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Welcome to St Saviour's Church for Sunday public worship!

In these extraordinary times, we are delighted once again
to be able to welcome those who are able to come to church

HOWEVER

IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 or
IF YOU ARE CLINICALLY VULNERABLE

PLEASE DO NOT COME!!

CHURCH DOORS WILL OPEN 30 MINS BEFORE SERVICE

If the porch area is busy, please queue at 2m distance

Hand sanitizer is available inside the main door

Please ensure that you use it on your way in and out

Please maintain 2m social distancing in church

If in doubt, please follow the Wardens' guidance

Please ensure that you leave contact details

Opening is supported by NHS *Track and Trace* system

Communion will be offered in one kind only

Please wait for directions- return to seats by side aisle

Sadly, we can't join in the pre-recorded singing

but there are plenty of chances to pray!

We all hope you feel comfortable, calm and safe in church!

Dear friends,

As Summer turns to Autumn, we're aware that there is more than usual apprehension and uncertainty as families learn new patterns of life in school and workplace. Six months of enforced togetherness is giving way to more 'normal' routines of comings and goings. But, as they and those of us in the 'observer' squad recognise, it's anything but 'normal'.

Usually Autumn comes gently with just a hint here and there of gustier breezes, cooler air and shorter evenings until we find that we're in the middle of the season almost without realising. Not so this year: additional tensions are creeping in as adults give up their now-familiar 'work from home' to boost the economy, while children learn all about social distancing along with their English and Maths lessons. Instead of gently fading, summer's memories of relaxing in the sun have abruptly vanished. There is a cold reality in the strain and strangeness in this 'new normal' while, in the background, the light and warmth quietly fade.

A question hangs in the air; 'What is normal?' Lockdown's endless hours of isolation became normal for all except 'Key Workers' (another new phrase) and now we need to unlearn all this quiet and inactivity and adapt to another 'new normal'. It's almost like taking part in a play we hadn't asked to be in. We thought we didn't have a part but suddenly, we're told not only to put our costumes and make-up quickly, but to learn our lines fast and come out on stage, feeling unprepared and very exposed. It's all rather overwhelming.

Where is God in all this? Our stories of faith remind us that God stays with his people through times of insecurity and trouble. As we continue, week by week to gather in church or, wherever possible, at home, we remind ourselves of these accounts of faith being tested under circumstances which resonate with our own. Often, very often the people of God found themselves isolated, afraid and sad.

The Son of God himself experienced all these emotions as he spent the three years of his ministry being hounded from place to place as hostility mounted against him. Our faith is based on the accounts we read in God's Word which assure us of God's provision and loving care, however bleak our circumstances. Over this next month, as we notice more and more of our neighbours resuming their daily work or returning to school or college, let's pray for them as we, in our turn, give thanks for the Everlasting Arms which never let us go. *Mother Karen*

St Saviour's Church, Westgate



CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR SERVICES ON A SUNDAY AT 9am (Said BCP) and 10.30am.

SERVICES are live – streamed from church on SUNDAY at 9am & 10.30am.

Contact Christine Attwood

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01843 833314 for details.

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, Joan, Father David, & Andrea, Dawn, Anne & John

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”

Edna

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Robert Terry 13th September 1944



THE FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE is due to take place

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER from 10am to 6pm.

Anyone interested in riding or striding for sponsorship please see Valda for details. Half of the sponsorship money is returned to the church of your choice.

We are hoping to have the Church open for this so would be pleased for welcomers to be in Church to meet and greet. THANK YOU

Chris & Phil Joiner, Melanie & Steve & Valda & Graham are either riding or striding & would welcome any sponsors.

We're planning Harvest Festival for 4th October and, as it's St Francis Day, an animal blessing service at 3pm that afternoon.

The theme for the weekend is "All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small". If you can donate flowers or would like to help arranging them, please come to church on Saturday morning. We are hoping to have live music in church on Saturday afternoon.



Glance back over August

August was the month of the wide open doors. Following Bishop Rose's visit to celebrate our Birthday at the end of July, we continued to meet outside the west doors for a chat after our summer services. The open doors gave a different feel to our worship as well- connecting us more readily with our local community. Although it was partly prompted by a need to ensure good ventilation, the experience has set the tone for the warmth of welcome we shall continue to offer, thanks especially to the dedicated team of Church Welcomers, who open the church for visitors each day.

PCC met on a beautifully warm and sunny evening with our church architect to consider the proposals for a 'Garden Room' extension. This was a happy and very positive time together and we shall soon be meeting again to ratify these plans and discuss all the rest of the current church business (it's surprising how much of that there is each month!) as we move into Autumn.

Another important development over August has been the quiet support offered by many in the background which ensures that the church's heartbeat stays strong. Many people have stepped forward to read, lead intercessions and serve, and we continue to delight in Lesley and Graham's music in our Sunday services and we are also very grateful to Valerie for also re-opening Friendly Fridays. Alan has overseen the flying of the flag and work in the garden, including arrangements for the tree to be trimmed and for the gates, which are important in keeping us accessible and visible from the street; Graham is maintaining a watchful eye on our church finances, including preparing reports for PCC and the diocese and Aidan persists in trying to overcome all the challenges to keep streaming our services live.

We are very thankful to Valda for all the wonderful publicity she has produced especially over the past months, and for keeping us in all touch with the ***Link*** and as ever, I am indebted to Christine, who continues to take on huge responsibility for communication of various kinds, which ensures that we remain a connected Body despite the challenges of the pandemic. I am also very grateful to her and to Chrissy for making us feel so safe and welcome in church for our all-important worship every Sunday morning.

Mother Karen

St Saviour's Church, Westgate



**“Our Church is open every morning
Monday to Saturday for private
prayer between 10am & 12noon.**

**All very welcome; please pop in and
enjoy the peace and tranquillity of
our beautiful parish church”.**

24th August 1940: RAF Manston's blackest day by Dr Dawn Crouch

It is very sad that neither the Heritage Centre nor St Saviour's Church has been able to hold the special events this year that we had hoped would help us to commemorate events of eighty years ago and which would give some of our oldest members the opportunity to relive those memorable days. Whenever possible I have tried to introduce in some way some of the wonderful stories that we have been told over the past fifteen years and this month I should like to draw upon a first-hand account of a history-making day in August 1940.

In July 1940 there had been a major bombing raid in Thanet - the worst that Westgate was to suffer - and as a result all civilians not engaged in war work were encouraged to leave Thanet as soon as possible. After 3rd July Westgate; like the other Thanet towns, became a ghost town.

Amongst those to leave was a young Rosemary Hosford and her baby daughter, Ann. Rosemary's husband, George, was called up to join the Territorial Army at the end of July 1940. Rosemary and Ann went to Luton to their aunt - Luton would prove not to be a very safe haven as it was home to the Vauxhall Motor factory and was soon to become a target for the Luftwaffe, but in the first emergency of having to find somewhere safer than Thanet, which was so close to the continent and under threat from invasion as well as the home of one of the most important RAF Fighter Stations, Luton was regarded as the safer of the two.

Rosemary's mother, Rosa Thirtle, who lived in Westbury Road, was a prolific letter writer and she has left vivid eye witness accounts of those events of July and August 1940 and I am grateful to her granddaughter, Ann Clark, for allowing me to use these very personal letters to enlighten us all about what it was like, here in Westgate, eighty years ago.

Saturday 24th August 1940 was probably the most important day in the Battle of Britain for Thanet. RAF Manston was made inoperable by the end of the day. The airfield was cratered, living quarters and other buildings destroyed and there were seventeen casualties. The first wave raiders made so much smoke and dust that the second wave turned its attention to Ramsgate and the Flying Club, which had no military value whatsoever. Many bombs were dropped on the town and thirty-one people were killed.

Rosa Thirtle wrote to her daughter that very day. "We had a very exciting day watching them (the dog-fights between RAF and Luftwaffe) from the club (the United Services' Club on the south side of the Town Hall buildings) going over to Manston at intervals. The siren went five times and four of the times Jerry came. We got a good view from the back steps of the club opposite Moseley' damaged house (Percy Mosely was the owner of the garage at the junction of Cuthbert and Ivanhoe Roads His house and garage had been destroyed on 3rd July).

I got a thrill when I looked out on hearing machine gun fire, just in time to see a Jerry going over the house. He just missed the roof and nearly hit some trees, he was flying so low, but he managed to get out to sea. There was a Spitfire on his tail and some soldiers from Pridhams (stationed at Pridham's Hotel in Sea Road) told us he was going over the sea with smoke pouring from his tail. We heard them bomb Ramsgate about 10.00 a.m. but had no idea they had done so much damage as there wasn't such a lot of noise. One battle we saw over Manston was with five Jerries and two Spitfires. The two Spitfires were in the centre and the Jerries were flopping around any how. One came down in the fields at the top of Minster Road. Yes we certainly had a busy day."

Rosemary Hosford was a much loved member of St Saviour's church - she was one of the regular members of the 8.00 a.m. congregation which is where I got to know her. The photograph which I have selected was taken on a trip to London on the famous steam ship the Waverley, as I thought it might remind those of her friends who are left of a lovely lady with an infectious smile. Her companions are (on the right) Marie Evans and (centre) Robin Luton, server and crucifer at St Saviour's at the time.



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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.

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 OCTOBER 2020 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 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



Friendly Friday Corner-:

As I write to you this month, the temperature is soaring higher and higher! My craft room keeps quite cool during the morning, and I can open a large window, so I have made a few extra crafts this month! Again, it has been really useful just to use remnants of materials, rather than having to shop for supplies. My first craft this month is very straightforward to make, but the finished effort is very effective. I have made Calla lilies using green drinking straws, pieces of yellow felt, green tissue paper and pink coloured paper. The blooms can be made from "heart" shapes cut from the pink paper. They can then be folded to form a lily shape. The drinking straw can be decorated with green tissue paper, to form a stem with leaves, with the distinctive "yellow middle" being crafted from the yellow felt. A light glue glaze will transform the blooms into shiny flowers. Placed in a small vase, they will adorn any window sill, admirably!

My little pink "church" mice are finger puppets, easily made from pink card folded into a cone and then decorated. A narrow strip of paper wrapped into a roll to fit onto a finger, and then taped into place, will make this duo of pink mice ready to "play to the gallery"!

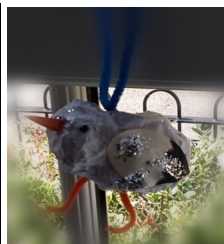
This month has seen many scarecrow friends appearing in Westgate! This prompted me to make a "harvest window decoration" using a "scarecrow theme"! I made two 'fans' from coloured card, and attached them together to form a face. I then decorated the face and added a hat. I added pieces of straw (previously used for my own scarecrow, Harold!), to complete this window decoration.

If you remember a while back, I made sea creatures and shells using kitchen foil and tissue paper. I have added a seagull to the collection, and he comes to life by forming a "bean" shape with some silver foil, and then covering it with glue, and small pieces of white tissue paper. I then drew on the details and made some wings. Finally, I used orange pipe cleaners to style his legs!

My fifth and last craft to show you this month is a "flower collage", made from oddments of coloured tissue paper. I fashioned the flower and leaf detail from the tissue paper and attached it to coloured card with glue. I outlined all of the details with a thin black felt - tip pen. The collage could also be framed to make a welcome gift.

I hope that you have enjoyed this month's craft selection, and I look forward to making them one day with the folk at Friendly Friday!

Valerie.



Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre by Dr Dawn Crouch

The Heritage Centre has continued to function although, at present, we are still unable to hold any meetings. The church is now open each morning from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, but again, at present, we cannot have material on display.

I have continued to answer inquiries from many people on a variety of Westgate related topics and a monthly newsletter has again been issued for our members. Our larger quarterly newsletter will be out at the beginning of September.

I am so glad to report that Christine Attwood and I were able to commemorate **15th August 1945**, VJ Day, on the 75th anniversary. We were very disappointed that nothing seemed to be happening in Westgate, so once again we arranged our own ceremony. Properly socially distanced and masked, we stood at either end of the plaque to the Fallen of the Second World War, which is underneath the Cross of Blessing, donated in 2005 to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of that war and gave thanks and remembered. For me it was the opportunity to honour a pledge I had made fifteen years earlier to Jack Stokes, a Royal Naval veteran - that those who had fought so far away should not be allowed to be forgotten.

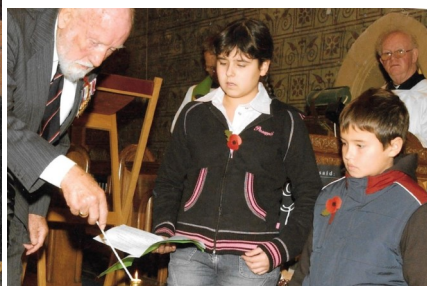
Jack was a Westgate man, born and raised, who lived here for most of his long life, except for the thirty years in which he served his country in the Royal Navy. In 1945 he was a Petty Officer Gunnery Instructor serving with the British Pacific Fleet on the destroyer HMS Whirlwind. When the nation was celebrating Victory in Europe in May 1945, they were still far away, with their ship prepared that day for attack from the Japanese, as they waited wearing their anti flash gear and with hatches battened down. They felt forgotten, he said. I vowed then that, as long as I was able, I would see that such as he were not forgotten. In August 1945 he was still in the Pacific on VJ day, when they heard the news of the Japanese surrender. "My first thought was I'm alive", he said. That was a thought echoed by all of us who were alive to see that day, when war was finally over.

Christine has had much to do in recent years with veterans' associations here in Thanet and had met men who had served in Burma and other places in the Far East, who had also felt they had been the forgotten army. So we came together I, as Hon Freeman of Westgate-on-Sea, representing the Town and she, as churchwarden of the day, to represent the Parish Church, to honour that pledge, to give thanks - I for my own survival of that war - and to remember. We remembered all those who have fought and died in the cause of freedom, justice and peace and but especially the men from Westgate who fought in the Far East and on the Pacific Ocean. We remembered with pride and thanksgiving all those who lost their lives in battle in the terrible conditions of jungle warfare and those who died in the notorious Japanese Prisoner of War Camps and, from Westgate we remembered especially Colin Hambidge and Frederick Clark

There were only five people in the church. We were fortunate that one of them was Aidan, with his sound equipment, which included a recording of the Last Post and Reveille and so we were able to remember with dignity and respect. Christine and I lit candles and then stood one at each end of the brass plaque

We read our tributes and followed them by the Exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph* The Last Post was sounded, the two minutes' silence kept and Reveille brought it to an end. We realised that there may have been some among you, who might have liked to be present, but under the present "rules" we could not encourage a number of people to come at the same time unless we could be sure that we could "control" them. Sadly this is the tomorrow for which they gave their today.

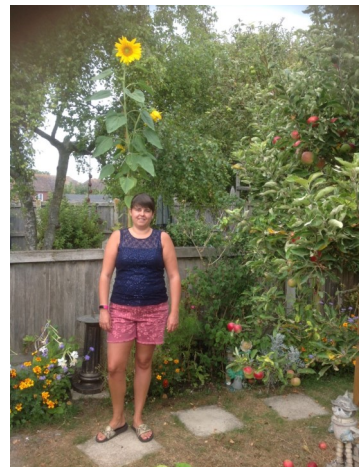
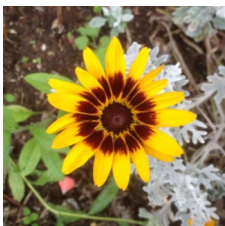
*"When you go home,
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow,
We gave our today."



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An Essex Childhood:-

When I was born at the former Oldchurch Hospital, Romford in 1958, Romford was still a municipal borough (Borough of Romford). It had been formed into a borough in 1937, and was still part of the county of Essex. In 1965, the Borough of Romford (and its area) was transferred from Essex, and formed part of Greater London, becoming the London Borough of Havering (East London). Romford became the administrative centre of the London Borough of Havering, and remains so to this day. Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, had its origins in the infirmary, being built in 1893, to support the Romford Union Workhouse that had been built in 1838. Over the years there were expansive additions to the site, particularly in the 1930's. Sadly, both the entire hospital and the former workhouse started to be demolished in 2006, and the site has now been developed into a housing estate, with the exception of a few converted properties.

However, I lived in the Borough of Romford for 7 years, when it still maintained its "County of Essex" status. Many Essex schools which were built from 1937 in Romford and other parts of Essex, were proudly adorned with the Essex Coat-of Arms, being the three Saxon seax knives. Essex had its roots in the Kingdom of the East Saxons. My very first exercise books at school from 1963 until 1965, proudly displayed the Essex Coat - of Arms!

In the early to mid -1960's, daily life for a child of my age was free of any technology (!), and many children shared the same pastimes: School, Sunday School, church, Brownies/Cubs, visiting the library, going to the pictures and swimming pool, and visiting grandparents and relatives. It was at this time that my father bought a little Austin A35 van, that dated from the mid-1950's. It was originally manufactured as a commercial van, but had been converted to a "car" with the addition of back seats, storage space, and windows at the side and rear. We were all thrilled to have the luxury of a car for the very first time. My mother, browsing through books in Romford Library, chanced upon the "Essex" book of "The Kings England" series, written by Arthur Mee (1875-1943). This book was to become our faithful travelling companion over the next few years, and my mother must have had it permanently on loan! Arthur Mee's "The Kings England" (a guide to the counties of England), consisted of 43 volumes, with the content of each book being largely a description of churches, and associated local people who were worthy by their success. The first volume was published in 1936. In 1989, the series was re-printed, "recognising the need for them, both as excellent guidebooks, and now with the added dimension as historical documents in their own right".

During the next few years of the 1960's, at weekends and during school holidays, armed with Arthur Mee's "Essex", a flask of tea, a picnic, and travelling in the little A35 (the same one that would later take us each year to Margate!), we embarked on our adventure!!

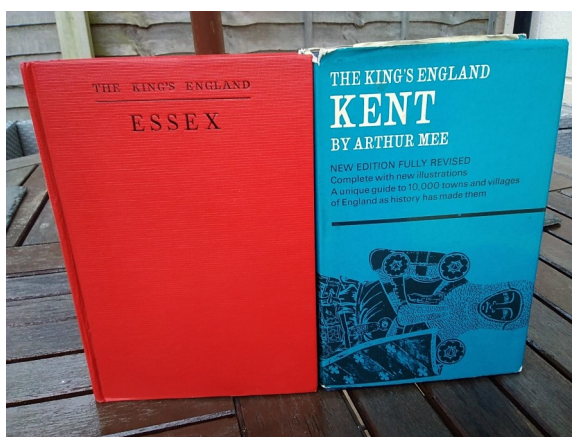
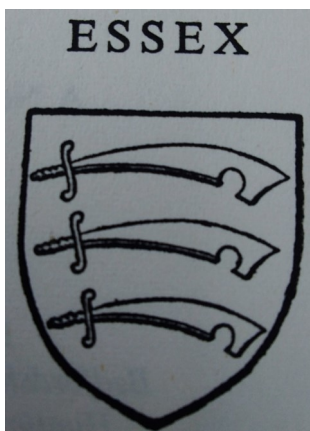
We didn't have to drive too far before we were in rural Essex countryside. At first, we visited fairly local places such as Stapleford Abbots, Stapleford Tawney,

Theydon Garnon, Theydon Mount, Theydon Bois, and Greensted. If you look at the attached small map, you can locate these places. The map is laid out in 5 mile squares. My mother would always find something of interest to read out to me from the Arthur Mee book, that would hold my attention. At Theydon Bois Church, Miss Frances Mary Buss is buried there, who I would later study at school and college. Miss Buss developed a new system which revolutionised the methods of teaching. When she died in 1894, her North London Collegiate school was one of the most famous secondary schools in England.

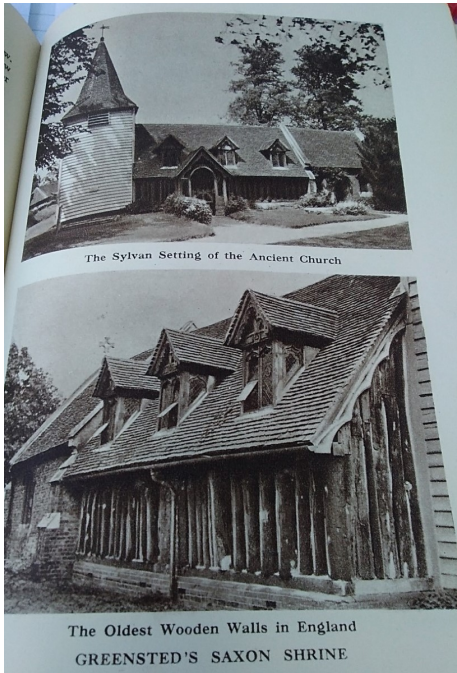
The place which fascinated us the most, and to which we would return many times, was the church of St. Andrew's, Greensted, situated deep in the Essex countryside, near Chipping Ongar. It is the oldest wooden church in the world, and also the oldest wooden building in Europe, with a nave dating back to between 997 and 1063 AD. The split Oak tree trunks that still form the nave, are parts of the original Saxon structure. Arthur Mee writes of them as "the oldest wooden walls of Old England". He adds, "Come close to them, and run your fingers along the shaped timbers, and feel the marks of the adze (a type of axe) made by the Saxon carpenter. The trees they felled to build the church were growing when the Romans came". For a young girl, this was so interesting and literally having history at one's fingertips! The body of St Edmund was apparently held at Greensted Church for one night, on the way to his final resting place in Bury St Edmunds. The church is still in regular use.

Thus, halcyon days of my childhood. I am so grateful that my parents enriched my childhood in this way. My father drove the little Austin until 1972. It seemed to pass its MOT each year! It was a very sad day when it left us, after giving us such faithful service and treasured memories. Much love, Valerie.

NB: The postcards of Greensted Church and St Edmond, are from my own collection, purchased at the time!







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

Meeting 11/3/20 and 2/7/20.

Minutes approved 10/8/20

Minutes 11/3/20

Matters arising. Piano. Condition of instrument would be checked before accepting. Organ Recital by David Flood on hold until a new organist and choir master was in post (at the cathedral). Leaking gutters. Pierra Ltd awaiting a definite spell of dry weather to carry out the repairs

Worship and Mission. Arrangements discussed and made for the Church Gathering day, Holy Week, Mothering Sunday and Easter. (Author's note. Details not shown as events did not take place due to Coronavirus pandemic)

Treasurer's report. Statements for the month of January and February 2020 together with the annual account for the year ended 31 December 2019 were discussed and approved. Thanks recorded to Graham Cooper as Independent Examiner of the PCC account.

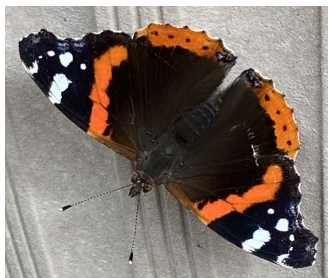
Churchwarden's report. Statistics for Mission. Report submitted on time. Christian Copyright Licence International. Relevant annual reports completed. Foodbank. Thanks recorded to Ron Hodges for taking donations to the foodbank. Tidy up of vestry commenced.

Trustees report year ended 31 December 2019. The final draft was approved, adopted and signed by the Chair. Thanks recorded to Jean Glover for her work in preparing this report

Remedial works. Smartwater protection. Paint to be ordered when weather improves. Trees and gates in church grounds. Permission to reduce the width and crown of the protected trees not yet received from Thanet District Council. No news about return of gate at the Ivanhoe Road entrance. Church flag. Flowers given as thanks to BB Bridal for repairing flag. Vicarage tree. Top Branch to be asked to look at.

AOB. Dates for Easter visits, Electoral Roll revision and Summer Fayre arranged. . (Author's note. Details not shown as events did not take place due to Coronavirus pandemic)

Vestries. Plans drawn up in 2003 were updated with new ideas. Cost of architects fees in the region of £2000



Minutes 2/7/20

This extraordinary meeting had been convened to consider the opening of church for public worship and the reorganisation of Ministry

Opening Church for Public Worship. The latest guidance issued by the Church of England was referred to and considered during discussion of the completion of the mandatory risk assessment. Churchwarden to complete the risk assessment and send to the Archdeacon of Canterbury by tomorrow afternoon. PCC to review the risk assessment in readiness for the Dedication Festal Eucharist on 26 July 2020 when the Bishop of Dover will preside.

Reorganisation of Ministry. The existing posts held by Mother Karen was to change by relinquishing the post of Associate Priest to the Wantsum Benefice but continue as Priest-in-Charge of St Saviours albeit with slightly reduced hours. The Treasurer provided details showing the financial effect of this change. The PCC unanimously welcomed the proposal that Mother Karen become our part-time (0.2) Priest-in-Charge with effect from 1 August 2020.

Treasurer's Report (General fund)

Statement for the month of August 2020

August

Income £2440

Expenses £4306

Deficit £1866

Deficit for year to date.....£4129



Total assets at	1 January 2020	£80633
Total assets at	31 August 2020	£76504

Unfortunately we continue to show a deficit in our finances. This is partly due to COVID-19 where people are still unsure about attending church despite the easing of the lockdown measures. It is therefore important to continue with live streaming of Sunday services although this has created a one off expense for necessary equipment.

The Storehouse (Foodbank) is accepting donations of food on Thursday mornings. However, the Storehouse will accept monetary donations and the church will continue to act as a focal point for receiving such donations. A total of £1430 at 31 August 2020 has been sent to the Storehouse.

G R Neve , Hon Treasurer

Hello to all my special friends Can i Just take this Moment to say a special Thank you to all you amazing friends at st Saviours for Having me there for 10 whole Years and also can i say special thank you to Susan wing Christine Attwood Joy for welcoming me to the parish during my Time at the parish when i used to live in westgate you have all been so Amazing to me for the Years i am very thrilled to let you all know that you are all my special friends

take care and speak to you all very soon
with my loves to you all from your special friend David from St Saviours church Before
and keep safe Xx



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

SEE NOTICES FOR SERVICES

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



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