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**The Magazine of
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**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST SAVIOUR WESTGATE ON SEA**

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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!



St Saviour's Church, Westgate
Come & join us SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER
Donations of Flowers, foliage, fruit,
vegetables & non-perishable food are
welcomed to decorate the church from
9am please.

FROM 12noon:

Display of Art & Craft work from
children of St Saviour's school & The
Westgate Art & Craft Group with live
music in church during the afternoon.

Please come in & enjoy our celebration
of God's gifts of creativity.



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, HARVEST FESTIVAL

EUCCHARIST

10.30am

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER



"All things bright and beautiful"

Gifts of produce warmly welcomed to be presented during the service.

Perishables will be distributed afterwards around the parish & non-perishables donated to Storehouse (Birchington Food Bank).

ALL WELCOME



St Saviour's Church

... "All creatures great and small"

ST FRANCIS CELEBRATION

PET BLESSING SERVICE

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER at 3pm

**Please bring your pets, large or small,
for a blessing.**

**Please book in advance, limited
capacity.**



Contact cattwood2002@yahoo.co.uk



Dear friends,

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

As we prepare for this year's Harvest Festival, we're aware that, in contrast to other years in which we've moved gradually from summer to autumn, the Prime Minister's announcement of further restrictions a week ago has plunged us into a different way of measuring the passing of seasons. Six months of Covid-19 is giving way to a further six months of Covid-19. We're marking time in half-years now.

This highlights the binary nature of the most fundamental of God's promises after the devastation of the Flood and the planting of the rainbow in the sky as a 'witness' as quoted above; that the opposites of night and day, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, serve to complement and balance one another in God's eternal provision. It may not feel like it now, as we feel deprived of the chance to enjoy the nuanced details of our lives, but it serves to remind us that the Earth, created and sustained by God through all time, will not pass away until He wills it.

What difference does this make to us? I hope that it reassures us that, although bigger things (mainly, the pandemic) are influencing the whole world right now, still the order of day and night, winter and summer remains. Our perception of times and seasons and the suspension of many things which have given shape and purpose to our lives may have left us unsettled at the moment, but, as people of faith, we can believe that *God is working his purpose out*, even when we can't see how.

One of the beautiful offshoots of Lockdown was the re-discovery of real quiet, bird-song and renewed appreciation of nature; the other great 'positive' was the neighbourliness and awareness of our interdependence, particularly on our Key Workers.

All of this has enabled many people to take stock of their lives and priorities and to make lasting changes. We are the lucky ones, if that is the case. Many have been deprived of their livelihoods and experienced devastation similar to a flood because of bereavement and being unable to be with loved ones at the end of their lives due to the pandemic, as well as crippling economic hardships or the cruel impact of being cooped up in cramped accommodation- the fate of many university students echoed again right now. However, *many things that have been covered up will be uncovered and everything now hidden will be made clear*, as Jesus told his disciples.

Can we see God's hand in our much greater feeling of gratitude to our Key Workers and our increased awareness of the need for decent housing, neighbourliness and living wages for all?

As we move into Autumn, let's try to see beyond the current hardships and '*the chances and changes of this fleeting world*' in the beautiful words of the old service of Night Prayer. Undernath are the Everlasting Arms.

Mother Karen

Glance back over September

The warmth of August carried us into September and we relaxed into our new pattern of Sunday morning services at 9 am (Prayer Book) and 10.30 (Common Worship). Regular prayers for the community, street by street, as well as for the sick and house-bound have re-commenced this month, reinforcing our connection with the wider parish beyond the church walls in these uncertain times.

The weekday Welcomers have continued to offer a ministry of welcome to whoever comes into church as well as appreciating the quiet and hospitality of the church themselves. Our PCC met again on the first Monday of September, keeping church business ticking over, with the additional pressures of the pandemic restrictions and the need to provide a safe and hygienic meeting place for all.

We waved 'au revoir' in early September to some of our Roman Catholic and URC friends whose churches have now re-opened. It has been wonderful to have them worshipping with us over the summer and we are always delighted to continue to welcome them to join us; links made over many years through 'Christians Together in Westgate' have been strengthened and renewed during this time.

On the final weekend of the month, the weather had turned distinctly autumnal! Despite this, our APCM was attended by almost twice as many as last year and reflected not only the period up to the end of December 2019 but also the huge adjustments which 2020 has brought. We thank God that, very encouragingly, more people are regularly worshipping together at St Saviour's, either in church, or online, thanks to the live-streamed services.

St Saviour's Church, Westgate



**CHURCH IS OPEN FOR SERVICES ON A
SUNDAY AT 9am (Said Book of Common Prayer)
and 10.30am.**

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

**You can join us online by accessing the church
website (www.stsaviourswestgate.org.uk) &
obtaining the link on the Visiting Page shown
below the service information.**

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,
Vanessa

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”

Brenda, Arthur

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Donald Stewart 14th October 1939

Henry Hambidge 22nd October 1944

The Outcome of Elections and Appointments

The annual meeting of parishioners and the annual parochial church meeting (APCM), which are usually held in April, took place on Saturday 26th September. Due to coronavirus the Bishop of Dover had extended the deadline for holding these meetings to 31st October. Despite the very inclement weather and the pandemic, attendance was actually up on the low turnout in 2019. At the first of these meetings, all present voted in favour of a proposal that enabled Christine Attwood to stand as churchwarden for a further year. Christine and Chris Joiner were subsequently re-elected as churchwardens. They will be admitted to office during a forthcoming Sunday service as it is not possible for this to be done at an Archdeacon's Visitation in Canterbury Cathedral this year. Further elections and appointments took place during the APCM with the result that Alan Clark and Graham Neve were re-elected to serve on the PCC for a further 3 years; Christine Bolger and Peter Staziker were re-elected to serve on the PCC until next year and Graham Cooper was appointed as independent examiner of the PCC's accounts for the current financial year. 3 places on the PCC were left unfilled and no one came forward to fill the vacancies for 2 representatives to represent St Saviour's on Deanery Synod.

After a short interval the 2020/2021 PCC held its first meeting. This began with the co-option of Aidan Macqueen to serve until the next APCM and so the new PCC consists of Mother Karen, the churchwardens, Aidan, Alan, Christine B, Graham, Kathleen and Peter Staziker and Phil Joiner. During the PCC meeting: Peter Staziker was re-elected as Lay Chair; Christine A was appointed as PCC and Minutes Secretary; Graham was re-appointed as PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary and Valda Neve was re-appointed as Electoral Roll Officer (this position does not need to be a PCC member). Once again, the Standing Committee members are Mother Karen, the churchwardens, the Lay Chair, the PCC Treasurer and Alan Clark as a representative of those who worship at 9 o'clocker on Sunday mornings. The PCC meets again on 12th October



Treasurer's Report (General fund)

Statement for the month of September 2020

Unfortunately it is not possible to complete a statement for this month as details of bank interest are currently awaited. However early indications are that the month will end in a near break-even position.

Deficit for year to date (31 August).....£4129

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

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 £1500 at 30 September 2020 has been sent to the Storehouse.

G R Neve
Hon Treasurer

The Corona Virus

DO NOT let this Corona bowl you over.
Just bear in mind & think awhile,
Of many thoughts to make you smile.
Life is for living & thinking well.
So on the bad things do not dwell.
Cheer up, soon it will fly away
And we can all go out & enjoy our day
And sing with great GUSTO
The good old song,
Rule Britannia let this virus be gone.

*Marie Evans
September 2020*



St Saviour's Church, Westgate



**"Our Church is open every morning
Monday to Saturday for private
prayer between 10.30am & 12noon.**

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



THE FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER from 10am to 6pm.

Laraine & Andy rode their bikes ,Melanie & Steve & Valda & Graham walked, the weather was perfect and between us all the amount of sponsorship raised was £255 , half of this total amount will be returned to St Saviour's Church.

Many thanks to all those who welcomed riders & striders to the church from 10am to 6pm, to all those people who sponsored and to all who took part riding or striding. A wonderful effort due to great teamwork. THANK YOU.

'If you would like a flower arrangement in church in memory of a loved one, we can supply this at any time..Donations from £10.'



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, WESTGATE

**ALL SOULS
COMMEMORATIVE
SERVICE**



SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

AT 3PM

**REMEMBERING OUR
DEPARTED LOVED ONES**

BOOKING ADVISED



Contact Mrs C Attwood
Tel 833314
Email cattwood2002@yahoo.co.uk

The annual cutback of shrubbery will take place on Saturday 17 and 24 October 2020 between 10am - 12noon. Please bring your own shears, loppers or secateurs. Everyone welcome.

Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to provide refreshment. Please bring your own tea/coffee etc.

Graham Neve



Farewell to Fr David and Andrea Chance. 'After many years of devoted service to St Saviour's Church, we are very sorry to say goodbye to Fr David and Andrea Chance who are moving to Devon to live closer to their family. Thank you from us all at St Saviour's!'



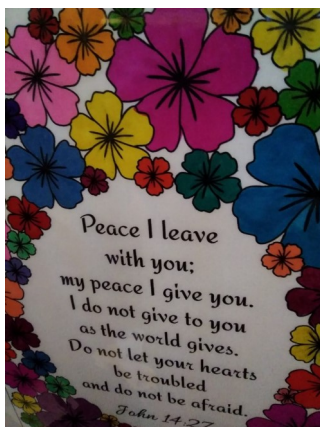
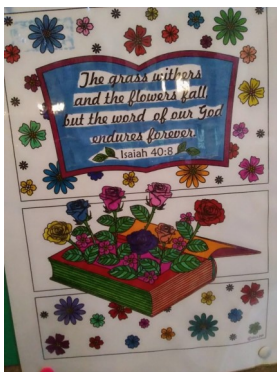
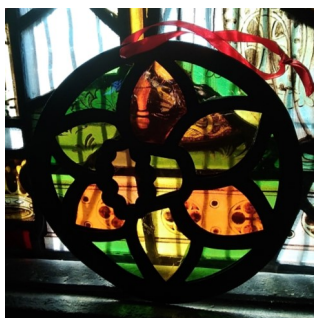


Friendly Friday Corner:-

As I write, I feel that autumn has arrived quite suddenly! It feels very cold, now! However, I am delighted to tell you that Friendly Friday has re-opened! We have arranged our seating to comply with Covid-19 legislation, and there are separate tables for everyone to sit at. We have some beautiful colouring sheets available to enjoy, each sheet containing a biblical verse. Four of the completed pieces are displayed at the back of the church, providing much colour. There are also stained glass window kits to complete, which will look perfect against a sunny background. Being conscious of safety, the art utensils are plentiful, and will be sanitised after each use. We can provide paints, too. We regret that we are unable at present to provide refreshments, but please feel free to bring your own. We very much look forward to seeing you.

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Mother Karen for arranging the tables with beautiful table cloths and individual activity kits, with wonderful music playing in the background, in order that everybody can come and enjoy Friendly Friday again!

Kindest regards, Valerie



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**

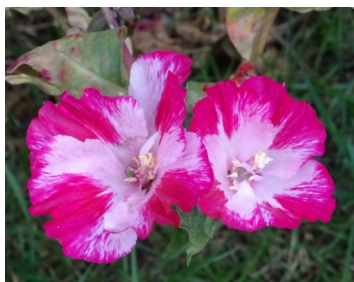
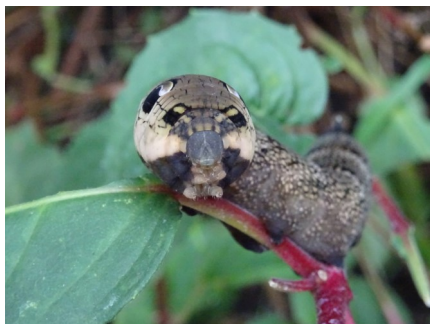
Donations of food needed for the Storehouse Foodbank, based at Birchington Baptist Church. Please support our local foodbank by sending donations of money to the PCC Treasurer who will forward the money directly to the Storehouse. Please contact the Treasurer at neve389@btinternet.com for details

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 NOVEMBER 2020 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2020

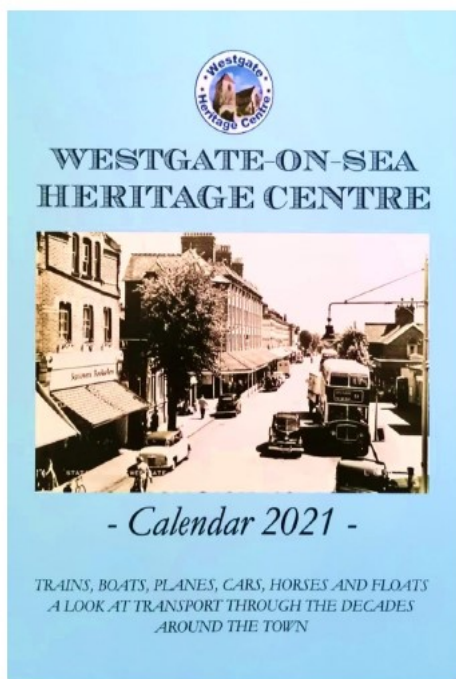


Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre. Our 2021 calendar is now on sale. The theme this year is Transport which ties in with the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Westgate-on-Sea Railway Station on the 12th April 1871. There are pictures of Trains, Boats, Planes, Cars, Horses and Floats around the Town from 1871 onwards. The price is £5 plus £1.50 postage. Please send a cheque, made payable to the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre, to

Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre, Town Hall Buildings,

31 St Mildreds Road Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8RE

Because of the Covid-19 crisis, the Heritage Centre is not able to open in St Saviour's Church at the moment. During October 2020, the Heritage Centre office, at the Town Hall Buildings, will be open every Tuesday morning from 10 am to 12 noon and members/non-members can buy the calendar from here. Just press the office number on the intercom and a member of our team will be able to talk to you. (There is no need to come inside the building).



Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre by Dr Dawn Crouch

Once more I can report that the Heritage Centre has continued to function although, at present, we are still unable to hold any meetings. Throughout September the church was open each morning from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon and those on duty answered queries wherever possible.

I have continued to answer inquiries from many people on a variety of Westgate related topics, our quarterly newsletter went out at the beginning of September and a shorter “extra” will be out for October. We have produced our calendar for 2021 and it together with some of our publications is now available to the public - details elsewhere.

We have now started to put past issues of our newsletters on our website. Already this has proved invaluable to me. Christine had received an inquiry through the church website from a member of the Boys family about the Revd Augustus Lyne - his wife Elizabeth was a Boys - which she passed to me. I was able to point the inquirer towards the Heritage Centre website and the issue of the newsletter in which there was an article about Augustus Lyne. From this month's archive of photos I have included one

of the window in the south aisle given by Elizabeth Lyne in memory of her husband, who had died so suddenly and unexpectedly. It is the second from the vestry door and in the photo is decorated for the 111th Birthday of the church in July 1995. We used to call it Rose's window, because it was always decorated by the late Rose Austen with flowers from her husband's garden. At Harvest Festival the window sill was a cornucopia of fresh vegetables and fruit - the aroma first thing on Harvest Festival Sunday was wonderful! As this is the month of Harvest Festival I am also including a photograph from 1993 - this was the first year when St Saviour's School came to church for their Harvest Service. Previously Stanley had gone to the school. I remember that year so vividly. Each class had made a Harvest Banner which they carried in front of them as they brought their gifts to be placed in the chancel. It is good to share these memories with you all. I feel that, in this way, the Heritage Centre can still feel part of church life.



80 years ago Memories from St Saviour's congregation of 1940

In 2012 I collected more stories from those who had been children of Thanet in 1940 and who had taken part in the great "exodus" of June 2nd. I was so fortunate to be able to talk to Beryl Hurley in depth -Beryl has been a member of St Saviour's congregation for more years than we would like to remember and until recently attended the 10.30 service regularly. I'm sure that she is looking forward to being able to return soon. To my amazement, Beryl still had all the documentation relating to those days, including the letter sent to her parents and the circular letter which went to those who decided that their children should be evacuated with their schools. What treasure trove! As I went through it, I frequently had to wipe away a tear as I imagined Beryl's mother, whose husband was already in the army, struggling to make the preparations.

On Monday 27th May Local Education Authorities sent letters to parents of all schoolchildren. Unlike the woolly messages that have recently come for the government, this one was clear and uncompromising.

Evacuation would take place on or around the following Sunday, 2nd June. Those parents wishing to take part in the scheme were to register their children with the Head Teacher of the school which he or she attended by Wednesday 27th May before 10.00a.m. –parents had less than 48 hours, in which to make a momentous decision. Imagine the anguish, especially of mothers, whose husbands were serving with the Armed Forces! There would be no time to find out their wishes, for communications could only be by telegram – if they even knew where their men might be. Very few people had access to telephones.

Parents were warned that they would not be allowed on to the railway stations to see their children off. They must deliver them to their school playground with their kit and there say their farewells. Parents would not know the destination of the children.

From the Circular Letter, page 3: "HOW TO PACK THE KIT"

"The best carrier for the kit is an army pack or ruck-sack...Suitcases should not be taken...

A luggage label with the child's name, address and school written on it should be tied securely to the kit.

RAMSGATE EVACUATION SCHEME		Assembly School
Full Name of Child.....	HERBERT R. HART.....	2
Home Address.....	6 WELLINGTON RD WESTGATE - ON SEA - KENT.....	
Name of School.....	HATHAM HOUSE SCHOOL.....	
Group.....	T.....	No..... 19.....

Every boy or girl will need –

Gas Mask (in box) Ration Card Identity Card

Toothbrush, face- cloth, towels, hairbrush, comb,

Fork and spoon – older pupils – knife as well

A complete change of clothing, including –

Two pairs of socks or stockings

Hankerchiefs

Jersey or jumper or pullover or blazer

One pair of sandshoes or slippers

Night attire (two sets)

Boys

Girls

One vest; one pair of pants

One vest or combinations

One shirt and collars

One pair of knickers

One pair of trousers or shorts

Tunic and blouse or dress

Food: the child should carry food for one day; sandwiches, biscuits, oranges, apples are suggested. Bottles must not be taken.

The child should wear – Overcoat or mackintosh and strong boots or shoes - bear in mind that this was June, but the authorities knew that it was unlikely that the children would be home before the winter set in

Mothers had little time to prepare, especially if they had more than one child, who was travelling. I found especially moving the list which Beryl's mother had carefully ticked item by item.

Beryl was fortunate in that her second home was one where she was very happy and she kept contact with the daughter of the house who became her best friend for the rest of their lives.

R Parker

No 147

No 4 Section

Mobile Reserve

Bettles Hanger House

Easton
Kent

20 June
1940

Dear Beryl

I received your nice letter quite safely so glad to hear you are quite all right. It is a very nice place where I am staying it is just like Northdown Park only about twice as big. I am a dispatch rider and have got a nice new motor bike to ride. I had a letter from Mum this morning she is allright and she told me that you had been moved to another house so I hope you are all right where you are now and she also told me that the roof of our house had collapse so I got the afternoon off and went and had a look the workmen were repairing it when I got there so I hope they will make a good job of it, I saw Mrs Saffrey and she told me that Bim is allright and so are the canaries. Sorry about your bike but if I should happen to see a bike and have got the money I will send you one. We get lots of air raids here, so far they have not dropped any bombs yet so why worry. Well darling this is all for now hoping to hear from you again I am sending you 2/6 that is all I can spare now so goodbye darling and be a good girl

From Your Everloving
Daddy

xxxxxx
xxxxxx



On Friday 4th September 2020 St Saviours Church Churchwarden Emeritus Dr Dawn Crouch celebrated her 90th birthday.

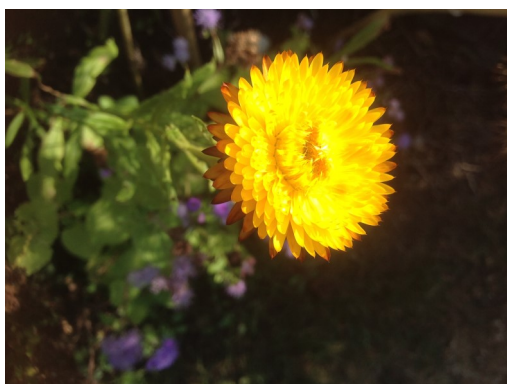
Photograph courtesy of James Brazier



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V D L N T S E S E R V I C E O

Art	Flowers	October
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Bright	Great	Saint
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Then and Now - :

As I await with much excitement, the births of my two (!) first grandchildren in November and January respectively, I wonder how much their educational life will differ to that of my own, that of my maternal grandmother, and even that of my maternal great-grandmother. My mother used to listen very attentively to stories that her grandmother told her, and from that, we know that my great - grandmother (born 1881), attended a church school in Diss, Norfolk. The school is still in use as a school, and in the 1880's, the pupils would pay a fee in order to attend. My great-grandmother took it in turns with her sisters to go to school! Girls at that time, were often needed at home to help with the younger children. Despite this, my mother told me that her grandmother was quite "well versed", as a result of her Victoria education.

Her daughter, (my own grandmother), who was born in 1901 would have a very different school experience. The School Boards would be abolished in 1902, to be replaced by Local Education Authorities. My grandmother lived in Hornchurch, near Romford, and many new schools were built in this Edwardian period. Attendance was considered to be very important, and I recall her telling me of an attendance competition that took place between the standards (classes), to win a free day's holiday. My grandmother was quite poorly with a painful ear during the last few days of the competition, but not wanting to let her school friends down, the school teacher let her just curl up next to the stove! Her standard was awarded the day's holiday!

My own school experience began in the autumn of 1963 in Romford. My school, Crowlands, had been built in 1908, and consisted of two large school buildings, with an adjoining corridor. It had extensive playgrounds, and spacious, airy classrooms, some still with its original fireplace present. The original Edwardian design was virtually unchanged. There were two large dining halls, and up to the year in which I left (1970), "grace" was said before each sitting. It was a county school, not a church school, but "grace" was still being said at this time.

The school was very fortunate in having a very good and forward thinking headmaster. At the beginning of each assembly, a record of classical music would be played, and the headmaster would speak about it. I remember asking my parents for a recording of "The Planets", at one Christmas, when I was quite young! In the mid - 60's, the headmaster re-arranged the alcove areas within the corridor, to create scientific and mathematical "bays", providing practical facilities as an aid to learning. One very dedicated lady teacher, Miss Webber, taught the recorder to different groups during the week, at lunchtime, and it was at one of her groups, that I learnt to read music. I left the primary period of my schooling, with many good memories. I was ready to embark on the next educational stage in my life!

In September, 1970, I started my secondary education at St. Edwards Church of England (VA) School, in Romford. It was the oldest school in Romford, being founded as a Charity School in 1710, consisting of two houses with 40 boys and 20 girls, "for the educating of poor children, and teaching them to read and write, and instructing them in the knowledge and practice of the Christian faith, as professed and taught in the Church of England". (extract from the St. Edwards Church, Romford, vestry book). In 1728, the school moved to a new building in the Market Place in Romford, to which other buildings were added during the next 200 years. In 1965, whilst the Infant and Junior schools remained at the Market Place site, the Secondary school moved to new premises further through Romford, along the London Road, surrounded by playing fields. The school was opened by Princess Margaret who arrived on the school field in a helicopter. I wasn't a pupil at the school at that time, but I did line the street to see the Princess leave the school in her car!

When I joined the school, there were about 800 pupils on roll, including a Sixth Form, housed in a purpose built suite. During the seven years that I was at the school, extensive building took place which included a new teaching block, a language laboratory, an indoor swimming pool, a sports hall, and a dedicated music block. The school held assemblies each day, and the church calendar was observed. On St. Edwards Day on the 13th October, the whole school would assemble in St. Edwards Church in the Market Place, for a morning service, after which, the pupils were free for the remainder of the day! School productions were held each year, and Christmas parties were much enjoyed. There would always be a showing of a film at the end of each term. The school boasted its own large kitchen, and meals were all made on the premises. They were delicious!

I left St. Edwards School in July 1977, after completion of A levels. I was so fortunate to have been taught by such a team of dedicated teachers. I thoroughly enjoyed my schooldays, and look back on them with so many fond memories and affection.

The school continues to thrive today, and currently hold the status of Specialist Language and Science College, with many more building additions. In 2020, the school celebrated its foundation of 310 years.

Notable former pupils include Katy Hill, former Blue Peter presenter, and children's TV presenter, and Christine Ohuruogu, Olympic 400m, gold medallist.

I attach some photographs.

They include:-

*The Charity School in the mid -1960's, which was being used as a library at the time. It was not too long before the building would be demolished to make way for the new ring road. Note the two niches where the Charity School figures once stood.

*My school beret! (50 years old!)

*The school badge.

*Boy Charity School Figure, now standing in the present primary school.

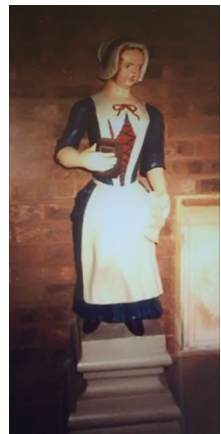
*Girl Charity School figure, now standing in the present primary school.

*An old drawing of the Charity School.

*The present secondary school, circa 1965.

*The Victorian school in Diss that my great-grandmother attended.

Love Valerie



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

Meeting 10/8/20.

Minutes approved 7/9/20

Plans for Vestry Area. John Bailey (Architect) recapped on previous plans for changes to the vestry area and building an extension into the grounds on the south side of the church. Many impediments to proceeding in the past were no longer an issue. Various plans had been presented and were discussed. Unanimous agreement in favour of the plan incorporating a glass garden room extension for community use.

Matters arising. Trees and gates. The protected sycamore and holly trees had been trimmed by Top Branch on 2 July 2020. The condition of one holly tree was being monitored. The return of the gate for Ivanhoe Road entrance was being pursued.

Worship and Mission. With effect from 15 June 2020 the church had been open for private prayer on weekdays and Saturdays from 10am – 12noon. Public worship commenced from 4 July 2020 with members from other Westgate-on-Sea churches attending the 10.30am service. Ringing of bells recommenced on 26 July 2020 with a maximum of 3 ringers.

Treasurer's report. Statement for the month of July was discussed and approved. Earlier statements circulated during the recent period of lockdown were acknowledged. Two quotes for the damage caused by the falling ridge tile were reviewed and attention drawn to the differences. It was agreed to transfer £20k from the Heritage Lottery Fund account to our deposit account with CCLA.

Churchwarden's report. Included details of activities and inspections during the period of lockdown. The PCC wanted to record particular appreciation to Mr Aidan McQueen for making it possible to live stream services from and including Good Friday. A larger fire extinguisher had been installed in the bell tower.

Items stored in vestry and under pews. All recognised the need to declutter and arrangements were being made for books to be taken to a charity shop.

AOB. A report from the Electoral Roll Officer was read advising of the application of one non-resident to be added. The application was approved and the PCC noted that the Roll now consisted of 68 names, with 48 members resident in the parish. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting originally planned for 25 April 2020 was rescheduled for 26 September 2020.

Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are coming back to Canterbury in October with a Baby loss support remembrance and support service (part of a Nationwide chain of events). Due to Covid-19 this is not a traditional service but we are happy to be able to bring a service to bereaved parents in your area.

The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. It was founded in 2012, by Zoe and Andy Clark-Coates, who saw a critical lack of support for people like them, who had gone through baby loss. With over 258,000 babies being lost yearly in the UK alone, the charity needed to be able to offer not only a comprehensive package of befriending and support but also national baby loss remembrance services (called Saying Goodbye Services), for people to join together and remember the children they had lost. 5 years on over 120 services have taken place at Cathedrals and Minsters across the UK, US, and France, and 2020 will see services across England, Wales, and Scotland, Covid-19 permitting.

On the 10th October at 4pm, in Canterbury Cathedral we will be hosting one of our Saying Goodbye Services.

Places are free but should be booked online via

<https://www.sayinggoodbye.org/sglcc20-booking-page/> to guarantee a space, as services are strictly 40 maximum per service.

So who is the service for?

Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by a family members or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their family, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

We know that as 1 in 4 women suffer miscarriage and baby loss, you will have contact with a significant number of people who have either personally suffered baby loss, or who have a partner or family member that has, so we wanted to ask if you would help us in promoting the service.

To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org [1]

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