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**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
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"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams." Acts 2: 17 Joel 2: 28"

Dear friends,

The church bell has started ringing again- have you heard it? It rings to signify a small but significant change in church life; its message is of hope- hope for a time, not too far into the future, when once again the church will be a place of gathering, celebration, thankfulness and prayer.

The bell is heard more clearly in the quiet, as a light shines brighter in the darkness. Slowly but surely, church is becoming alive again after its long slumber and now, we need to hear from you to help us take the right steps to bring back what you most long for.

We're listening to the guidance from our Bishop and her team but this is your church as well! We would like to hear from you and, while we can't promise to be able to put in place everything you would like straight away, we will try to do so as soon as circumstances allow. As you may be aware, I've only been with you for a very short while so I'm learning what is important to you. Your suggestions and comments would be very welcome and would all be considered very seriously.

At the moment the usual Sunday services are being held in church at 10.15 with just my son, operating the camera and sound equipment and me at the altar and on Wednesdays Morning Prayer at 9 am and Evening Prayer at 5pm are live-streamed from the Vicarage. All of these are available on You Tube with a link which can be accessed through Christine, our Churchwarden on 01843 833314 /cattwood2002@yahoo.co.uk

So- please do contact me with any suggestions for ways you'd like us to move forward and, as soon as the PCC is able to meet again, we shall begin to consider how to implement them. It may be particular services or events which you've previously enjoyed or it could be something you'd like us to consider trying. Now's your moment! I hope this will just be the beginning of a whole new era of church life. Help us to make St Saviour's what God wants us to be!

Please write to me at the Vicarage, Thanet Road, Westgate, CT88PB or

motherkaren55@gmail.com and keep listening out for the bell which rings for prayers at 12 noon during the week and on Sundays at 10. God bless you and keep you safe and serene. Mother Karen

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, Bailey, Joan, Ken, Thelma, Melanie, Stephen, Pearl, Andrew, Claire, Julia, Jim

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”

Corrine James

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Royston Stringer 8th June 1940

Dennis Pell 13th June 1943

Norman Steers 19th June 1945

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. **SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Donations of food needed for the Storehouse Foodbank, based at Birchington Baptist Church. Please support our local foodbank by sending donations of money to the PCC Treasurer who will forward the money directly to the Storehouse. Please contact the Treasurer at neve389@btinternet.com for details

Thank you.

Donations Toiletries and Babies nappies for Oasis

Whilst you are welcome to take and enjoy a copy of "The Link", donations towards the cost of printing would be appreciated,. **PRINTING IS**

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The deadline for JULY 2020 "The Link" is
SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2020

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some help with cleaning our lovely church. Are you able to join us on the first Friday each month for just one hour between 9.00 and 10.00. None of the jobs are over strenuous and we would appreciate any help that you may be able to give us. It is a happy hour spent looking after God's house. Please speak to me if you might be able to help. Thank you. Christine Bolger



1. A big thank you especially to Karen, Aidan and Christine who have done so much to keep us all connected during this strange time. It's been much appreciated here, and I imagine in other homes too.

2. Musings from Cuthbert Road.

Life has certainly been different during the last few weeks and for those of us who are being 'shielded' - or as I call it, endangered species - it has been perhaps even stranger. How I have missed my little chats when riding my buggy up to the local shops.

One aspect, though, has taken me back to my youth. My father, a non-practising Jew, came here after many unpleasant months trekking across a Europe slowly being overrun by Adolf Hitler and his followers. Although he'd given up most religious activity, he retained some of the rules of everyday behaviour, one of which was washing hands before eating and drinking anything! I don't remember doing it after opening parcel deliveries, or unpacking the shopping before now though.

When Jean and I first became friends, we had been in the garden of my new-build house and she stayed out digging longer than I. I made myself a coffee. When Jean came in and saw my coffee mug, she was furious that I hadn't taken a mug out to her. Imagine her reaction when I looked totally nonplussed and said 'but you hadn't washed your hands'. I honestly until that day hasn't realised how much of Orthodox Judaism was still ingrained in me. In contrast, Jean says she was brought up by a mother who said 'you eat a peck of dirt before you die'. (A peck was 12-14 pounds but please don't ask me what that is in kilos!!)

These days, we are both handwashing several times a day, of course - dirty hands or not!

Gill Lurie



St Saviour's Church Annual Plant Sale – May 2020

What a year in which to hold a sale when we are in lockdown due to the Covid 19 outbreak. Should such an event take place? There was much anguish in seeking an answer, and it is worth detailing the influences in coming to the final decision.

Planning for the plant sale actually starts in August with the sowing of some seeds (those which flower in their second year) and September with the striking of geranium/pelargonium cuttings to be grown on ready for the following May. Sowing of seeds for bedding plants etc starts in mid February with the bulk of all seeds both for flowers and vegetables sown by mid March. So the commitment to the plant sale is made early on and actually long before the lockdown was imposed or indeed thought of.

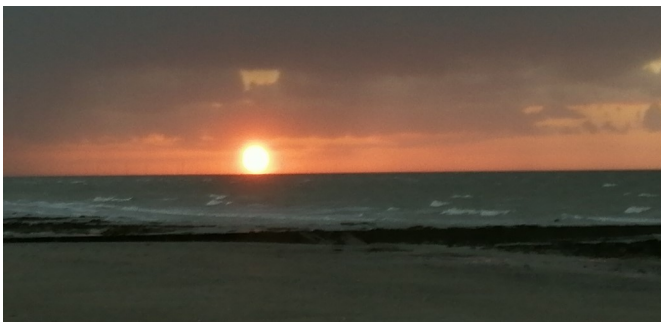
The initial 3 week lockdown was not too much of a concern. The end of May was still a long way off. Further periods of lockdown made it clear that to hold the usual sale outside the church grounds was not viable. What to do? Several hundred potted plants and around 2000 bedding plants had been pricked out in readiness for this event. Usually in mid May hanging baskets are prepared, but it was considered that to do so this year was too risky. We did not want to be left with up to 30 hanging baskets!

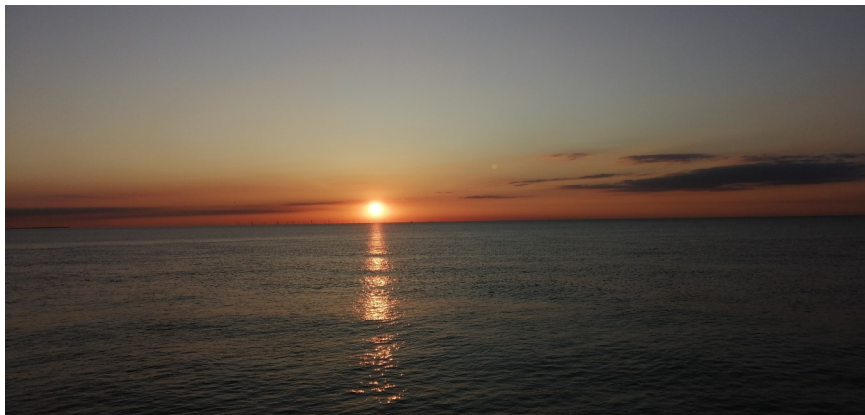
In past years we have delivered plants to one or two customers, but clearly this year all plants would need to be delivered. So how to advertise in the community and to regular customers? Facebook may have opened the customer base beyond Westgate as could advertising in the church noticeboards. Deliveries needed to be kept local. Contact was made with regular customers and an email sent to the church family email group. An offer for the use of a shop in Westgate was carefully considered but declined in view of the prevailing circumstances.

Word of mouth proved to be an effective method of advertising, although I am sure many people will have been disappointed not to have known about the event this year. There were quite a few plants left unsold, so a table was set up on our front lawn with an honesty tin. This proved to be very worthwhile with all remaining plants sold and generating over £140.

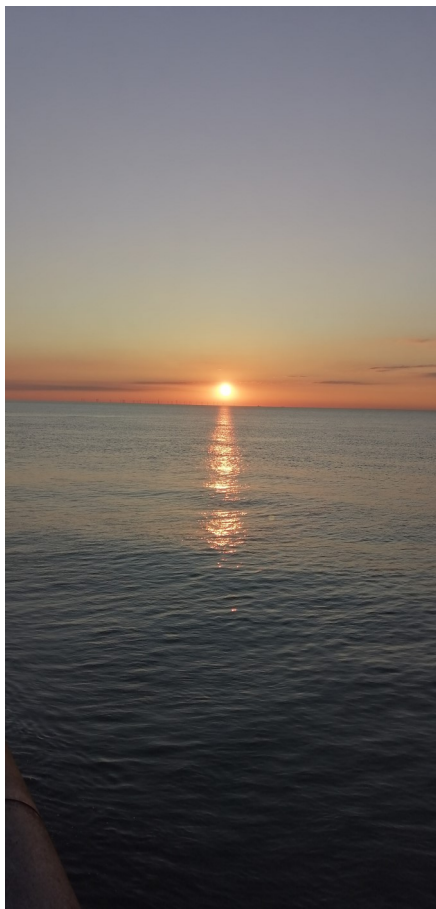
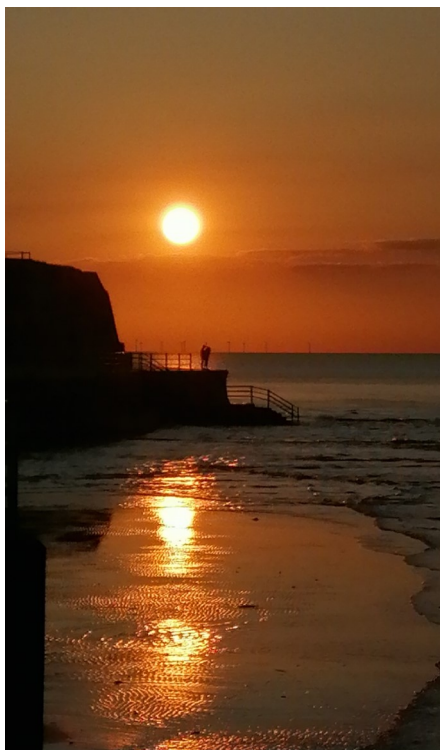
At the time of writing the total sum raised amounted to £907.43. Many thanks to all who supported this event and we look forward to being back outside the church for next year's event. In the meantime, happy gardening! The Neve family

Views of Westgate at sunset courtesy of Aidan Stormy weather





Sunset at
Westgate after
a beautiful day



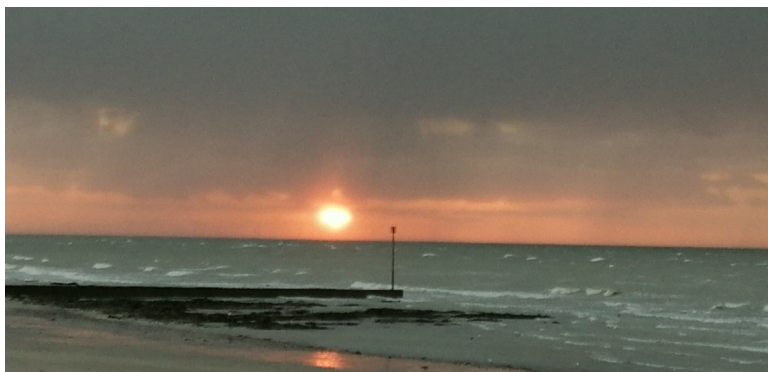
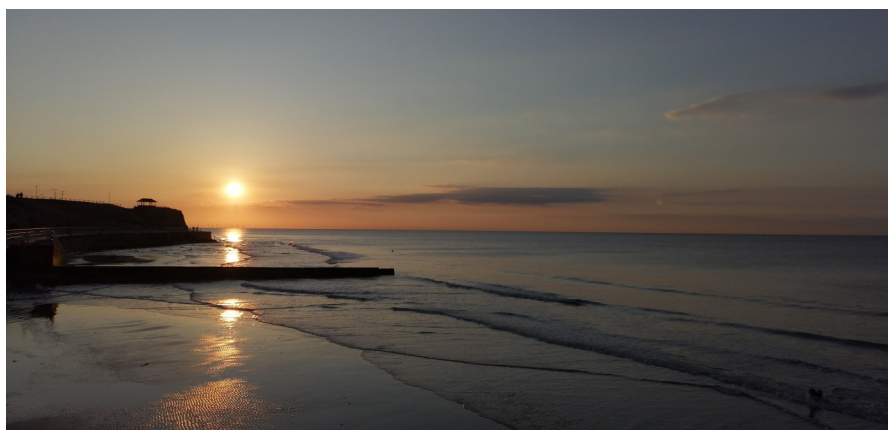
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Glance back over May

As I look back over May, it's sunshine and birdsong I remember most clearly. Lots of English folk songs are set in 'the merrie month of May' and, this year, the weather has certainly reflected the beauty of this season. There has also been a sense of time being suspended because of the lack of traffic noise, which gives this May a certain dream-like quality.

In contrast to this natural idyll, the news each day has shattered our illusions of this being a truly lovely time and, as the pandemic has continued and the death toll steadily rises, the stark reality of what lies behind, forces us to contemplate more grief and distress than we would expect, unless we were directly facing one of life's deepest crisis ourselves.

This strange reality, then, has become a shared experience, in a way which is probably unprecedented in most of our lives; wider even than our own neighbourhood and nation, it's become something which unites people world-wide. We hope that, reflecting on the seriousness of the pandemic, we might look forward to a deeper sense of shared humanity in the future.

Mother Karen

Treasurer's Report (General fund)

Statement for the month of May 2020

May

Income £1927

Expenses £3245

Deficit £1318

Deficit for year to date... £4789

Total assets at	1 January 2020	£80633
Total assets at	31 May 2020	£75844

The ongoing finances of the church are significantly affected by the current restrictions and the deficit will continue to increase due to our reduced income. If you wish to maintain your regular giving, which would be most welcome, please contact me via the email address below for further details.

The Storehouse (Foodbank) is also adversely affected by the collection of groceries being suspended. To overcome the difficulties, the Storehouse will accept monetary donations and the church will continue to act as a focal point for receiving such donations. A total to date of £825 has been sent to the Storehouse. For simplicity, it is preferred that all donations be made through internet banking. Again please contact me via the email address below for further details.

G R Neve

Hon Treasurer

Email: neve389@btinternet.com



Lock down - Photo Therapy

Today, Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May is the 63rd Day of Lock down. For me, that means that for 63 days I have not been outside my flat and that I meet just one person each week - if one can use the word meet, when it involves talking to each other, double the two metres stipulated - i.e. talking very loudly from one end of my flat to the other, whilst she sorts out the jobs I can no longer do.

Like most people in similar situations, I have been enjoying talking on the phone - for rather a long time - and receiving emails with news. I haven't ventured in to the realms of Zoom and other digital meeting points and am unlikely to do so, as I don't have close family members with whom I must keep up. However, something else for which I am very grateful is the photos sent to me for pure, unadulterated pleasure, which have become a therapy of calmness and delight.

Country born and bred, the seasons have always been important to me and it was soon clear that, this year, 2020, I was going to miss them - they would pass me by. There is a magnificent specimen of "sorbus" in Rowena Road, opposite my study window, and I have seen that go from twig to bud to leaf. Now it has a huge canopy in which the birds hide. Soon I shall see its lovely creamy white blossoms and, I guess, it is likely that I shall still be locked down (or up whichever phrase one chooses to use) when the blossoms turn to vivid orange berries - a pain should one inadvertently step on one and squash it. Those berries, so beloved of the birds, are not kind to carpets or, indeed to any floor covering, but they are a joy to behold.

My many friends (and I am so greatly blessed) have not been sending me photos of their culinary successes or of the result of their new hobbies or, heaven forbid, of them cavorting around their living rooms or kitchens wearing funny hats. They have been sending me glorious photos from their gardens - not just a general view - although some of those are beautiful, but close ups of flowers of fantastic hue and shape

Sometimes, inadvertently, they have sent me a photo of something that has stirred a precious memory. I should like to thank them very much - keep them coming. They are all saved in a special "folder" on my computer and, when life gets tough, I can sit down and give myself a little slide show.

I hope our editor will be able to find room for three which have a special meaning:

The first is of **mimosa**, which reminds me of my student days - outside Tooting Broadway Underground station - my teacher training college was in Tooting - there was wonderful pavement florist display. When the mimosa came into season early in the spring, I always bought a bunch and put in a brown glazed earthenware jug bought from Woolworth's, so mimosa reminds me of my carefree days.

The second is of three young lambs, which a friend was able to take, as they were near the edge of the road, when he and his wife were on their daily walk. Most of you know what the significance of lambs is to me. They take my memory back even further than the mimosa.

The third is of a **yellow rose** - but not just any rose. It is one on the bush by the gate to St Saviour's church in St Mildred's Road. From the time I became churchwarden in 1993, I have passed that rose dozens of times each year and each time I wonder why it is able to flourish in such barren soil. Perhaps there is a theme for a sermon there. What a kind thought from the friend out for **his** daily walk to evoke a precious memory.

Dawn Crouch



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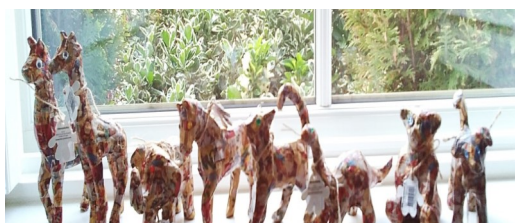


Friendly Friday:-

I would like to say a very "friendly" "hello" to each one of you, as we begin another month living in this very different world. I have been keeping busy with creating new crafts, and these last few months have provided me with the opportunity to sort out my craft room, to establish exactly what I have accumulated, and what I can now make use of! I found some yellow crepe paper and some green drinking straws. I immediately thought of "daffodils", and thus, I embarked on my project. The accompanying photograph is the completed result, and I was very pleased with my paper flowers! They are great fun to make, and look quite real! It would be wonderful if, upon the re-opening of Friendly Friday, the Craft Group could make some more of these flowers to put in vases! In that way, we could bring the colour of "spring" into our church, the season that we sadly missed this year.

Last year, I was given some vintage Christmas paper by a friend, and have been using it during our "lockdown" period to produce "decoupage" animals. The animals begin in a form of "papier mache", and once decorated, could nicely adorn a crib at Christmas. I have attached some photographs of the collection, so far!

Take care, and keep safe,
With love, Valerie xx



Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre

Like all other organisations, including the church itself, the Heritage Centre is having to put all its activities on hold for the time being. As yet, we cannot see the future clearly, but our work continues, albeit less visibly. The Committee held its “e-meeting” in May and discussed matters of importance to the future of the Heritage Centre.

We are bitterly disappointed that we are unable to hold what would have been our most important meeting of this year on 6th June - the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Thanet evacuation and may not be able to hold the September meeting commemorating the Battle of Britain. We are aware that every passing day means that the likelihood of anyone with personal memories of those events still being able to share them is becoming less and less. Thank goodness their stories were meticulously recorded over recent years and will be retained to the best of our ability. We were also sorry that we were unable to join, as an organisation, in the national celebrations for the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

We are, however, trying to keep in the public eye and some activities can continue outside physical meetings. Several people are tracing their family history and I have had some interesting inquiries which have led to email correspondence, which has provided new information for us as well as for the inquirer.

We now produce special newsletters in between the main quarterly one and we are trying to make each quarterly newsletter a bumper. As current government instructions make it difficult to provide printed copies, newsletters can only be sent to members by email. Those agreeing to email delivery are having an added bonus, as more pages can be included at no extra cost and in colour!

We are delighted to record that the Heritage Centre has received the first instalment of its 2019/20 grant from the Co-op Local Community Fund. £616.56 has been paid in to the bank account. The Committee would like to thank all shoppers at the Westgate Co-op who nominated our cause. We are confident that we can deliver our project on Westgate and the Second World War in due time, despite the problems of today.

We hope and pray that we shall soon be able to meet again and resume normal services! Until then we say: “Keep Safe!”

Dr Dawn Crouch Curator



Memories of the Coronation

When I was at a Grammar school in Sheffield, I joined an after school group, the Red Cross Cadets. We had a team of six, of whom I was the leader, and we entered first aid competitions against other groups both in Sheffield and in Yorkshire. It happened that in the Coronation year our team won the local cup and as leader I was allocated a place at the coronation.

On the day before, I travelled by coach with others, to London and we all slept on the floor at the Hendon headquarters of the Red Cross. In the morning we took the tube to Westminster and saw in the newspaper that a man was reading, an announcement of Edmund Hillary's conquest of Everest. We arrived at our reserved area in St James' Park opposite the statue of Victoria outside Buckingham Palace. In front of us was a line of security of a policeman and a ceremonial guard alternating. Being a good wriggler, it ended up with guard, me and a policeman. The coaches came out of the palace and went round the opposite side of the memorial and then we were allowed to go and sit in the park until the return.

Coming back, the coaches came round our side of the memorial and we had a wonderful view of the Queen I can still remember how beautiful both she and Princess Margaret were.

We finished the trip the next morning with a coach trip round the sights of London before travelling home. It was a wonderful experience, particularly as I had never been away from home before.

Jean Glover



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.

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

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL

FURTHER NOTICE

St Saviour's Church has a Hearing Loop System



Large print Hymn Books and Pew Sheets are available.

Gluten Free wafers are also available please see Sidespersons or Churchwardens

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services

8am Said Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist

10.30am First Sunday of the month FAMILY COMMUNION

ALL CHURCH SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

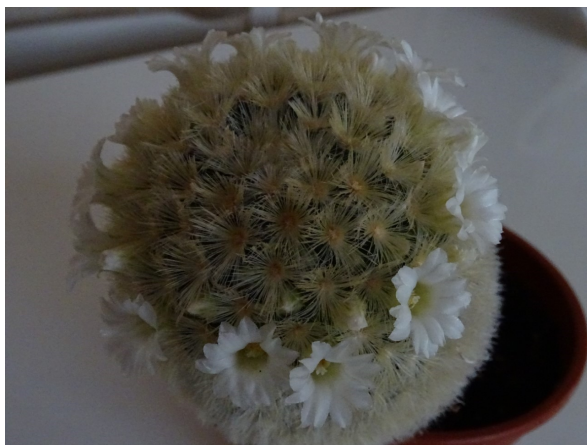
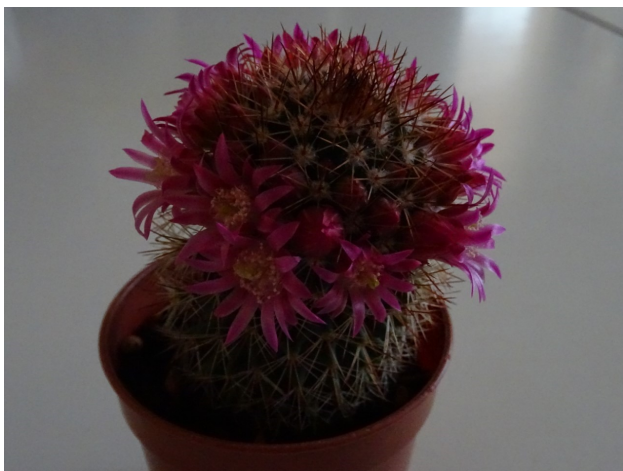
Ages: Beavers: 5 3/4—8 years
Cubs: 8—10 1/2 years
Scouts: 10 1/2—14 years

Contact: 1st Westgate-On-Sea Scout Group
Email: 1stwestgatescoutgroup@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Hi to all my friends hope you are all keeping well just to let you all know it is very delightful for me to say a special big thank you once again to all you lot for the prayers and it makes me more better now I am living in Ireland and I do hear great news from Susan wing when I do call her sometimes on the phone Hope you are all well at this time for the conorvirus keep safe please keep my name in your prayers when you have communion in church

Best wishes from David
St saviours friend before xxx





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