to the new! Our new Bishop Rose will be visiting the Seamarsh Group (St Mary's Minster) on the afternoon of Candlemas Sunday, and both children and adult choirs (who sang so beautifully for us over Christmas) have been preparing to sing for her. This year we welcomed a **real** Holy Family on Christmas Eve, so we were delighted when Mary and Baby 'Jesus' made a return visit on Epiphany Sunday, to receive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh from Wise Kings and Queens who managed to avoid a terrifying King Herod and get home safely (we hope!)

The services are the part of church everyone sees but the work of the church, of course, has continued quietly and faithfully throughout the long, dark and cold month of January. The Friendly Friday team and the Friends have continued their work of hospitality; in the background, posters and publicity have appeared and bills paid; cleaners, servers, musicians, organ repairers, pastoral visitors, committees, candle and flower arrangers have all come and gone and delicious cakes have arrived, as always, on cue! We were happy to welcome friends from other churches for the final event of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Tea and Taize in church on Saturday afternoon.

It's very good to be part of something much bigger- Christians Together in Westgate! and to be reminded that we're connected to so many others serving God in our local communities! We have had excellent speakers from Oasis and Porchlight who remind us of our responsibilities in the wider area of Thanet and Slimming World gave us a bumper donation of chocolates and biscuits to pass on to the Birchington Baptist Church Foodbank. Happy New Year!!

Mother Karen

Christine Attwood, Chris Joiner (ChurchWardens)

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

Children's

Communion Club

Saturdays 4 to 5pm

**All welcome to explore & discover more about church
& especially the sacrament of Holy Communion.**

**When you are ready, we will celebrate with you as
you take this special step in your journey of faith.**

It's not necessary to be able to come every week.

(Not held during school holidays)



On behalf of the Evans Family we would like to thank everyone most sincerely who contributed to Stanley's wonderful farewell service at St Saviours. It was delivered exactly as he planned and was a CELEBRATION (I can hear him saying it now) of his long life and ministry.

Particular mention goes to all at St Saviours who contributed and for you allowing the service to take place at the church he served and the community he loved for so many years.

Organising a requiem mass particularly in a "borrowed " church must have been a very complicated and time consuming task. Father David was exemplary in the faultless way he conducted the proceedings and Father Paul delivered a sermon which was so poignant, beautifully delivered, celebrating Stanley's life, service to the Church and community, his friends, family and the organisations he so religiously supported.

We were so touched by the many who remembered Stanley and always will with such affection, and that the church rediscovered the Reverend Stanley Munro Evans and finally appreciated all that he has done during his long, successful and dedicated ministry. He was so very much loved by all who knew him.

When we left him for the last time at St Michaels Care Home and with a large smile on his face he proclaimed
"This is not goodbye..... Au revoir until we meet again!".

Once met never forgotten the Reverend Stanley Munro Evans 1930-2019.

Yours most sincerely,

Barrie and Malcolm Evans.

As a reminder of dear Stanley please find attached a photograph we took at Ramsgate Harbour in 2018.



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.



The Revd Stanley Evans receiving the Crib made by residents of Summerlands Care Home

FEBRUARY 2020

I sat looked & listened to the beautiful Service given in St Saviour's Church, Westgate on Sea, on Thursday 16th January for my dear husband Stanley's funeral.

I am sure Stanley enjoyed it.

The Requiem Mass with the hymns & lessons was lovely. Thank you Dawn & Christine for the lovely readings.

There was an atmosphere of peace.

It was good to be back in St Saviour's Church. A truly beautiful & Holy place.

It was pleasing to see so many Friends. "The House " was packed.

THANK YOU ALL for coming.

Special thanks to Father Paul & The Revd David Cawley & the superb organist.

God Bless You All.

Very sincerely & with my love.

Marie Evans

Friends of St Saviour's Church

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning on 25th January 2020. It was lovely to see so many there. Thank you too to those who were responsible for collecting subscriptions, providing raffle prizes and selling the tickets. We raised £500 on the day as shown below and the total is likely to be higher by the time you read this article:

Refreshments	£ 18.00
Raffle	£ 37.00
Subs and donations	£445.00
Total	£500.00

It's not too late to renew subscriptions for 2020 or to join The Friends for the first time. The annual subscription is only £2 a person and, apart from approximately £20 for annual expenses, all money received by The Friends goes towards maintaining the building and grounds of St Saviour's Church. Please contact Alan Harris or Christine Attwood for more information.

Our next event is the annual general meeting on Saturday 18th April at 10am for 10.30am in St Saviour's Church. Please show your support for the work of The Friends by attending.

Christine Attwood,
Secretary

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 MARCH 2020 “The Link” is

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2020





Trash and Treasure

The Friends of St Nicholas at Wade Church invite you to



Trash & Treasure
Saturday 15th February 2020
9am – 12 noon
St Nicholas at Wade Church



Join us in the church where someone else's trash
might be your very own treasure!

Hunt through our stalls of bric a brac, books,
clothes, glassware, jewellery, small items of
furniture, ornaments, toys and much more to find
just what you've been looking for!

Tea, coffee and cake will be available on the day,
so come along and enjoy the beautiful setting.

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Treasurer's Report

Statement for the month of December 2019

December

Income £4098

Expenses £4098

Surplus £0

Collection during the Christingle service for the Children's Society amounted to £256.04

Total assets at 1 January 2019 £80429

Total assets at 31 December 2019 £80633

G R Neve

Hon Treasurer

News from St Saviour's Church of England School

As children return from their end of term break, collective worship at St. Saviour's is based around the new theme of perseverance. Our school uses core Christian Values as the basis for countless aspects of its work. Our core Christian Values are:

Reverence, Wisdom, Thankfulness, Humility, Endurance,
Service, Compassion, Trust, Peace, Forgiveness, Friendship,
Justice, Hope, Creation, Community

Collective worship so far this term has focused on hard work as a route to getting better at something. Rather than saying, 'I'm not very good at spelling,' children are encouraged to re-phrase it as 'I'm not very good at spelling yet.' Children have been prompted to think about skills they now have which a lot of effort to acquire – such as joined-up writing or riding a bike.

I emphasise to our children, if you identify yourself as a Christian, you have to 'walk the walk' not merely 'talk the talk'. Anyone can profess to being Christian or moral or good but it takes real determination to enact Christian values in one's everyday life. Like adults, children find themselves involved in conflict, confronted by temptation and are constantly balancing their own needs with those of others. In educating children about a religious and moral framework, I hope that we are giving them, if nothing else, a set of tools with which to cope with the very real challenges of life in modern Britain.

I am lucky that I serve a community who value education and raise their children to be polite and caring. This combination of supportive families, excellent teachers and the daily application of Christian values means our pupils generally behave and treat each other extremely well.

Nick Bonell, Headteacher

Thank you to the Birchington Handbell Ringers and the Childrens Choir who provided the beautiful music at the Christmas Services .



Forgiveness, *The Crux of The Matter*



A day led by Rev. Lorraine Apps-Huggins

Chaplain at The Living Well
and Diocesan Advisor in Healing and Wholeness

Saturday 29th February 2020
10 am - 4 pm

St Nicholas at Wade Church, The Street
Birchington, CT7 0NR

All welcome! Entry by donation. Tea and coffee provided.
For more information & to book please contact Cheryl Pearce on
07783 405172 or cheryl.pearce@ektralimited.com



www.the-living-well.org.uk

Registered Charity No.: 1123792



Thanet Winter Shelter

St John's Community Centre is opening as part of Thanet Winter Shelter for the Homeless on 11 Tuesdays from 14th February to the end of March. If you are able to help socialising with the guests, washing up or clearing away on any of those evenings from 6pm until about 9pm, or would like to know more, please contact Jenny Cartwright on Thanet 228439.

Lent Courses in Westbrook, Westgate and Garlinge

Courses for 2020 begin on Thursday 27th February from 7 – 9pm in St Saviour's Vicarage. See Mother Karen or Susan Wing for more information.

Advance Notice of Events in March

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Lent Courses. See elsewhere in The Link for times and venues.

Friday 6th March. Services for the World Day of Prayer take place at 10.30am in The Bay United Reformed Church at Minnis Bay and at 7pm in Holy Trinity Margate. The service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe and will be led by ladies from Churches in Margate, Westgate and Birchington. All are welcome to come to one or both services.

Saturday 21st March from 11am – 3pm. Special meeting in church for St Saviour's Church Family. Book the date now and look out for more details in the coming weeks.

Saturday 21st March between 3pm and 5pm. Help needed with making posies for Mothering Sunday (22nd March).

Wednesday 25th March at 7pm. All are welcome to join members of the Mothers' Union in St Saviour's Church for a service of Holy Communion to celebrate Lady Day.

Christians Together
in Westbrook, Westgate and Garlinge

Lent Courses for 2020

Everyone welcome!

We shall be using a 6 Week Course:-

"Journey to the Cross"

Starting Dates and Venues as follows:-

Thursday 27 February: 7-9 pm, St Saviour's Vicarage, Thanet Rd, Westgate

Tuesday 3rd March : 2-4 pm Welcome Inn, Christ Church URC, Westgate

Wednesday 4 March: 10.30am – 12.30pm. Methodist Church, Garlinge

Booklets will be available to purchase at each venue.

Tuesdays, 7.30 - 8.30pm, All Saints Church, Westbrook, throughout Lent, there will be a Eucharist, with Stations of the Cross.

For any further information, please contact Jenny Cartwright: 01843 228439.



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**

Friendly Friday celebrates it's first anniversary!!! :

On Friday the 1st February. 2019, the late Brenda Carter and myself held the very first Friendly Friday social group meeting. Since that date, Friendly Friday has been held every week, providing an informal coffee morning, with members enjoying meeting for a chat, whilst enjoying refreshments, or participating in craft making! In preparation for next week's anniversary, our "craft" people made greeting cards last week, reflecting our first year as a club. Please come along anytime and join us! You will be assured of a very "Friendly" welcome! Once again, I would like to offer my thanks to the refreshment helpers for all of their hard work. I am very proud of all that has been achieved during our first year, and I know that Brenda would have been very proud, too.

Valerie

The Rev. Stanley Evans - a thanksgiving

Fr Stanley's funeral service was exactly as he would have wished and we give thanks for all those who attended.

We know that there were some who were unable to attend, because the service was during working hours, so those of us who knew him well feel that we would like to do a little more to show our appreciation for his work in the parish over so many years. We are trying to arrange a **short service of thanksgiving sometime in April** near to the date of what would have been his 90th birthday, 21st April. On that day you can be certain that the flag will be flying from St Saviour's tower - Stanley was so delighted that it always flew each year for his birthday, for he was so proud that he shared that day with Her Majesty the Queen. We hope too that the bells which he loved will once more ring out in his honour.

We would like **photographs** of occasions that you have shared with Stanley - weddings, christenings, functions at St Saviour's School, outings with the Sunday School or Bell Ringers **and also memories** that you might be willing to share of times when you were specially grateful to him for his pastoral care - perhaps after the death of a loved one or some distressing time in your life. Please put any photographs or little stories (just a few lines) in an envelope clearly marked with your name, so that they can be returned to you - we will scan them and use them for a Slide Show either during or after the service - and drop them into church or the Heritage Centre or give them to Christine. Look out for further information about the event and come along to light a candle for Fr Stanley - he loved candles!

Christine Attwood Churchwarden

Dawn Crouch Churchwarden Emeritus

Happy New Year to you all and hope Santa was very good to you on Christmas Eve and brought you lovely Christmas presents. I am very pleased to let you know that I hear from rev Susan wing sometimes and she lets me know how you all are doing in the parish. I am very delighted to hear good news from Susan when I give her a call sometimes. Last of all can I let you all know if you have any photos of St Saviours when I used to be there.

In the mean time I would like to wish each and everyone of you a very happy new year for 2020

Best wishes from David your special friend from St Saviours church before.

Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre

We started 2020 well - at the January meeting 92 people signed in to hear the second part of "We have a Story to Tell", the story of the "Phoney War" of September 1939 to April 1940. It was very heartening to have such good attendance on a January morning for a talk which was not illustrated. The stories which we have collected are so authentic and sometimes powerful, that they do seem to appeal and as they are of local people and of events which happened locally, the audience can identify with them. Part three of "We have a Story..." grandly entitled "From Sitzkrieg to Blitzkrieg"* will be on Saturday 6th June, when the stories of those who were children in 1940 will be told - bring your hankies, some of them are so moving they will reduce you to tears. My warmest thanks to those who take part.

In February we shall hear Dr Field, our Chairman, reminisce about his days as a GP in the National Health Service. The NHS was only born in 1948 - I remember well my childhood days before it existed - and it is seldom out of the news so the talk will be very topical.

In March the AGM will be held, followed by a short talk by another of our members. We hope that others might be inspired to talk about a subject dear to their hearts. We also would like suggestions about possible subjects for talks or possible speakers. Just have a word with one of the Committee, if you have any ideas. It would be good to have some new blood on the Committee too. If you enjoy the work we do and you have a bit of spare time, please consider putting your name forward.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Everyone is welcome to the meetings.

Dr Dawn Crouch Curator

* The Sitzkrieg or "Sitting war" was the name given by the Germans to the period between September 1939 and April 1940, when nothing much happened - called by the Allies, "The Phoney War". The Blitzkrieg, usually shortened to the Blitz, was the period following the Evacuation from Dunkirk in May 1940 and the Battle of Britain of the summer of 1940. It began with the bombing of London in September 1940 and went on throughout the war years.

Members of the Westgate on Sea Heritage Centre giving Talks



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

SATURDAY 7th MARCH AGM followed by a short talk on Christopher Moor

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.

Thursday 27th February 7pm 6 week Lent Course begins at St saviour's Vicar-age

St Saviour's Church has a Hearing Loop System



Large print Hymn Books and Pew Sheets are available.

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FAMILY COMMUNION



SUNDAY 1st

MARCH TENT

At 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 COMMUNION

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

Wednesday 26th February 11am ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

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 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





The Broadstairs' Warblers in Concert

♪♪ *in aid of* ♪♪

Stand By Me Shoe Appeal



Registered Charity No. 1045430

♪♪ *Saturday 28th March*

At 7pm

St Mary Magdalene Church

Monkton, Ramsgate ♪♪

♪♪ *Tickets £8*

*For more information call
Tammy Stewart-Jones on 07871 156204*



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