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St Saviour's Church, Westgate  
**Harvest FISH & CHIP Supper**  
(Pie, Chicken or Sausage  
available)  
**1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER at 5pm**  
**In Church**

Tickets £10 includes wine, Pimms, tea/coffee & a  
choice of Apple pie or Cherry tart with cream or  
custard. Concluding with harvest sing/song.



**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH,**  
**Westgate on Sea**

**HARVEST  
FESTIVAL**



**SUNG 10.30am**

**EUCCHARIST**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>  
OCTOBER**



**St Saviour's Church**

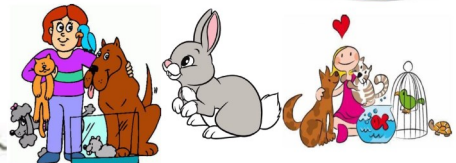
... "All creatures great and small"

**ST FRANCIS CELEBRATION**

**PET BLESSING SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER at 3pm**

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



Dear friends,

Have you noticed how often God's people seem to be on the move? I'm thinking of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, David and, of course, Our Lord himself, together with Mary and Joseph at the time of his birth and infancy. Since those times, pilgrims have continued the tradition of seeking God while on the move, taking their chances of who they will find journeying alongside them as they try to follow God's leadings.

In a sense we are always and ever shall be, a pilgrim Church, because the adventure of faith does not give us the luxury of resting on our laurels and growing nostalgic for times past. The time is always, 'Now' as Jesus himself said, when trying to stir the crusty old religious leaders out of their complacency, "you are quite wrong- God is not the God of the dead but of the living".

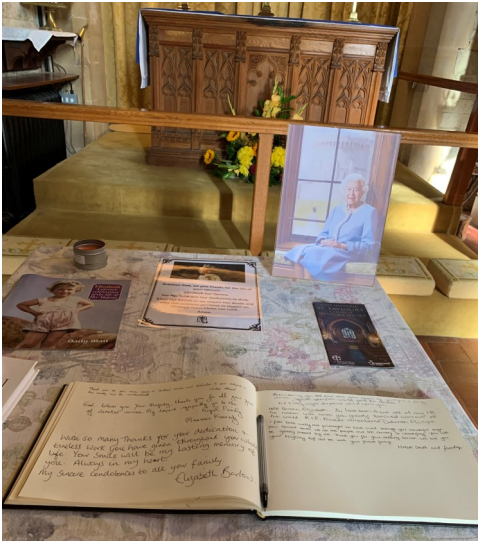
We have recently honoured our beloved monarch, Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> as we entrusted her soul back to the living God who was her steadfast hope and help throughout her long life. May we, like our late Queen, daily look to the future as we thank God for his blessings of the past and press on to take our place with her in the heavenly country to which her eyes were ever fixed through her sojourn here amongst us as our Servant Queen.

Mother Karen



## St Saviour's Church remembers the Late Queen Elizabeth II





## Saturday 17th September—The Queue

Douglas went to pay his respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II. He arrived at Southwark Park at 4p.m. and started queueing. Luckily, the weather was perfect for joining a queue!



Southwark Park was moving quite freely when he arrived, collecting his wristband in the first 'snake' at 4:25p.m. This was about 3km long!

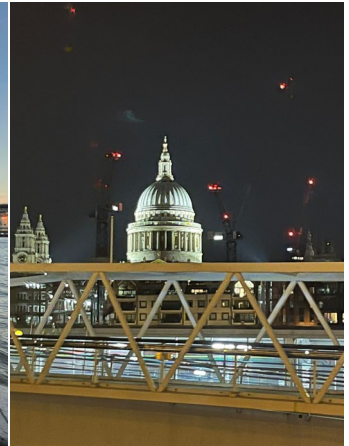


The River Thames, near Bermondsey, was reached very quickly at 4:42p.m.



The only bottleneck in the queue but he was still moving on, reaching London Bridge and the second 'snake'. A special treat was the bridge opening at 6:49p.m.

As the sun started to set, he passed HMS Belfast at 7:03p.m. A slower pace ensued, with St Paul's Cathedral coming into view at 8:18p.m.



The Globe Theatre appeared into view at 8:20p.m. along with the Millennium Bridge at 8:21p.m.



St Paul's Cathedral looked especially spectacular being lit-up in all of its glory!

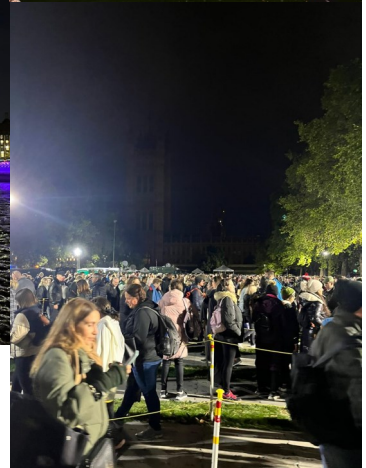


Waterloo Bridge was met at 9:56p.m. with many of the bridges lit up in purple as a mark of respect.

The Palace of Westminster gave hope that, after nearly 7 hours of queuing, he was making progress. Then, another landmark, the London Eye, was alongside him at 10:40p.m.



The Palace of Westminster was walked past on the opposite side of the Thames at 11:21p.m. Here he was warned it was another 3-4 hours to go but maybe more due to the possibility of a funeral procession rehearsal that night!



Next came the third 'snake' in Westminster at 00:33a.m.



Having met and queued with people of all ages from Cardiff, Devon, Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire for approximately 10.5 hours and 15.5km, he entered Westminster Hall at 2:30a.m. where Queen Elizabeth II was lying-in-state. Before paying his respects, a solemn and silent changing of the guard took place.

Having taken a break near St James' Park, Douglas made the most of the opportunity to visit Buckingham Palace at 3:33a.m. where the Royal Standard was flying. He then continued on his way to London Victoria Railway Station to catch the 5:55a.m. train home. His grand adventure finished at 8:15a.m. back in Birchington!



This was an experience that Douglas thoroughly enjoyed. Queuing with strangers, who felt like friends at the end, and paying his respects to the late Queen will remain an experience and honour that he will treasure for the rest of his life.

**Mother Karen's final services at St Saviour's**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**30<sup>th</sup> October 10.30AM**

**ALL SOULS**

**3PM**

Please join us to give thanks for  
Mother Karen's ministry and to pray for  
St Saviour's Church going forward into  
God's future



LOOKING AHEAD COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER. 2022.

We have still continued to meet each week, but it has been a somewhat quieter few weeks, due to the death of our late Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II. Our Looking Ahead friends continue to work very hard in the church garden, weather permitting! We have had quite a few rainy Friday mornings! We are delighted to have been able to welcome two new members, Linda and Mary, who have enjoyed showing us their wonderful crochet skills. One of our gentlemen members, Silvio, has regularly been bringing in his classical guitar, and has been entertaining us with his own music and lyrics. I even joined Silvio in a song, which was all in Italian! Our catering lady, Cath, continues to keep us all supplied with tea, coffee and cakes. Thank you, Cath!

Please do come along to say "hello" to us! We meet every Friday morning in St. Saviour's Church from 10.30-noon. We are a small, friendly group, and there will always be somebody there to make you feel welcome 😊.

Love Valerie ( Co-ordinator of Friendly Friday).

## **Glance back over September**

On the Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady (8<sup>th</sup> September) Britain's beloved Queen departed this life. The remainder of the month has, in St Saviour's Church as elsewhere throughout the country and beyond, been devoted to commemoration of her long life of exceptional gifts and graces.

The PCC was gathered at the back of church to consider the best ways forward for the final stages of the long-running heating project when the news broke. After a period of prayer in thankfulness for the life of Her Majesty, the meeting adjourned. It seemed to me very fitting that the Church Council should be gathered to hear this momentous news.

The meeting re-convened the following Monday and agreement was reached about the placing of additional radiators, subject to approval. We all very much hope that this is the beginning of the final stretch of this saga and that the church will be warm all winter.

Meanwhile, members of the PCC supported by other members of the congregation, undertook to keep the church open for people from the wider community to drop in to sign the Book of Condolence and for a few moments of prayer and reflection in this hallowed space. We were delighted that many visitors came. *Mother Karen*

## **Thank you to our volunteers and bell ringers**

Beginning with the annual joint exhibitions by Westgate Art and Craft Group and Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre, St Saviour's Church has been open for many hours on a daily basis in late August and, after a short break, in early September. Grateful thanks to everyone who came forward to unlock/lock the church, to be a welcoming presence for those taking part in the annual Ride and Stride in aid of The Friends of Kent Churches or to welcome members of the public as they came to sign our book of condolence following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We have been advised that books of condolence should be available to view in churches for a few weeks before being retained locally as part of our parish records. There is no request at this stage that they should be sent to local or county archives.

Thanks are also due to Steve and the bell ringers who rang for 3 weddings in September and took part in the national tolls following the death of the Queen. We also had visiting ringers from Eltham on 17<sup>th</sup> September so our bell tower was well-used last month. Christine Attwood

# St Saviour's Church

## Heating Appeal

The earliest form of heating in this church was through coal fires and coal fired boiler. This was replaced with a gas fired heating boiler, being a much cleaner and efficient form of heating.

Following, the failure of the gas boiler after 30 years service, it is again time to consider replacing the means of heating with a cleaner and more environmentally friendly method.

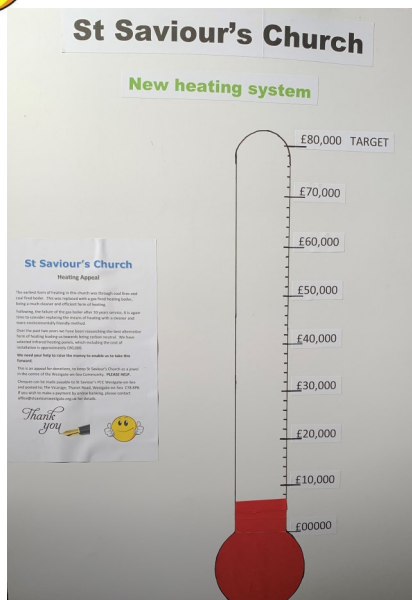
Over the past two years we have been researching the best alternative form of heating leading us towards being carbon neutral. We have selected infrared heating panels, which including the cost of installation is approximately £80,000.

**We need your help to raise the money to enable us to take this forward.**

This is an appeal for donations, to keep St Saviour's Church as a jewel in the centre of the Westgate-on-Sea Community. **PLEASE HELP.**

Cheques can be made payable to St Saviour's PCC Westgate-on-Sea and posted 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](mailto:office@stsaviourswestgate.org.uk) for details.

*Thank you*



## Treasurer's Report

### Statement for the month of August 2022

#### August 2022

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| Income   | £3393        |
| Expenses | <u>£3667</u> |
| Deficit  | £274         |

|                       |                |        |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------|
| Total assets at       | 31 August 2022 | £98108 |
| Total assets at       | 1 January 2022 | £97498 |
| Surplus for year..... | £610           |        |

The above surplus arises because funds received towards the heating appeal are included in the income. By deducting the sum raised to date (see below) less expenditure on fees £2516, the adjusted position is,

Adjusted deficit for year.....£4394

#### **New heating system (update)**

A design/plan for a new boiler and enhancement to heating in the social area at the back of church have been approved by the PCC. Applications to tender for the works have been issued to a couple of contractors. On receipt of their submission, we will know the cost of phase 1 and 2 outlined below.

Following a meeting with our Architect and heating Consultant in May, a four point phased plan is being drawn up. Firstly install a gas boiler which is capable of conversion to BioLPG. Secondly enhance the existing system to increase efficiency. Thirdly install pew heaters in the Chancel and finally convert the gas boiler to BioLPG. Plans of the position of pews, radiators, pipework and electric heaters have been provided to our heating consultant, from which it is anticipated proposals for heating the church will be developed. We do not know at this stage what the overall cost is likely to be but a best guess would still be in the region of £80k. Some generous donations have been received along with concert takings giving a total of £7520 (at 31 August 2022) which is a good start but still a long long way to go.

**Please help us to reach our target of £80k.** Donations can be by cheque made payable to St Saviour's PCC Westgate-on-Sea and sent to, The Vicarage, Thanet Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8PB. By direct payment to our bank, (please email [office@stsaviourswestgate.org.uk](mailto:office@stsaviourswestgate.org.uk) for details). Cash can be deposited inside church when open. Thank you.

G R Neve

Hon Treasurer

Email: [neve389@btinternet.com](mailto:neve389@btinternet.com)

# **St Saviour's Church, Westgate**



**CHURCH IS OPEN FOR SERVICES ON SUNDAY  
AT 9am (Holy Communion Prayer Book) 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> &  
5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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”*

Sunday 11th September    Oscar

Sunday 18th September    Rupert

### 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”*

Saturday 3rd September    Avalon and Dave,    Tracey and Ben

Saturday 17th September    Sophie and Callum

### The Sick

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

David, Gill, Phyll, Sally, Tracey, Peter, Joanna

### 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

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,    Bill,    Willy

### 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”*

Arthur, Brenda

### World War 2 Roll of Honour

Donald Stewart 14th October 1939    Henry Hambidge 22nd October 1944

## Grounds Clearance

The Annual Cutback in the church grounds will take place on  
Saturday 15th & 22nd October 10am to 12 noon. Volunteer helpers  
most welcome . BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS.



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

## **TODDLER TIME**



**Meets MONDAY  
MORNINGS** (Term time only)

**10.30am to 12 noon**

**For pre-school children  
& carers**

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



We are pleased to be able to commemorate the life of Queen Elizabeth II by ringing non-stop for 60 minutes.

**Kent County Association**

**Westgate-on-Sea, Kent**

St Saviour's Parish Church

Friday, 9 September 2022 at 12 noon for 60 minutes.

General Ringing and Tolling:

1Dorothie Steidinger

2Stephen Short

3Ann Wells

4Sue Bones

5Simon Lovelock

6Aidan McQueen



Kind regards Steve - Verger Bell No. 2

For the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**Kent County Association**

**Westgate-on-Sea, Kent**

St Saviour's Parish Church

Monday, 19 September 2022 at 10am for 60m

Tolling a Single Bell - continuous ringing shared by:

Ann Wells

Sue Bones

Stephen Short



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](mailto: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,. Many thanks to all who donate.

**The deadline for the NOVEMBER 2022 “The Link” is**  
**SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 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.'**

## **News from St Saviour's Church of England School**

We have had an unusual start to the year at St. Saviour's. The death of Queen Elizabeth II has had an interesting impact on staff and children, it truly feels like we are living through history. Three days before the Queen's funeral, the staff team attended the funeral of a much-loved member of staff. The two services, either side of the weekend, meant that we have gone through a period of sombre reflection.

Children had some interesting reactions to the passing of our monarch. For most children, reaching the age of ninety-six is unfathomable; most of our children's grandparents are in their sixties. During collective worship, in the week running up to the funeral – I explained to the children about the Queen's life of duty and the sheer longevity of her reign. I also explained that she is likely to be the only female monarch for quite some time – something which our girls took great umbrage to! I also explained the monarch's role as the head of the Church of England and her symbolic role in appointing Prime Ministers and their governments.

I spoke to children today (the day after the Queen's funeral) to try and get a feel for how many children had watched the funeral. Pretty much every family I spoke said they had watched the service. Interestingly, children were making connections between this historic funeral and bereavements in their own families. I have often heard it said that one of the strange benefits of pets is that it introduces children to the idea of death, loss, grieving and recovery. Families (quite rightly) shield their children, when they can, from death and bereavement but these episodes in history can start conversations that allow children to think about these events and learn that, essentially, life goes on.

During my assembly on the Tuesday after the funeral, I spoke about the near-universal high esteem the nation held the Queen in. I explained that this high regard for a monarch was not automatic. We live in a constitutional monarchy and no British head of state rules by divine right. The respect the public have for the Queen is hard-earned, through a lifetime of service and good judgement. Children understand that the way in which they conduct themselves and treat other people governs the way in which they themselves are treated. The teachings of Christ continually instruct us to treat others the way we wish to be treated. The heartening news is that children DO listen to and enact these messages. St. Saviour's children really do, in the main, treat everyone with care and respect.

I was very encouraged when one of our newest teachers remarked that learning behaviours were really positive at St. Saviour's, compared to her previous school. The conclusion I draw here is that, if leaders, parents, teachers and those in authority lead by example, children will reflect this and try their best to be kind and decent.

*Nick Bonell, Headteacher*

**New Hi Kent Clinic for batteries, tubes and advice.**

**Westgate Council Offices, St Mildreds Road**

**Second Thursday of each month 10.30 - 11.30am**

**The Late Tony Bennett**

**Sue and the family would like to thank you for the cards and kind messages sent on the death of Tony. He was much loved and will be greatly missed.**

**Love from Sue**



If you receive cards and letters through the post, could you save the stamps and bring them along to St Saviour's church? St Saviour's will then send them to the RNIB who will recycle them into much-needed funds for their services.

You can also support the RNIB by donating disused or foreign money. If you have any surplus foreign currency from overseas trips, or any unusable old British currency hiding at the back of the drawer, we'd love to receive it!

Please hand in any donations to our Church Wardens,





The office of Verger is an ancient one and, some might say, older than the Christian Church itself, possibly tracing its origins back to the Temple Servants of the Old Testament.

**1 Chronicles 9 vv 26-30** <sup>26</sup> For in this trusted office *were* four chief gatekeepers; they were Levites. And they had charge over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God. <sup>27</sup> And they lodged *all* around the house of God because they *had* the responsibility, and they *were* in charge of opening *it* every morning. <sup>28</sup> Now *some* of them were in charge of the serving vessels, for they brought them in and took them out by count. <sup>29</sup> *Some* of them *were* appointed over the furnishings and over all the implements of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour and the wine and the oil and the incense and the spices. <sup>30</sup> And *some* of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

The early Christian Church, therefore, appears to have had good precedent for appointing Ministers to care for the practical needs of the worshipping community, to guard the holy sites associated with Jesus' life and ministry and to assist the Elders and Presbyters. They were originally known as Gatekeepers or Doorkeepers because they had charge of the key for opening the church each morning.

As the mediaeval Church elaborated its worship, the liturgy (and therefore the preparations beforehand in the sacristy) became increasingly complex, requiring more men in Holy Orders to perform the liturgy and more Clerks in Minor Orders to prepare and assist. In 1390, Salisbury Cathedral had 130 'Clerks'!

Eventually the virge-bearing Sacristan became known as Virgarius (rod-bearer) and thence through English as Virgifer (Virga in Latin means rod, and fero is to bear or carry) and later variants such as Virger and Verger.

The office of the present-day Verger is, like the hymn book, both ancient and modern; their duties can include those of several ancient officials, and (depending on the particular needs of each Church) could include care of registers (as Parish Clerk), care of the churchyard (as Sexton), care of the vestry, vestments and vessels (as Sacrist or Vesturer), care of the linen, purificators and surplices etc., care of the church bells ..... as well as the ceremonial duties of virge-bearer in procession.

The Gatekeepers of the Old Testament would be more than a little amazed that their modern-day counterparts not only look after the articles of the sanctuary, but also operate a “sound system”, publish information on Facebook, the internet and light their “temples” with magical “electric lights” simply by flicking a switch!

Stephen Short – Vergers

I am attempting to complete the Church of England Guild of Vergers Diploma which is a nationally recognised qualification which will allow me to Virge at both churches and cathedrals.

I completed my Foundation training some time ago and last month I was invited to the Elim Conference Centre in Malvern to receive my certificate and participate in some extra training:



The week before departure wasn't great. Tracey my wife was poorly and my employer decided to give me my redundancy notice (effective December 30<sup>th</sup> 2022) which after 35 years with the company, really was a blow to my confidence.

Leaving Westgate very early one Sunday morning, I set off to Malvern on one of the hottest days on record! My route took me along the motorways of M2, M25, M26, M40, M3, M4, M5 but fortunately the traffic kept moving.

As motorways go, the journey to West Malvern was trouble free, however the temperature reached 40C by early afternoon. It's great after a long trip, to not worry about car parking, as ample space was provided. The conference centre staff couldn't have been more helpful and the check-in went very smoothly.

This was my first trip to Malvern and the scenery is amazing.



Elim Conference Centre (photo above)

Next door to Elim, is St James Church (photo below), which the Guild were able to use for the whole week. It's a lovely Victorian church, similar to St Saviour's and I immediately felt at home there:



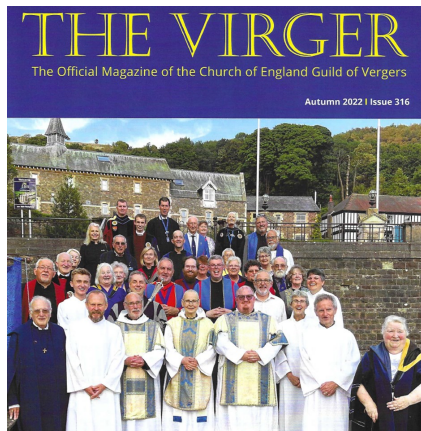
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We covered a huge variety of topics and participated in different services such as Morning Prayer, Angelus, Midday Prayers, Healing Service, Sung Eucharist, Choral Evensong with Benediction and Compline each evening at 10pm.

The workshops were really detailed and we covered a variety of topics; Bible Genealogy, modern stain glass window design, the faith of Florence Nightingale and in such wonderful countryside, we also enjoyed prayer walks.

I must confess to returning home half a stone heavier as the food at Elim was lovely and plentiful. I also made many new friends as we had Vergers from York Minster, Croydon Minster and many others including Scotland and Wales. We even had two Verger's fly in from the United States to attend!

Somehow I managed to appear on the front cover of the Guild Magazine:



It is a great privilege to be the Verger at St Saviour's, to help and support you all not just on Sunday's but throughout the week. I am currently looking for new employment as I'm not yet of retirement age, however I do sincerely hope I can continue at St Saviour's in my spare time as your Verger and Friend.

None of us know what is around the corner, but one thing is for certain, God is always by our side.

#### **Psalms 5 vv 11**

<sup>11</sup>But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;  
Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;  
Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.

Stephen Short – Verger

## CANDLES MADE BY VALERIE

These candles are made from candles that have originally been used during Services at St Saviour's

Please feel free to choose a candle, and leave a donation. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST SAVIOUR'S HEATING FUND

THANK YOU. A CHOICE OF CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH .



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

Meeting 10/08/22, 8/09/22 and 12/09/22

Minutes to be approved at a meeting on 26/09/22

### **Meeting 10 August 2022**

**Safeguarding.** A Parish checklist for safeguarding children was read out and accepted. It followed the format for the checklist for vulnerable adults. Potential risks to children were highlighted and a policy that all children be accompanied by a family member/carers when needing the toilet. It was reported that the majority of PCC members were up to date with safeguarding training although some were to complete the module on domestic abuse.

**Reports.** Priest in Charge. Announced that if successful at an interview for a vacancy in the Diocese of Lincoln on 30 August, her last Sunday at St Saviour's would be 27 November 2022. Treasurer. Statements for June and July had been previously circulated with no questions raised. It was pointed out that the running cost deficit at 31 July 2022 was £4081.80 at 31 July 2022. Verger. There was discussion on (a) Boiler room doorframe. Doorframe rotten causing door to be unable to close. Access to be prevented by wiring the gate shut. (b) Porch entrance noticeboard. Suggestion to cut out the damaged Perspex leaving a border of approx. 10mm so that a new Perspex sheet could be glued onto the border and covered by a suitable trim to be followed up. (c) Belfry staircase. Opinion of Care of Churches Officer awaited following his site visit. (d) West doors. It was considered by the PCC that the metal rings in the bath stone were not strong enough to hold the doors open nor previously used for that purpose

**Matters brought forward.** Roll of Honour. A member of the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre had made an excellent framed replica of the damaged original roll and wished to display it in the Memorial Chapel. The offer was not accepted pending an approach to The Repair Shop (TV program). Heating update. Designs/plans were expected from the heating consultant by the end of the month. Perspex screen at north entrance. Agreed to remove the screen until a surge in coronavirus cases dictated its reinstatement. The screen was removed after the meeting. Handrail for Lectern. Continuing to chase the Care of Churches Officer. Annual grounds cut-back. To take place on Saturday 15 and 22 October with the following Saturday in reserve. Top Branch to be invited to complete the works in week commencing 31 October. Christmas Fayre. The PCC agreed it should be a Christmas rather than Autumn Fayre and to be on 10 December. A subcommittee to be arranged to take forward. Church cleaning. Thanks recorded to Mrs Howe for continuing to give two hours a month to cleaning the church. Ride and Stride. Mentioned the need for welcomers in church and sponsors for those taking part.

**Correspondence.** A copy of the spring newsletter which included an article about St Saviour's first Vicar had been received from the Fr Ignatius Memorial Trust.

Fr Ralf Scheele from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Paderborn Germany had written requesting a short history of St Saviour's Church. A letter from CCLI offering two new copyright licences were considered and agreed as being unnecessary for existing needs.

**Any Other Business.** Discussion regarding the opening and closing of the church during the exhibitions by the Westgate Art & Craft Group and Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre (22–30 August)

### **Extraordinary Meeting 8 September 2022**

**Opening business. Additional to main item below.** Assistant Warden. It was reported that Mrs Lamb was willing to assist the churchwarden with his duties. The offer was accepted. Deaf Friends book Club. Request by club to hold meetings on Saturday mornings in church twice per month. No objections raised but need to check insurance position. Ingress of rain. Rainwater had leaked in the south side of the chancel above the rear choir pew. Churchwarden to check Quinquennial Inspection Report before obtaining necessary 3 quotations for insurance claim purposes.

**New radiators in Crèche area.** Chris Reading, heating consultant, had provided his design for a new boiler and proposals to install three new radiators. (1) to the left of the west door, (2) in the SW corner below the window on the west wall, (3) at the back of the south aisle pews. The consultant was keen to provide heat where he felt children would benefit. Discussion was curtailed following the announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. It was agreed that the church be kept open as much as possible for quiet reflection and signing the book of condolence. The church flag would be raised to half-mast. Meeting to reconvene 12 September 2022.

### **Meeting 12 September 2022**

**New radiators in crèche area and new boiler.** It was stressed that an agreed outcome was needed so that Chris Reading could invite tenders as soon as possible. There were concerns expressed about the cost and available funding given our current deficit position. It was said that reserves amounted to around £89k but £25k must be retained. Future financial outcomes had to be kept in mind. There followed a lengthy discussion regarding the position of new radiators. The outcome was to (a) install a new boiler as soon as practically possible, preferably by November, (b) install the radiator in the SW corner along the west wall. This would mean the cupboard (wardrobe) currently used by the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre would be moved to create room for the chair rack and (c) install a radiator behind the vanity screen nearest the hymn book cupboard, provided it did not delay installing a new boiler.

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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.

## The Dolls House own Story

My life was dull for many months, just standing on the top shelf of The Sue Ryder Charity Shop at Birchington. I was the biggest of the dolls houses for sale, my gables, balconies and attic room reflected many areas of Birchington and Westgate, I found this out as my toy maker was finishing my roof, he was proud of me.

Never mind it will soon be Christmas, perhaps someone will buy me and take me home also play and grow to really enjoy me.

A week before Christmas 2004 a charming little girl came into the shop with Great Grandad John and Great Grandma Anne. Her name was Megan, she was so excited to see all the Dolls Houses on the top shelf. It took her ages to pick me out but she knew she wanted the biggest one which was me. I am pink with an attic room in my roof with lots of rooms and stairs. I was taken to Linksfield Road Westgate where I was to live in an Attic room at the top of the house, this room was newly decorated so I felt quite at home.

Many of Megan's friends from Minster School came to visit and play with me, they talked about their future homes and what had happened that day at school, if only they knew I could hear them. I stayed in the Attic for 3 happy years then my owners had to move, but where too I wondered.

Oh this was only a flat but Anne had made sure their bedroom was big enough to take me too. Megan was pleased I was to come to Westgate Bay Avenue and helped pack all my furniture.

Megan was growing up fast, I know by the way she set my rooms out now, much tidier than when she was little, but I was still her special Dolls House.

The years went by and Megs Great Grandad John was very ill and died. She no longer wanted to play with me.

I often heard her in the bedroom talking about new dresses, their hair and make-up, I felt sad and lonely. Sometimes little Henry 4 would come in and move all my furniture around and leave me very untidy but he liked me too.

It was quiet without Megan and Henry and all their friends so Anne thought it time for me to find a new family. Megan too was sad, she could not take me to her room as it was so tiny and now nearly 18 agreed it was time to let go.

I was so lucky when Anne asked Mother Karen if St Saviour's Church could find a place for me, she immediately said "Yes, it will be nice for the children to play with." We were all pleased I was to go to St Saviour's as Meg had helped her Great Grandparents to clean the brass, attended Family Services sometimes and looked forward to the Church Fair at Christmas.

John Barnfather, Steve and members of the Looking Ahead Community and also Jeff, Meg's uncle helped move me, being so big and grand it was done very carefully. As I left Westgate Bay Avenue I saw real houses just like me across the road but they were white not pink like me.

St Saviour's Church has given me a good home and not only children but adult men too have played with me.

Hearing them laugh means I am where God wanted me to be doing the job I was made for – making people smile once again.

God finds us the right place to be in life, we just have to be prayerful and have patience.

Anne

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## What is Church? Signs of God Workshop

*Margate workshop. An opportunity to learn and use BSL in a Christian context. We will be thinking about what Church is and how we can be welcoming to all and create a supportive space.*

An opportunity to become more Deaf aware and learn and use BSL. We will be thinking about what Church is and how we can be welcoming to all and create a supportive space. All are welcome to join in this workshop, whatever your level of sign language there will be a place for you. Deaf or hearing, fluent or a beginner. Come and enjoy using and learning BSL in a Christian context. Just bring a packed lunch and a willingness to get involved. Our tutors are excited to meet you and part of the day is worshipping together, too. Some sessions will be all together and others divided into smaller groups based on ability level.



**Date:** 29 Oct 2022, 10:00 AM - 29 Oct 2022, 04:00 PM

**Location:** Holy Trinity Church  
Cliftonville, St Mary's Avenue,  
Margate, Kent

**Cost:** £20.00

**Online booking –** <https://www.signscfgod.org.uk/events/108#booknow>



## DUKE OF GLOUCESTER (born 1944)

This month, I have another royal personage to tell you about: Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester.

I was very impressed to see the Duke walking in the state cortege, and taking a major part in our late Queen's funeral on the 19th September. 2022. Aged 78, the Duke of Gloucester was a first cousin to our late sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her father, the late King George VI, was the brother of Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, Prince Richard's father. Born on the 26th. August. 1944, Prince Richard is a member of the British Royal Family. He is the second son of Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, and Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as well as being the youngest of the nine grandchildren of King George V and Queen Mary. Prince Richard's elder brother, Prince William of Gloucester, was born on 18th. December. 1941.

At the age of 4 months old, Prince Richard accompanied his parents to Australia, where his father served as Governor-general from 1945-1947. The family returned to the manor house of Barnwell Manor, Northamptonshire in 1947, where Richard spent most of his childhood. After being tutored initially at home, Prince Richard attended Wellesley House School at Broadstairs, finally graduating from Cambridge University in 1966 with a BA degree, having read architecture. A career as a practising partner in an architectural firm, Hunt Thompson Associates, followed.

However, Prince Richard had to end his architectural career in 1972, following the death of his elder brother, Prince William, who crashed his plane in a flying competition. Richard became the heir apparent to his father's dukedom, and had to take on additional family obligations and royal duties on behalf of the Queen. He became the Duke of Gloucester upon the death of his father, Prince Henry, on 10th. June. 1974.

Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, belongs to a small group of lesser known working royals. However, on behalf of the sovereign, he undertakes 100's of engagements each year, and is associated with over 150 charities and organisations, covering a diverse range of causes and interests. His Royal Highness is also a supporter of several architectural preservation societies, and has travelled extensively overseas, in support of the organisations with which he is linked.

On 8th. July. 1972, Richard married the Danish-born Birgitte van Deurs Henriksen, in St. Andrew's church at Barnwell. The couple have three children: Alexander, Earl of Ulster (24/10/74), Lady Davinia Windsor ( 19/11/77), and Lady Rose Windsor ( 01/03/80).

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester's official residence is at Kensington Palace, London. They have leased their private home, Barnwell Manor, since 1994.

In May of 1972, the youth marching band from Romford, of which I was a member, took part in the Peterborough Tattoo. There we performed before Prince Richard's parents, Prince Henry and Princess Alice, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. At the closing of our performance, Prince Henry stood up, and took the salute from our Director of Music, who had served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War. I was 13 years old at the time, and was very interested in the Royal Family. That memory has always remained with me!

Love Valerie



1989



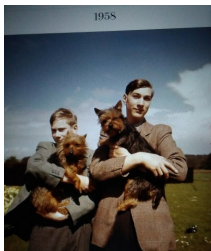
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## **Gingerbread Men Recipe**

### **Ingredients**

350 g plain flour

1 tbsp ground ginger

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp ground mixed spice

Pinch of salt

1tsp bicarbonate of soda

175g unsalted butter

150g muscovado sugar

4tbs golden syrup

### **Method**

Sift the flour, ginger, cinnamon, mixed spice, salt and bicarbonate of soda into a mixing bowl.

Put the butter, sugar and golden syrup into a saucepan large enough to hold all the ingredients. Set over a low heat and stir gently until everything is completely melted. Remove from the heat and tip in the flour mixture. Mix well to make a firm dough.

Tip onto a floured surface and leave until cool enough to handle.

Preheat the oven to 180C.

Lightly dust the worktop and roll the dough out to a rectangle just slightly thicker than a pound coin. Dip cutters in flour and cut out figures or shapes. Carefully transfer to a lined baking tray setting them apart to allow for spreading.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Leave to cool completely on baking tray.

Decorate with icing or dust with icing sugar.



### **"Loveliness of trees" in Hayes & Westgate**

It is unfortunate that I was not able to write these words in time for inclusion in an earlier edition of the "Link", but perhaps sometimes we enjoy the experience even more in retrospect than we do at the time. The experience I refer to here, & the purpose of this article, is the pleasure I derived from the Westgate cherry trees, in full, glorious blossom this past Spring, as I have no doubt they are every year. As sometimes much later, we can bring such pleasures to mind, memory deepens & enriches them. Recognising this truth Wordsworth calls it "emotion recollected in tranquility", an essential basis or least for him of so much poetry.

Before I moved to Westgate, which I did in December last year, my home for some twenty years, was in Hayes, near Bromley. I was fortunate enough to live close by the lovely gardens which surround the local library. I used to admire their several magnificent conifers, the stretches of grass & colourful flower beds, bright in Spring & Summer with daffodils & tulips & the later roses. But for me the small group of cherry trees crowded in an obscure corner, planted, it seemed, almost as an after-thought, was the best of all. One particular tree grew just inside the railings which divided gardens from pavement, & when it was in blossom I used to pause to enjoy it almost every day, often on my way to my then parish church, St Mary the Virgin. I looked forward, for months each year, to its gorgeous frothy white flowers, awaited them eagerly, & then lamented their passing, which they usually soon did, succumbing to wind & rain, & warmer sunshine.

I was sorry to leave my cherry tree behind when I left Hayes. But imagine my delight, when I attended my first Heritage Society meeting to find myself listening to a talk on the history of the cherry tree here, practically on my doorstep. I'm sure most of you will know that the man behind this was one Collingwood "Cherry" Ingram, son of Sir William Ingram, who was responsible for much of the early development of Westgate as a summer retreat for well-to-do London Victorian families. Not only did this pioneering man have the vision to introduce the cherry here, & encourage its spread throughout the country, in all its variety, but he also saved its diversity from permanent loss in its native Japan, where in that time one single type was being cloned everywhere, to the exclusion of an other, in the pursuit of nationalistic uniformity. So to him we owe the springtime beauty of West Bay Avenue, & also the lovely trees in St Mildred's Road & around St Saviour's, which were such an unexpected pleasure to me this year.

One of my favourite poems is "Loveliest of Trees" by A. E. Housman. My tree in Hayes is certainly one of them, & is at its very best when in bloom. It doesn't stand above the woodland ride but it is no less impressive for that, & its beauty is appreciated by many local people who would not see it in its natural setting. Wherever it is in Spring it is "Wearing white for Eastertime", one of the reasons I love it so much.

Housman, writing as a young man, in uncertain times, feared for his mortality, & in any case lamented, at twenty, that perhaps only "fifty springs" (of his allotted

“three-score years & ten!) remained for him to enjoy his favourite tree. Since, on my relatively advanced age, rather fewer than fifty remain to me, I intend to make the most of our local cherry trees in all their glory of their pink, as well as white blossom, so long as I am able. I am already looking forward to next year (anticipation is nearly as good as looking back). And I shall try to return to Hayes to see the tree which, aided & abetted by Housman, first inspired my passion.

#### **Notes**

A. E. Housman. A Shropshire Lad (poetry correction) 1896.

The book “Cherry Ingram: The Englishman who saved Japanese Blossoms” by Naoko Abe published 2016 is now available in paperback, by Vintage, Price £10.99

*Contributed by Hilary Abrahams*

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Toddler Time Group meets Monday mornings 10.30am to 12 noon Term time only.

Bellringers Practice every Thursday 7.30 to 9pm.

Bible Study Group meet Thursday at 7pm, details & inquiries ring Susan 836430 .

Bible Study Group meets in Church Tuesdays at 2pm.

Care of Church Building & Communication Team meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 11am.

The Hospitality & Mission group meet at 11am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

The Prayer & Pastoral Team meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

The Westgate Heritage Centre

Meets on the 1st Saturday of each month 10am to 12noon. A talk is usually given at these sessions. Until further notice 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 £5

New members welcome. Join the Friends of St Saviour's church Subscription only £5 per year . All monies raised go towards the upkeep of the church and grounds. Membership forms at the back of the church or ring

Debbie Tel: 01843 446584 / 07896508399 email: [drdebbie08@gmail.com](mailto:drdebbie08@gmail.com)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 1st October 5pm in Church Harvest Fish & Chip Supper

Sunday 30th October 3pm All Souls Commemorative Service

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