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The Link

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St Saviour's Parish Church

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St Saviour's Church outside

decorations

GETTING READY FOR ADVENT AND
CHRISTMAS





Dear friends,

It came upon the midnight clear is one of my favourite carols, echoing the themes of light and darkness which are also expressed so beautifully in the Prologue to St John's Gospel and in other carols such as *O little town of Bethlehem* and *Silent Night* which are especially associated with Midnight Mass. For a brief moment, we borrow the light of eternity which reminds us of the light and darkness in our lives and hearts as well as in the world around us at this special moment each year. Tiny candles, held in the hands and shining in the dark speak powerfully to us of a much-needed hope.

The unsettling experiences over the past almost two years have made us acutely aware of so much that we have previously taken for granted. Some have struggled with especially heavy burdens of loss, particularly during the early months of the pandemic when access to loved ones, even to say farewell, was forbidden. Now, as we enter a new stage of living with the virus, some may be able to feel grateful that, with constantly advancing scientific discoveries, we can expect to be spared a less virulent outbreak in the immediate future, but what of the considerable grief? Lives, opportunities and times lost cannot be returned.

This is where faith enables us to continue well and to look forward with hope. The words of St John's Prologue ***the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it*** (John 1:5) have never been needed more than now. As Christians, we choose to live by that Light, even and especially when those around us can't see it and refuse to believe in it. God is God of time and eternity, of things seen and unseen.

May our loving Father bless you with hope and faith as you journey onwards with Him and may we His people, continue to radiate the Light of Christ through our faithful witness to Him throughout the coming year.

Mother Karen

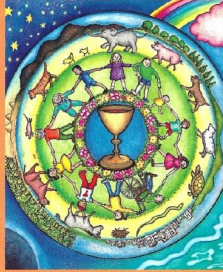


St Saviour's Church, Westgate

**CRAFTS,
MUSIC,
SINGING**



I Belong



**PUPPETS,
STORIES**

**I Belong Group meets in Church
On the 1st Saturday of each month**

2pm to 3.30pm

All ages of families welcome

Refreshments at 3pm



St Saviour's Church Heating Project (update 3)

APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Considerable progress has been made since the previous report in September, when we had met with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and were working to engage a firm of electricians to install the necessary wiring. Two electrical contractors attended but only one provided an estimate. It also became clear that our mains electricity supply would need to be upgraded to cope with the extra demand which involved applying to UKPowernetworks to undertake providing the necessary new cables and connection. There is also a need to create some housing to hide the cable runs leading to and from the vestry where a distribution panel (for switching heaters on and off) will be sited. Carpentry firms have been approached to estimate for this work and it is hoped this will be available sometime in January. The provision of heating in the Chancel/Sanctuary has also been explored and two estimates for providing pew heaters obtained.

The overall concept and plans for the Nave and Chancel/Sanctuary were submitted to the DAC in time for their meeting on 15 October 2021. These were accepted subject to overview by our architect and an independent heating surveyor. I am pleased to report that our architect approved the works proposed and we are currently corresponding with a heating surveyor for an independent view. Once done, and other outstanding estimates received, we will be in a position to submit a faculty subject to being able to afford the project costs.

The estimated costs including VAT are;

Heating Surveyor fees	not yet known (probably £2500)
Solray (Nave)	£35971
A C Electricals UK Ltd	£12705 subject to ongoing price increases
Carpenter	not yet known
UKPowernetworks	£9024
Groundwork Contractor	not yet known (to dig cable trench)
EHS (Chancel/Sanctuary)	<u>£5449</u>
Total known costs	£63149

APPEAL FOR FUNDS

It therefore looks likely that the overall cost will be around £80,000. Our existing financial reserves are insufficient to pay for this project. We have all come to appreciate the need for heating in the church during these past two winters. We now need your help to realise the aim of recreating a warm and welcoming church. This is an appeal to all members of the community to contribute towards a target of £20,000. St Saviour's Church is an iconic building within the town of Westgate-on-Sea and as a local listed building is worthy of community support. Please make a donation if you are able towards this project. Cheques should be made payable to **St Saviour's PCC Westgate-on-Sea** and sent to **The Vicarage, Thanet Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8PB**. If you wish to make a payment by online banking please contact office@stsaviourswestgate.org.uk for details. Thank you.



Congratulations!

A massive congratulations to Alfie, Ed, Gill & Andy who were confirmed by Bishop Rose on Sunday at Minster.

Please do continue to hold them in prayer and give thanks for their gift of faith now shared with the world.

St Saviour's Church, Westgate



**CHURCH IS OPEN FOR SERVICES ON SUNDAY
AT 9am (Holy Communion Prayer Book) LAST
SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**

and Sung Eucharist at 10.30am every Sunday.

**SUNDAY SERVICES at 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.**

Preparing for Advent inside St Saviour's Church



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”

Friday 10th December Lorna and Steve

Saturday 18th December Blessing of the Marriage of Michelle and Andy

The Sick

“Lord, grant your healing presence to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit”

Anne and John, Phyll, Doreen, Beryl, Joyce, Vanessa, Janice, Michele, Gill, Jean, Ann, Terry, Derrick, Peter

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

Angela

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

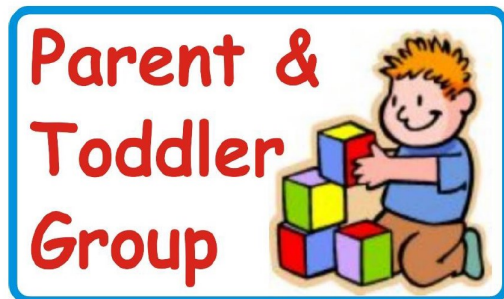
“Dear God, we thank you for the rest in Christ they now enjoy, and thank you for giving them to us”

Brenda (Known as Jenny)

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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

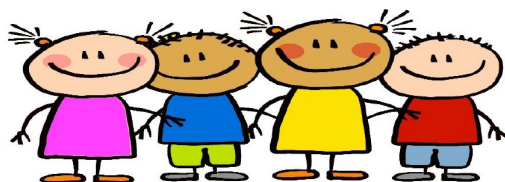


**Meets MONDAY
MORNINGS**

10.30am to 12 noon

For pre-school children & parents

**Have fun in the garden or inside if
wet**



St Saviour's Church

Christmas Collections for Charity

Oasis	£172.00
Porchlight	£185.00
Women's Refuge	£36.95
Children's Society	£261.90
TOTAL	£655.85

Many thanks to everyone for donating to these very worthwhile charities. (And for taking part in the services at which the collection was made)

A very happy New Year to all.



News from St Saviour's Church of England School

We were very lucky to take our Year 3 and 4 children to St. Saviour's Church today, for a reduce-capacity Christmas service. Under normal circumstances (remember normal?) we would have filled the church with our entire school; as things stand, we took Year 3 and Year 4 in separate 'sittings'.

As ever, Mrs Anderson, our music teacher had organised a beautiful programme of songs. Our choir more than made up for their reduced numbers, bolstered by a small number of 'ringers' from the upper school. We had solo singers, beautiful readings and even hand-bell ringing. This was the first time either year group had been to a school service in the church and their behaviour was impeccable.

Reduced as the service was, I was still very happy that we made at all. The final weeks of term, this time last year were merely a series of year group closures. In the final week of 2020, the school had, I think, seven staff members infected with Covid. Going to church was the last thing on anyone's agenda! Christian values and the support we get from our colleagues at St. Saviour's is so central to what makes our school great – returning there with our children was joyful.

I have no idea what the new year will bring for schools. There does not seem to be any appetite for co-ordinated, long term school closures. The practicalities of balancing online learning with key worker provision were daunting. More importantly, the effect we have seen on the learning and welfare of children, resulting from lengthy closures is frightening. School closures are bad for children, exasperating for most parents and stressful for school leaders and teachers. I suspect we may see more sporadic, shorter term school closures as the Omicron variant spreads. I think there is lots of potential for schools to have to close for a few days because they have insufficient staff to open safely for children. I also believe some families will be nervous about their children attending school if infections reach very high levels. The school has contingency plans in place for online learning – I hope we do not need them.

On behalf of everyone at St. Saviour's C.E Junior School, I wish you all a happy Christmas and a happy new year.

Nick Bonell, Headteacher

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. Donations also accepted for Oasis and Porchlight. 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,.

The deadline for the FEBRUARY 2022 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 30th JANUARY 2022



'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.'

Christingle Service at St Saviour's Church



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IN THE VESTRY!

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Our Friendly Friday year ended on the 3rd December. 2021, and we celebrated with mince pies, Christmas Carols, and the making of personalised Christmas Cards to take home. We were very pleased to welcome a new member to our group,

Margot, who hopes to return in the New year. We enjoyed meeting in the vestry very much, and it enabled Friendly Friday to continue until December, due to the church being a little chilly at this time of year! I am looking forward to re-starting Friendly Friday shortly, when we will be making Winter crafts from pine cones!

Happy New Year,

Love Valerie.







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 Epiphany



Frankincense  
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Prayer  
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The 1st Westgate Rainbows have been chosen as one of the Coop Local Community Fund Groups until October 2022.

We would be grateful for anyone with a Coop card to select us as their cause.

THANK YOU.

### Glance back over December

Glancing back over December seems a bustle of lights, children's faces, carols and anticipation; however, as the festive season approached and once more the virus encroached, we found our celebrations becoming less carefree. Happily, we were still able to welcome the youngest two year groups from St Saviour's School with teachers, parents and grandparents for their beautiful carol services and many children, teachers and families for our Christingle and the Crib services, for which we are very thankful; however, attendance was sparse at Midnight Mass and Christmas morning.

Throughout the month of December we enjoyed the magnificent tree which was generously given once again by Emma Campbell's Florist and we're pleased that this year the tree will be donated to the Pilgrim's Hospice Tree Collection on behalf of the dearly-loved mother of a local family.

Charity giving was a feature of December and we supported The Children's Society ( Christingle) with a donation of £261.90, Refuge ( the floral table-top workshop) £46.95, Oasis ( St Nicholas Service) £172 and Porchlight ( St Lucy) £185. Additionally, I am aware of much giving of time and effort to put our lights and decorations both outside and inside the church as well as skill and help in making floral displays, the Advent wreath and Christingles- so a huge thank you to all who have given so generously in supporting all these events. May the spirit of Christmas live on throughout the coming year!

Mother Karen

## Christmas Decorations at St Saviour's Church

Paper chains made by the I Belong members and Toddler Group













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I have two more postcards to show you this month, both posted in Margate, and dated 1924 and 1925, respectively. Both postcards show the same view of The Oval, Cliftonville. The First World War had ended in 1918, and the Second World War would not begin until the following decade, in 1939. This inter-war period saw the annual holiday become part of the lives of large numbers of people for the first time.

Our first postcard was posted on the 4th. July. 1924. King George V, would reign for 12 further years. As with all my postcards, I try to "read through the lines" to surmise the identity of the postcard writer. The couple, Mr & Mrs B, are boarding at 6, Dane Hill, Cliftonville, and appear to be enjoying their holiday. The writer states that they are "feeling much better"! Despite being on holiday, the writer's thoughts are with "Tigger", the cat, who is presumably being cared for by a neighbour, Mrs. Poole. The card begins and ends quite formally. The author doesn't mention bathing in the sea or going to the beach, but the couple would have had much to enjoy around the area. The open spaces of Dane Park were quite close. One of the attractions of the park, was a pond with ducks and swans, a rustic bridge, and an impressive fountain. The Oval at Cliftonville would have offered military bands and concert parties. Mrs. Poole, the addressee, was living at 10, Cumberland Road, Manor Park, London, E12. It was a pleasant area, in the heart of Manor Park Village, consisting of a network of Victorian terraces, and situated between Forest Gate and Ilford.

Our second postcard is almost identical in its view of The Oval, taken "from the Queen's Hotel, Cliftonville". The postcard is dated 20th July 1925. The postcard is written by "Jean", and she is sending it to a Mrs. R. Wood, 24, Russell Road, Folkestone. Again, I am "reading through the lines" to surmise at an identity of the writer. I am assuming that Jean is fairly young, as she is pre-occupied with "getting very brown", and that they are staying "practically on top of the sea"! In the 20's and 30's, it was considered healthy to get the maximum exposure to the sun. I am also assuming that Jean is holidaying with another girl, and from the "X" that she uses to mark their accommodation, it would seem that they are boarding at a house in Godwin Road, Cliftonville. It would be another year before the Lido would be built, creating a modern leisure complex.

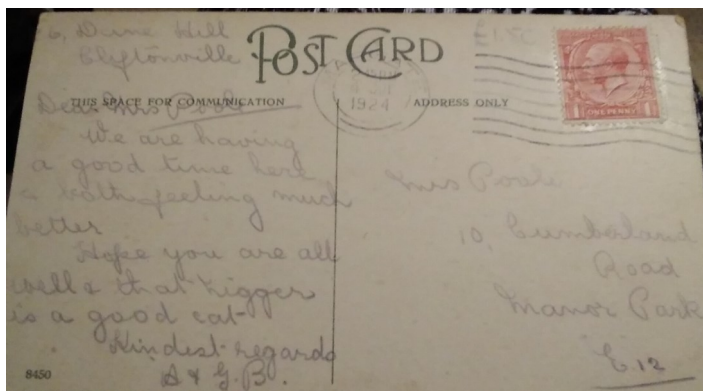
I hope that you have enjoyed "reading through the lines" with me, and I look forward to sharing some more postcards, next month!

Love Valerie.

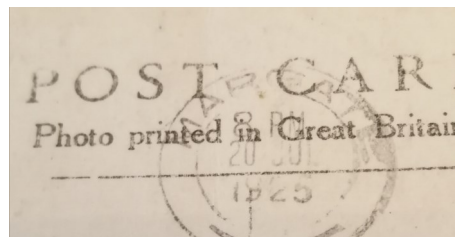
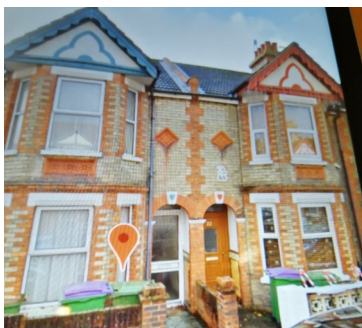
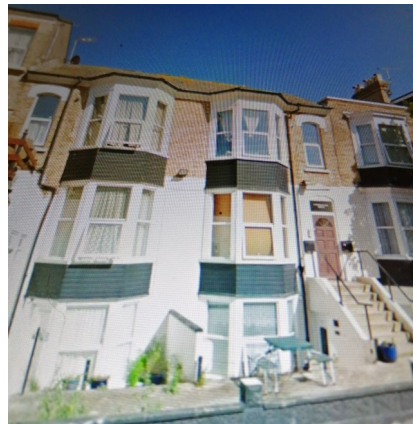
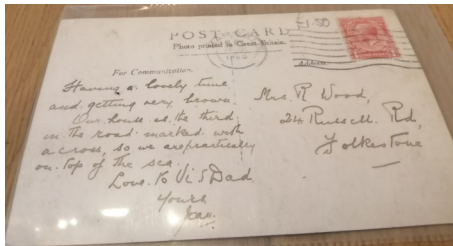
Postcard no. 1- 1924-:

1. The front of the postcard.
2. The correspondence side of the postcard.
3. No. 6 Dane Hill.
4. No. 10, Cumberland Road, Manor Park, presumably from where "Tigger" was cared for!
5. Dane Park, Margate, showing lake.
6. Dane Park Fountain, 1912.
7. Postmark of postcard.
8. Stamp showing image of King George V.









Second postcard:-

1. Front of postcard 1925.
2. Correspondence side of postcard 1925.
3. Jean's Cross indicating location of boarding house.
4. Possible boarding House in Godwin Road.
5. Proximity to the sea.
6. 24, Russell Road, Folkestone, today, to where the postcard was sent.
7. Postmark 1925.
8. Stamp 1925



**THE FRIENDS OF ST SAVIOUR'S
CHURCH, WESTGATE
INVITE YOU TO A
COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 12th FEBRUARY**

10.30am to 12noon

Small Charge for **Refreshments** **Raffle**

ALL WELCOME – ADMISSION FREE

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR IF YOU ARE NOT
A FRIEND OF ST SAVIOUR'S JOIN NOW ONLY £5
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

You do not need to worship in St Saviour's Church to become a Friend

Update from the Friends of St Saviour's Church

You may recall that we were unable to fill the vacancies for Chair and Hon. Secretary at our annual general meeting last October. The situation has temporarily been resolved by the Committee appointing Sue Bennett and Christine Bolger to jointly act as Chair, co-opting Debbie Smith onto the Committee and for Debbie and I to jointly carry out secretarial responsibilities until the next AGM. Covid permitting, we very much hope to be able to hold the AGM in April this year.

January sees the start of the Friends' new financial year and the time to pay subscriptions for 2022. Although membership forms will shortly be available at the back of the church, we anticipate most people joining/renewing at our annual coffee morning on Saturday 12th February between 10.30am and 12noon in St Saviour's Church. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please note the annual subscription is now £5 a person and you do not need to worship in St Saviour's Church to join The Friends.

Christine Attwood

Treasurer's Report for St Saviour's Church

Statement for the month of November 2021

November 2021

Income	£2704
Expenses	<u>£5120</u>
Deficit	£2416

Total assets at	1 January 2021	£103340
Total assets at	30 November 2021	£98357

Deficit for year to date.....£4983

G R Neve

Hon Treasurer

Email: neve389@btinternet.com



recipient

PETER - DOG

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Our brave Dickin Medal recipient this month is Peter, a Scotch Collie dog, who in 1945, received his Dickin Medal for his tireless work during the last year of the Second World War.

Peter began his war service in 1945, at the age of 4 years, as a search and rescue dog. He served with Air Ministry dog-handler, Archie Knight at the Civil Defence Depot in Chelsea. He was registered as Rescue Dog No. 2664/9288 Peter.

Peter acted as a search and rescue dog in London until the end of the Second World War. One of Peter's finest jobs was the occasion when Archie and Peter were called in to help search for war casualties, 20 hours after the incident. It had been raining heavily, and three people were missing. Peter quickly indicated a spot which seemed unlikely, but he was proved right, and a man and woman were found. Peter worked sometimes for 10 hours a day, and he never refused to give all that he had. He was never wrong in revealing casualties. Peter's rescue efforts were not limited to saving people. On one occasion, he indicated a trapped victim, which turned out to be a grey parrot!

In 1946, Peter and his handler were present at the Civil Defence Stand-Down Parade in Hyde Park, London. It was there that he was presented to the King and Queen, and received a kiss on the nose from Princess Elizabeth, the future Queen Elizabeth III!

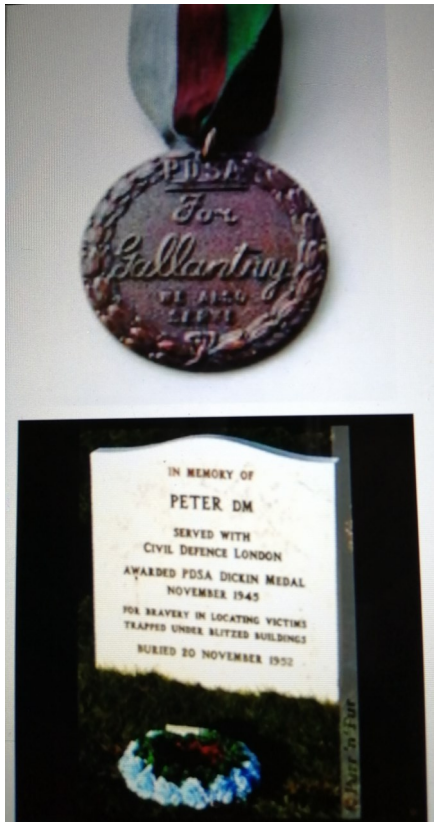
After the war, Peter worked with Mountain Rescue, and was used to demonstrate mountain rescue techniques to other rescue dogs and

handlers. He later returned home to his owner, Mrs. Stables, and was moved to a PDSA Animal Sanctuary just before he died. Peter was buried at the PDSA's Ilford Animal Cemetery on 20th November. 1952, aged 11.

Peter was awarded the Dickin Medal in November 1945. His citation read, " For locating victims trapped under blitzed buildings while serving with the MAP, attached to Civil Defence of London".

Love Valerie.





# 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

Meets on the 1st Saturday of each month 10am to 12noon. A talk is usually given at these sessions. **FROM NOVEMBER 2021 until**

**MARCH 2022 meetings will be at CHRIST-CHURCH URC due to heating problems.**

Refreshments are available. See the website for further details.

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**

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

9am Holy Communion Prayer Book on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and also on the 5th Sunday of a month where applicable.

10.30am Sung Eucharist

## 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



**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](mailto:admin@yoakleycare.co.uk)**

**[www.yoakleycare.co.uk](http://www.yoakleycare.co.uk)**