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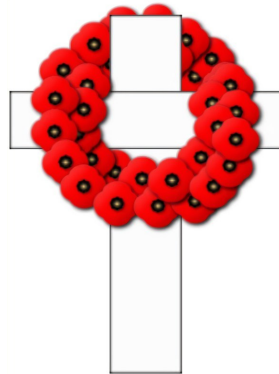


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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

13th NOVEMBER

9am Holy Communion (BCP)

**10.30am Remembrance
Sunday Service**

**Procession 11.40am outside
St Saviour's Church to War
Memorial.**

**Service at War
Memorial 12noon**

**St Saviour's Church will be open
FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER with
prayers at 10.55am & Two
Minutes Silence**

Dear friends,

A sense of belonging is difficult to define but I hope it is what everyone reading this feels about St Saviour's Church, Westgate. Whether your belonging stretches back a long way or is a recent part of your life, I hope it brings joy, stability, hope, peace and comfort in hard times. It's one of the most basic of human needs.

A parish church is uniquely placed in society to offer this sense of belonging in God's name- simply because everyone who lives in the parish automatically qualifies to belong- the parish church is all parishioners' church, by definition. What a wonderful starting point! Whether people choose to come regularly or only very occasionally, to 'drop in' or to attend services, St Saviour's is many people's church just by standing in the centre of the community- and it represents God's presence with us throughout our lives.

What a privilege and a responsibility for the few who maintain the church through their freewill offering of time, skills, resources and care. As the years go by and less and less people come to church as a matter of course, the challenge for those remaining in the pews is to reach out- to encourage many more to get involved in some way- by supporting the activities on offer during the week as well as joining in with Sunday worship. The 'parish share' we all pay ensures that parishes in the very poorest areas of the country are subsidised but this leaves local communities with the burden of care for vast and expensive buildings we have inherited and have an obligation to look after for future generations.

I hope that your sense of belonging to St Saviour's Westgate will continue to be of central importance to you for as long as you choose, but more important still is our belonging to God as God's beloved children. The popular Sidney Carter hymn *When I needed a neighbour* reassures us "*wherever you travel I'll be there*": God has always gone ahead of us. For those of us who must now forego our sense of belonging to St Saviour's people, shared experiences, struggles and joys to continue our life's pilgrimage elsewhere, this is ultimately the sense of belonging which will always make all the difference. Mother Karen



Glance back- over three and a half years! Glancing- or, in this case, looking back- is a productive exercise from time to time as it enables us to see more clearly, so that challenges can be revealed as blessings.

When I came to St Saviour's Church, in March 2019, the challenges were clear- the church was so worried about its survival that a number of opportunities for growth and flourishing were being overlooked. The focus was on keeping everything going as it had been.

The pandemic happened within twelve months of my taking office- one of the obvious challenges which we can now see, yielded many blessings. One of these was the team of Shepherds who stepped forward to keep St Saviour's open and welcoming every day for whoever felt the need to drop in and pray. We were the first and one of a few churches locally who responded clearly and decisively in this way. Our outreach into the community continued as we began to hold services- first from the Vicarage and later- happily- from the church which were livestreamed and followed by a goodly number. Despite the very strenuous efforts required, mostly by the Churchwardens of the time, Christine Attwood and Chrissy Joiner in keeping the church hygiene Covid-compliant, we continued to hold services- even through the busiest of periods, including Christmas. The Pantry in the Porch, which began as a response to the difficulty many people in Westgate were facing in accessing the existing Foodbanks, was generously supplied by our churchfolk and others in the community and warmly appreciated by those who needed to use it. During this period of time, we also set up the Hub project with its working group of people from St Saviour's and two Town Councillors to ensure the outreach- and therefore flourishing of St Saviour's Church well into the future.

These are tangible 'results' but less tangible is the change in atmosphere from an anxious to a generous church. This is especially noticeable in our Sunday services and whenever the church is open regularly during the week to serve the wider community- especially Friendly Fridays and the Looking Ahead Gardening Group, Saturday mornings and Monday Toddler Time. We now have a weekly Bible Study group meeting in church as well as Prayer Partners; these are the 'energy hubs' of every flourishing church.

A number of people have come forward over the past three and a half years to offer regular service to St Saviour's- and each, drawn by God, has enriched our church life. We pray that this may always continue. MK

God's Dream

The Lord God said,
I myself will dream a dream within you.
Good dreaming comes from me, you know.
My dreams seem impossible, not too practical
Not for the cautious man or woman;
A little risky sometimes,
A trifle brash perhaps.
Some of my friends prefer to rest more comfortably
In sounder sleep with visionless eyes.
But for those who share my dreams
I ask a little patience, a little humour,
some small courage and a listening heart-
I will do the rest.
Then they will risk and wonder at their daring;
Run, and marvel at their speed;
Build- and stand in awe at the beauty of their building.

You will meet me often as you work
In your companions who share the risk,
In your friends who believe in you
Enough to lend their own dreams, their own hands, their own hearts to your
building.

In the people who will stand in your doorway, stay awhile
And walk away knowing that they too can find a dream
There will be sun-filled days and sometimes a little rain- a little variety-
Both come from me.
So come, now, be content.
It is my dream you dream,
My house you build,
My caring you witness,
My love you share
And this is the heart of the matter.

Charles Peguy

👤 👤 👤 FAITH & ORDER GROUP 👤 👤 👤 ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

From left to right, Mr. Stephen Short (verger) Mrs. Christine Attwood (PCC Secretary and Parish Administrator, Mr John Barnfather (Churchwarden), Mrs Valerie Lamb (Assistant Churchwarden), with Mother Karen, the Service of All Saints. 30th. October. 2022.



More articles on Mother Karen's final Services at St Saviour's will appear next month.



Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service - Kent

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

5 NOVEMBER, 2022
AT 11.30AM

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH
OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE
LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS
AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE
GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER
BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.

SAYINGGOODBYE.ORG



KENT & MEDWAY
**SAFEGUARDING
ADULTS
AWARENESS
WEEK 2022**
21st to 25th November



Thanet Community Safety Partnership

Will be visiting various locations during the week, raising awareness and giving advice on adult safeguarding!

Monday 21 Nov, 12pm - 3pm: **Salvation Army Minster**
Tuesday 22 Nov 12pm - 3pm: **Age UK, Margate**
Wednesday 23 Nov, 12pm - 3pm: **Queens Baptist Church Broadstairs**
Thursday 24 Nov, 12pm - 3pm: **Salvation Army Ramsgate**
Friday 25 Nov, 12 - 3pm: **Westgate Community Centre**

Harvest Festival at St Saviour's 2022



🐾🐱🐾 PET BLESSING-2nd OCTOBER. 2022 🐾🐱🐾

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, WESTGATE-ON-SEA

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The pets came into church on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in October, with the autumn sunshine streaming through the stained-glass windows. The animals were all very comfortable

In their surroundings. Before the service commenced, I photographed the pets with their owners, and I recognised some of them from past blessing services. This was Mother Karen's third Pet Blessing Service, and they are always very well-attended. Our visitors consisted of all dogs, with one exception, that being a lovely, fluffy guinea pig!

It was so lovely also to see a group of our new friends from the Deaf Book Club, along with Liz, their interpreter, at the blessing. One of the young ladies had brought her own dog along, too. It was wonderful to see Liz interpreting the hymns, and also Mother Karen's talk.

We sang four hymns relating to nature and creation, and John and I each read a relevant lesson. Mother Karen then gave a short talk with an amusing anecdote of one of her previous dogs, Scamp!

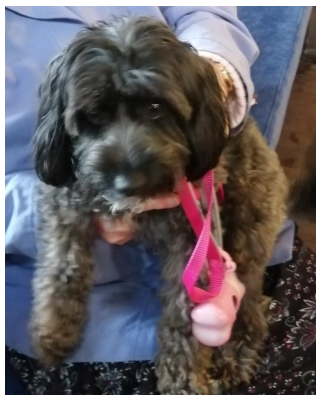
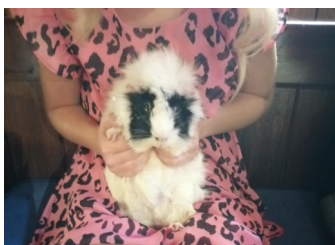
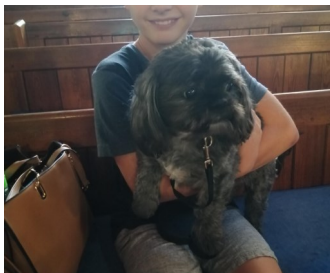
Then, it was time for the pets to come up for their blessing, accompanied by their owners. They were all so well-behaved. Even Mother Karen's dog, Toast, received a blessing! We sang one final hymn, and then our service was over. The pets greeted each other enthusiastically at the end, as they had been so well-behaved during the service! It was a lovely occasion! 🐾🐱🐾🐾🐱🐾🐾

Love Valerie (Assistant Churchwarden)

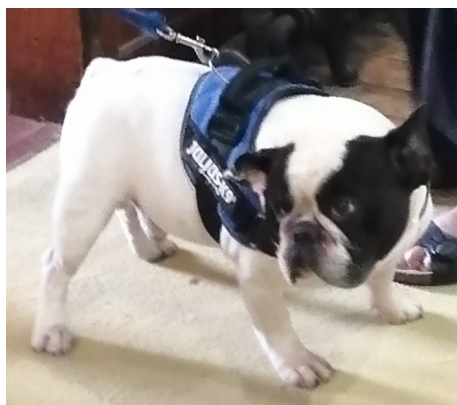
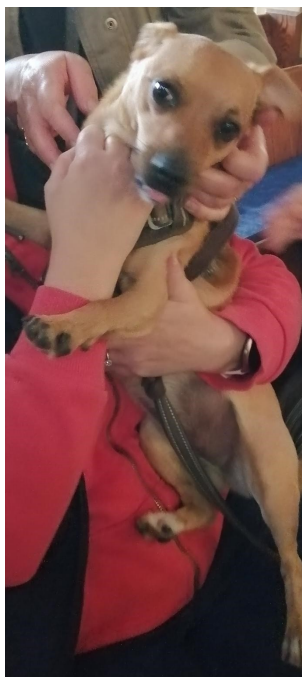




**Pets Blessing Service Sunday October 2nd**







## Treasurer's Report

### Statement for the month of September 2022

#### September 2022

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| Income   | £5918        |
| Expenses | <u>£5103</u> |
| Deficit  | £815         |

|                       |                   |        |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Total assets at       | 30 September 2022 | £98923 |
| Total assets at       | 1 January 2022    | £97498 |
| Surplus for year..... | £1425             |        |

The above surplus arises because funds received towards the heating appeal and costs paid are included in the statement above. By taking the sums out of the running cost account the adjusted position is,

Adjusted deficit for year.....£2811

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

It does not seem possible that my last full report was back in January. Since then we have received the report on our proposals from Chris Reading, and engaged Chris to create the design for a new system. This became necessary as the consultant's report rejected our plans as they would not provide the comfort heating desired in the nave. Proposals were suggested by Chris and John Bailey in May which amounted to a four phase plan as explained in the October issue of the LINK. Permission to replace our existing gas boiler was subsequently provided by the DAC

We have instructed Chris to proceed with the first two phases of the project which is to replace the gas boiler and improve the existing heat output. Plans have been drawn up and tenders issued to interested contractors. A tender has been accepted and authority to proceed with the works given to Chris on 11 October. A List B application to the DAC for the addition of two radiators was submitted on 17 October.

Given the pre VAT cost of this phase, £39157 the agreed fee chargeable by Chris is 8% of this sum. This amounts to  $£39157 \times 8\% = £3132.56$  plus vat (£3759.07). An invoice for this sum has been received (albeit in two stages (£912 paid 5 September) with the latter sum including vat of £2847.07 received on 20 October).

The total costs incurred to date amount to £7770.63. Total funds raised £16054.95

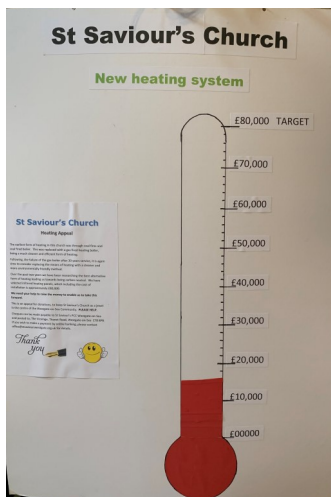
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| 18/5/21  | 1245.77 | 249.15 | 1494.92 | WRA Associates Ltd, heat loss survey    |
| 9/3/22   | 1500.00 | 300.00 | 1800.00 | Chris Reading Associates Ltd, report    |
| 20/6/22  | 157.20  | 31.44  | 188.64  | Chris Reading Associates Ltd, expenses  |
| 27/6/22  | 440.00  | 88.00  | 528.00  | Thomas Ford & Partners, meeting 19/5/22 |
| 5/9/22   | 760.00  | 152.00 | 912.00  | Chris Reading Associates Ltd, design    |
| 20/10/22 | 2372.56 | 474.51 | 2847.07 | Chris Reading Associates Ltd, tendering |
| TOTAL    |         |        | 7770.63 |                                         |

We do not know at this stage what the overall cost for all four phases 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 current total as shown above which is good progress and thanks to everyone who has and continues to contribute.

**Please help us to reach our target of £80k.** Donations can be made by cheque payable to

St Saviour's PCC Westgate-on-Sea and sent to, 15 Sewell Close, Birchington CT7 0BP. Or by direct payment to our bank, (please email [office@stsaviourswestgate.org.uk](mailto:office@stsaviourswestgate.org.uk) for details). Cash can be deposited inside the church when open. Thank you.

G R Neve  
Hon Treasurer



# 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*



## 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”*

David, Gill, Phyll, 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

### 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”*

Dawn,

### World War 2 Roll of Honour

Robert Duff 7th November 1944      Geoffrey Maxton 11th November 1942

George Lynas 13th November 1944      Ernest Hole 14th November 1943



# The Friends of St Saviour's Church



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10. 30am in Church**

**Coffee Morning and Raffle**

**You are all welcome to be a "Friend of St Saviour's Church", attendance in church is not required. For a small membership fee of £5 show that you care for your Church. Monies raised by The Friends goes to the maintenance of your Church.**

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 DECEMBER 2022 “The Link” is**  
**SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 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.'**

### Simple Pleasures

Who would have thought at eighty-six  
I could have derived such pleasure?  
A quickening in the blood,  
And joy beyond all measure.

What blessed music, vista grand,  
What poesy divine?  
What garden paradise, what art  
Had stirred this heart of mine?

Well, no. My pleasures simple are:  
I choose to spend my leisure  
In shopping trips to Cliftonville.  
That's where I find my pleasure.

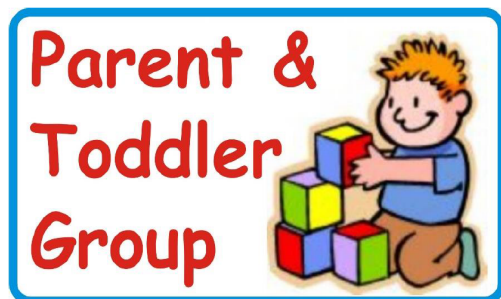
A simple purchase stirs my blood,  
To spend is all my pleasure;  
Then share a meal in café warm,  
And carry home my treasure.

My recent jaunt was all my joy,  
My cup it runneth over.  
I bought a painting, & then another!  
And now I am in clover.

*Hilary Abrahams*

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

# **TODDLER TIME**

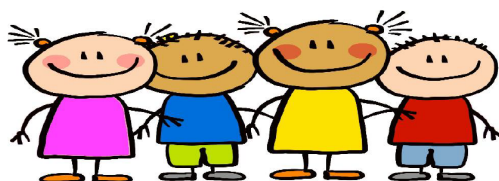


**Meets MONDAY**  
**MORNINGS** (Term time only)

**10am to 11.45am**

**For pre-school children**  
**& carers**

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



## Home Produce Stall Christmas Fair 10th December

We are continuing with the popular Home Produce stall at this year's Christmas Fair and would greatly appreciate contributions from home cooks and growers! We already have promises of bread, marmalade, chutney, quiche and sausage rolls. Over the years we have found that people seem more interested in savoury items than sweet treats, so things like cheese scones, cheese straws, even some more sausage rolls, will be greatly appreciated. That's not to say we will turn away offers of cakes, but small cakes do seem to sell faster than large ones. Why not share your favourite bake with the people of Westgate?

Do you grow vegetables? If you should have an excess of some crops, we have found that homegrown veg sell well and will be happy to receive your contribution

It would be helpful if you are planning to cook for us to let us know what to expect so please contact José at [gibbszzz@btinternet.com](mailto:gibbszzz@btinternet.com)

We will be setting up the stall after 2pm on Friday 9th December and will take produce that is sealed in tins or plastic boxes or glass jars. Produce that is loose should be bought along after 9am on 10th December.

We look forward to seeing you at the home Produce Stall!

Many thanks Kathleen, Valerie and José

The Friends would like to have a stall at the Christmas Fair and we need nearly new toys for our stall. Please can you donate soft toys, games, puzzles, cars, dolls, crayons colouring books and books that are in good condition. Thank you for your help and generosity from the Friends. Please leave items with Christine B or Debbie.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** Seasonal messages will appear in the December edition of "The Link" . Messages can be sent or emailed to Valda no later than SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER. Donations for sending greetings this way to be given to Graham Neve, Treasurer. ALL DONATIONS ARE FOR CHURCH FUNDS.



**St Saviour's Church, Westgate**

*Welcome*

**TO OUR  
FRIENDLY  
FRIDAY  
MORNINGS**

**10am TO 12noon**



**REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE,  
ACTIVITIES**

**OR MEET FOR A CHAT**



*Join Us!*

**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME**



🍰 🍪 🧁 FRIENDLY FRIDAY 🧁 🍪 🍰

WITH LOOKING AHEAD GROUP

It has been another very enjoyable month at Friendly Friday. We celebrated Cath's birthday and we had..... chocolate cake!!! 🍪

We were pleased to welcome back our friend Carolyn from the U. S. A, who came along to Friendly Friday during her stay. Carolyn was very helpful, and she made lots of Christmas crafts out of clay, which can be sold on the Friendly Friday Arts & Craft stall at the church Christmas bazaar on the 10th. December. 2022.

Our Friendly Friday colouring group is still thriving, and some of our members are experimenting with water colour pencils.

We are still being entertained each week by Silvio and his guitar, which is good fun! 🎸

Today, the Friendly Friday ladies assisted in the cleaning of the church brass which they always enjoy. The brass was gleaming!!

My best wishes to you all.

Valerie [ co-ordinator of Friendly Friday]



## 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 .



G R S E C I T S I M R A N J K  
 Z E E P P L L N J P U A J V Y  
 G B C S S A M A W G R I O E D  
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**THE FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE** took place

**SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER from 10am to 6pm.**

The weather was kind to us - it was dry and bright and we met a lot of others partaking either riding or striding.

Steve and Melanie and Graham and Valda strode for St Saviour's Church,.

Steve and Melanie walked around the Westgate and Birchington Churches whilst

Graham & Valda walked around the Churches in Ramsgate.



The four of us would like to Thank everyone who welcomed people into St Saviour's Church and kept the church open all day. We would also like to say Thank you for sponsoring us , the total sponsorship is £195 half of which will come back to St Saviour's . **THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

## **CHURCH GROUNDS with THE LOOKING AHEAD GROUP AND THE ANNUAL GROUNDS CLEARANCE**

The Church Grounds on the North and West side of the Church are looking fantastic, the Looking Ahead Group work very hard every Friday on the Grounds & Gulleys and have achieved wonderful things. Graham & I meet with our friends of the Looking Ahead team on Friday mornings, Rachel, Lorna, Sam, Alex & Becky and spend a couple of pleasurable hours working alongside them.

Lorna sells the plants and also makes lovely flapjack—a treat for us all. Rachel heads the team of gardeners and lets us all do our own thing.! Alex, Becky and Sam graft at keeping the gulleys and grounds neat & tidy, and WOW what a difference and how hard they work.

Graham & I look forward to our Friday gardening sessions, enjoying lovely friendly company where we all work to achieve the same end goal. I even get organised and share the tools of the trade together. Rachel and team have provided & planted various perennials in the North border, take a look if you have not seen the wonderful work & transformation of the grounds.







*Thank you Team Looking  
Ahead ! Valda Neve*



## **CHURCH GROUNDS CLEARANCE OCTOBER 2022**

The annual Church Grounds Clearance took place on 3 Saturday mornings in October - 15th, 22nd and 29th from 10am to approx. 12.30pm. Bushes were cutback, rubbish collected and a huge pile of cuttings gathered & the weather was kind. A big THANK YOU must go to the team of 6 people who turned up regularly - Alan Clark, Philip Oliver, Lorna Oliver who provided the coffee each week, Colin Osborne, Graham & Valda Neve. Thank you to Mavis & husband who live opposite the Church who gave us biscuits in appreciation of the work done as they enjoy seeing the grounds being looked after.

*Valda Neve*



**The 1st Westgate Rainbows would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported them in the Coop Local Community Fund .**

**The picture below shows how the girls worked as a group each doing a part of the pictures and then joining them altogether to make people.**

**This was part of their badge work.**



## **Churchwarden Monthly Report**

**October 2022**

This is the churchwarden's monthly report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. Saviour's church, Westgate-on-Sea. I am reporting only on matters that lie within the remit of the churchwarden. It will be for the members of the PCC to give me their feedback on any matters raised in this report.

### **Introduction**

October has been a quite busy month for St. Saviour's as it continues to open its doors to an ever wider variety of visitors of all backgrounds and denominations. The activities that have caught my attention most this month are:

Appointment of an assistant churchwarden from our congregation, Mrs Valerie Lamb

Our continued support of the Looking Ahead group

Welcoming schoolchildren from St. Saviour's school for a 'noisy' fun visit. The children were greeted by Mother Karen

A pet blessing service

Welcoming the young persons' deaf book club to visit on Saturdays, and a commitment to work with them in the future

Welcoming Westgate's Scouts and Beavers groups with their group leaders

The creation of the Faith and Order group, with the blessing of diocese, to oversee ensuring the presence of ministers to lead services

In the absence of Mother Karen, our first Lay Service led by John Barnfather

Preparations for repairing the Boiler Room/Cellar door

### **Appointment of Assistant Warden**

Given the challenge of updating the Terrier (Church Inventory), it was agreed with Mother Karen that an assistant should be appointed to help to count and record all of the St Saviour's buildings and properties.

We are in possession of a thorough inventory carried out by Dr. Dawn Crouch in her 2002 report, and this is the foundation that John is using to complete the Terrier. Valerie Lamb's name was proposed by John and agreed at the PCC meeting. Valerie will assist John in the completion of the Terrier.

### **Continued Support of Looking Ahead Group**

The looking ahead group continues to come to church on Friday's between 10am and 2.00pm. They had a short break from visiting us during school summer holidays but are back once again. They work very hard in helping to keep the church grounds and garden tidy. Their 'crew leader' is Rachel, and the team is Becks, Alex and Sam. They, along with Graham and Valda, have done a lot of planting in the gardens recently, and so we can expect much more colour in the grounds in spring 2003. When asked, Rachel told me that they had planted:

Salvia (a number of varieties inc. Royal Bumble) Potentilla (Monarch's Velvet)

Lamb's Tail Ornamental grasses (inc. Stipa Calamagrostis) Yuca

Honey EuphorbiaFermium (Black Knight)

## **Grounds Clearance**

Graham and Valda headed up a team and undertook their annual ground clearance tasks. Luckily the weather was fine, and they were able to stay dry throughout. The church grounds are looking their spectacular best.

## **Faith and Order Group**

In relation to the Terrier or church inventory, the only full and detailed Terrier that I have in my possession was that produced by Dr. Dawn Crouch in her 2002 report, which is available for review. The last churchwarden's report that I have in my possession was produced by Brenda Carter in November 2010. I am informed that there may be more documentation available in storage boxes of church documentation which are held by Christine Attwood, and which she will now make available to me to check and review.

The new assistant churchwarden Mrs. Valerie Lamb and I have started a new Terrier Inventory check. We started in the Inner Vestry and counted the contents of the two safes and the large metal box marked 'Churchwarden'. We intend to continue the task in the coming weeks.

## **Friendly Friday Group**

The Friendly Friday group is organised by Valerie, with Catherine Lovington providing refreshments. There are around twenty-five people there enjoying tea, coffee & biscuits & cake. The Looking Ahead group have their lunch there after the Friendly Friday group leave, generally at around 1.00pm.

## **Deaf Book Club Westgate**

We had visits from Liz Mincer, the leader of the Deaf Friends Book Club of Westgate. She was hoping that their club could use the church for meeting up on Saturdays. They hoped to be able to use hospitality area of the church on two Saturdays of each month.

The Book Club met in church on 24<sup>th</sup> September and again on 8<sup>th</sup> October. They have booked to meet again in St. Saviour's on 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November and again on 17<sup>th</sup> December, as well as our Christmas Fair.

Liz told us about a Signs of God Workshop that would be held in Trinity Church, Cliftonville on 29<sup>th</sup> October. The workshop is open to both those with full hearing and those with varying degrees of hearing impairment. The main purpose of the workshop is to introduce some basic elements of British Sign Language, so that attendees will learn to how to welcome deaf people to their church and make them feel more comfortable and accepted.

John booked himself onto the Workshop and will give feedback next week and in the next monthly report.

## **General Cleanliness**

The church is kept in relatively good order inside. Mrs Elaine Howe has now completely finished doing cleaning. The church has a dedicated team of cleaners, recruited and organised by Mrs. Valerie Lamb. This team clean the church thoroughly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

Mrs. Christine Bolger organises the cleaning of the church brass on the last Friday of each month, assisted by members of the Friendly Friday group

**Boiler Room Door & Door Frame** We have received the go-ahead from Kevin Tucker, the Diocesan Property Consultant, to go ahead with the replacement of the door frame as needed and the cleaning & painting of the door. The work has been given Category 2 status and thus needs no further consultation.

**Notice Board** The notice board will require a socket set to open the outer frame and Allen keys to open on the inside. This will be worked on by John and Steve in the very near future

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

Meeting 26/09/22

Minutes to be approved at a meeting on 31/10/22

**Safeguarding.** Material for use on Safeguarding Sunday (20 November 2022) had been received. It was reported that many PCC members had yet to complete the domestic abuse training. It was stressed that two people should be present whenever the church was open to the public. The emergency Pay as You Go mobile is to be re-instated.

**Churchwarden's report.** Door to the boiler room. It was agreed that urgent action should be taken to get estimates for repairs to the doorframe to ensure the doorway is safe for when the new boiler is to be installed. Church cleaning. A team of volunteers is to be established to clean the church on a monthly basis. Porch entrance notice board. PCC agreed to adopt the solution mentioned at the previous meeting which was to remove the damaged Perspex by cutting out and gluing a new sheet in its place.

**Clergy report.** Suggested protocols to be followed by the PCC during interregnum. Advised that the Archdeacon of Canterbury intended meeting with the PCC in the New Year.

**Future arrangements.** Services. Faith and Order group, a sub-committee of the PCC to oversee worship. Oasis to attend Toy service on 4 December and Porchlight on 11 December. Christingle service to be held at 10.30am on 18 December and Crib service on Christmas Eve. Cost of Christmas Tree to be discussed at the next meeting. Parish Administrator to be responsible for inviting local uniformed organisations to special services. Concerts. No further concerts booked in 2022 due to lack of heating. Policy for groups using the church. Public liability insurance to be held by independent groups. PCC in favour of groups contributing to refreshments and heating. Live streaming equipment. Permission to dispose of equipment to be checked with the Diocesan Care of Churches Officer. Baby grand piano. Donated by local florist and proposal to relocate to St Nicholas church to be verified. Hub project. A Community Interest Company had been formed and the PCC to consider inviting Councillor Donaldson to give an update at a future PCC meeting



A POSTCARD WRITTEN 102 YEARS AGO! 

Our very kind verger, Steve, has given me some more vintage postcards, and I am excited to start "investigating" their history! The one that I have chosen to show you this month, gives us a view of Deal Pier ( the second pier-1864-1940).It shows a Deal postmark, and was collected at 6pm on Monday 9th. August. 1920. The writer was called Billie, which I am assuming is a feminine version of the male name, Billy. This is what Billie writes from Deal : 9/8/20-Mrs Hayward,

Tufnell House,  
Middle Street, Deal

"My dear Bobs,

Just a card to let you know I am down here away from all work and worry. How's things? Fred etc.

What a fantastic week-end it was. I got properly sunburnt the sun was so hot. Had a good bathe this morning and tried my hand at swimming with help.

Love from Billie x

The addressee is a Miss E. M. Burchitt, who resides at "Anchored", Oldfield Road, Hampton, Middlesex, which was (and still is), a fashionable address situated on the north bank of the Thames, in the nearby vicinity of Hampton Court Palace.

Our author writes in a good, neat hand. She tells us that she is away in Deal "from all work and worry". We could assume that she is possibly part of the nation's work force. After World War One had ended, women began to feel more independent, after undertaking paid employment during the war. In the 1920's, women worked primarily as factory workers, servants, teachers, laundresses, typists, salespeople, clerks, bookkeepers, dressmakers and housekeepers. The jobs that had the most significant increases for women were clerks, typists, operators and manufacturing. Billie is staying at Tufnell House, 2 Crown Court, Middle Street, Deal, which is a period property still standing. Coincidentally, in 1968, Middle Street was the first conservation area in Kent. Billie didn't have to go too far to get to the sea, and that very morning, 9th August, she had enjoyed a "bathe" ( bathing in the the sea in a a safe manner, rather than actually swimming).However, she tells us that she "tried her hand at swimming with help"!

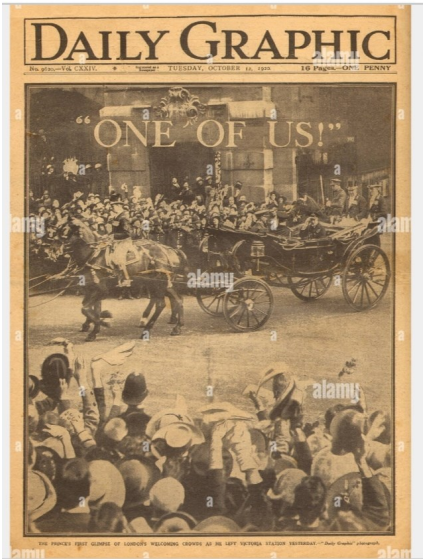
Let us see what else was happening in the world during 1920:

- \*The League of Nations was created.
- \* The 19th Amendment was passed in America, giving women the right to vote.
- \* Belgium starts paying Old Age Pensions.



Love Valerie





## Microwave Chocolate Brownies

No need to heat up the oven with these microwave brownies. Made and cooked in under 15 minutes, unfortunately you have to wait for them to cool down before you can eat them! They keep well in the fridge.

Makes 8 to 10.

Preparation time 10 minutes, cooking time 5 minutes.

### Ingredients

150g salted butter  
150g castor sugar  
1tsp vanilla extract  
2tbs milk  
2 medium eggs, beaten  
50g plain flour  
75g cocoa powder  
80g chocolate chips



### Method

1. Cut butter into small pieces. Put into a 20×20cm glass or ceramic dish and cook in 20 second bursts in the microwave until melted. Remove, swirl round dish to coat sides then tip into a mixing bowl.
2. Add the sugar to the bowl, and using a hand whisk, whisk vigorously until the mixture is creamy and fully incorporated into the butter.
3. In a jug, stir the vanilla extract into the milk along with the beaten eggs. Whisk this, a little at a time, into the sugar and butter mixture, ensuring it is fully incorporated.
4. Sift the flour and cocoa powder together then fold gently into the cake batter. Finally, stir in the chocolate chips.
5. Tip the whole mixture into the buttered dish. Smooth with a spatula. Cook for 5 minutes until the brownies are well risen and slightly firm to touch. They may need another few seconds.

Don't worry if they are a bit soft in the centre, they will continue to cook for several minutes once out of the microwave.

Put the dish on a cooling rack and leave for 30 to 40 minutes. Cut into squares. They keep well in the fridge and freeze well.

**St Saviour's Church, Westgate**

**TOY SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**



**10.30am SUNG EUCHARIST**

**Toy Service in celebration of St  
Nicholas/Father Christmas. If you are able,  
please bring toy or money donations in aid of  
Oasis.**



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SATURDAY**

**10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**10am to 12 noon**

Stalls to include Home Made Produce,  
Santa's Lucky Dip,

Books, Jewellery, Arts & Crafts,

Name the Teddy, Raffle,

Refreshments,

Guess the weight

Of the Cake

& Much More!





# WESTGATE-ON-SEA HERITAGE CENTRE



*- Calendar 2023 -*

*A COLOURFUL LOOK AT  
WESTGATE-ON-SEA THROUGH THE DECADES*

The calendar is on sale at our Saturday talk days, at the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council offices in Station Road & from Christine Attwood in St saviour's Church. PRICE £5





In the July Link, I mentioned I am trying to record the names of previous Vergers who have served in St Saviour's:

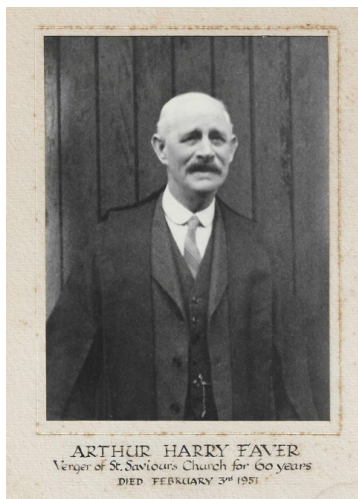
- 1934 - Mr H Faver, Westbury Road
- 1960s (possibly 1970's) - Reg Luck, Wellesley Road
- Bernard Woolley
- Stuart Wilmott, Tivoli

2021 - Onwards Stephen Short, Sussex Gardens  
I have found a little more information about Mr Faver.

Arthur Harry Faver was the Verger at St Saviour's for 60 years until his death on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1951. He appears in several group photos I have seen, recording him as the Verger, but this new photograph informs us of his long term in office as Verger, at St Saviour's, which is truly remarkable. Might Arthur have been our first Verger?

I shall continue to investigate and if anyone knows the families of Reg Luck or Bernard Woolley as well as Arthur Faver, do please let me know as I would love to obtain a photograph and details of their service to St Saviour's and of our local community.

Steve, Verger



As the weather moved from summer to autumn, our tiny furry friend returned to nibble whatever crumbs he/she could find in church. Several eyewitnesses saw the mouse during the day, so it was time to act.

Having failed to catch a mouse for some weeks, I took the advice of my 'learned' church friends and changed our friendly mouse trap bait to the obvious choice - no not cheese, but peanut butter!

Within 24 hours a mouse was safely caught alive. With a tummy full of the Verger's peanut butter, I walked our captive from church to a safe, natural place, where he/she was released back into the wild.

I wonder if that is it, or if there will be more furry friends to catch? Watch this space. Kind regards, Stephen, Verger



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,

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

**Westgate Council Offices, St Mildreds Road**

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

As Verger one of my roles is to try and catch any unwanted visitors to St Saviour's, such as mice!

The UK is home to six different species of mice. Five of these are native, the sixth, the edible dormouse, was introduced to Hertfordshire as an escapee in 1902. The other species of mice are House mice, Field mice, Harvest mice, Yellow Necked mice and Wood mice.

Most mice species have a very short life expectancy in the wild – up to one year – with the exception of the dormouse, which can live for up to five years. Their diet is varied and they will eat most items of food.

Mice have a pair of continuously growing incisors, so they will chew all manner of non-food items to keep their teeth from growing too long.

Mice are mentioned in the Bible, take a look at **1 Samuel 6**. Unfortunately, these mice are made from gold and represent the damage they had done to the land by eating the people's fruit and grain!

The mouse traps at St Saviour's are designed to catch the mice safely and alive and the bait is Crunchy Peanut Butter! I release the mice well away from church in a suitable location and sometimes when I take off the lid of the trap, the mouse will pop their head up and take a good look around before they jump out to freedom.

I think the mouse in the photo is a House mouse.

Best wishes, Steve

**Westgate Scarecrow Trail October 2022**



## A Welcome Lodger

Since I have been coming to St Saviour's I have very much enjoyed Valerie's "Friendly Fridays". Friendly is exactly what they are, these relaxing, undemanding mornings, spent in congenial company, chatting & enjoying refreshments, generously served by Cath. Recently our time together been enlivened by music, as Silvio sings for us, accompanying himself on his guitar. Valerie kindly provides us with various simple crafts to "have a go at", which not only interest & occupy us, but give us a sense of purpose, especially as some of them are useful, such as making seed-balls for the birds who visit our church garden (which is ably tended by the "Looking Ahead" group or candles to decorate & sell in aid of the church heating fund. The company, though, is of course what draws us in. We try to come every week, & we welcome new members. We have recently acquired (not recruited) one who is rather unusual. I think he is shy, never joins in our conversation or activities. In fact he seems to be invisible. But he is not inaudible. He is very quiet, so quiet that hard of hearing as I am I can't hear him at all. But I am told he makes a tapping sound, which can be heard from his residence in or behind the big cupboard next to the West door. He is, of course, the church mouse, the sound of his little feet as he scampers about & the "tapping" must be in his secluded home. In spite of his shyness (or perhaps because of it!) he is a valued, popular member of the group. He adds to our sense of community, & he certainly provides us with a smile or two, & something to talk about.

One of my daughters, who lives in rural North Devon, tells me that her parish church has a mouse too, a country one. I don't know if that is what makes him different, but he is braver & More sociable than ours, & regularly puts in an appearance at the Sunday morning service. He ventures out, she says, to listen to the sermon, staying quite still once he is in his favourite position just behind the pulpit. From her seat in the chancel my daughter has a good view of him, but she is grateful that he is hidden from the congregation. If our mouse wanted to listen to preaching at St Saviour's he would have to summon the courage to leave his sanctuary, & make his way up the nave towards another. I suspect it is the kind of refreshment he can find at the back of the church that makes him reluctant to leave it ! I have often wondered why church mice appear always to be solitary. Surely sometimes there ought to be friends & relations? Ours seems to be typical. Perhaps he is a holy mouse, a hermit, in no need of wife or children, of religious instruction or spiritual guidance. Perhaps he is already well versed in the scriptures, & prefers to say his prayers in private. If that is so I hope he is not disturbed by our Friday morning coming & goings.

*Hilary Abrahams*

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Toddler Time Group** meets Monday mornings 10am to 11.45am 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.

**Friendly Fridays meets** Friday mornings 10am to 12noon. All welcome

## **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**

**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