

**Parish and Community**

# *The Link*

St Mildreds Road



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**April  
2023**

**The Magazine of  
St Saviour's Parish Church**

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST SAVIOUR WESTGATE ON SEA**

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**Honorary Assistant Priests**

The Revd Susan Wing

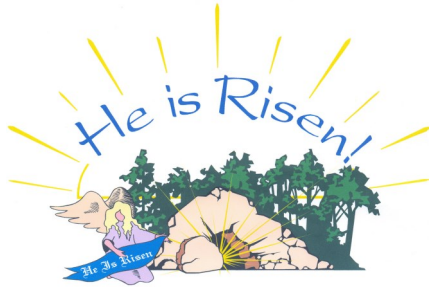
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## Easter Letter 2023

An early Easter this year. I think that you will receive this letter on Palm Sunday when we rehearse the full passion Gospel according to Matthew. This sets the tone for the days to come. Each day of Holy Week has its own readings and going up on- to the Diocesan website should give you these readings. To add to the solemnity we have two funerals in the week. Of course, the solemnity of the walk to the Cross builds during the week culminating in reaching the foot of the Cross on Good Friday. Why Good Friday, we might ask. I believe that it comes from the Saxon and meant Holy. Good Friday is still the day on which we remember the sacrifice of the Saviour of the world as he suffered through whipping and ridicule; hung on a cross; took the punishment of each of us and died the death of a criminal so that we might be forgiven and have our relationship with God restored. God's grace is poured down freely on people who had turned their back on him that they might return and live life fully with him. That means us too. It seems extreme but only the one man, fully human and fully divine was good enough to pay the price for us. No wonder that, despite the action that took place, we call it Good Friday.

Yet that would be incomplete without the even more amazing Sunday when Jesus, raised from the dead, appears to the disciples. It is all very strange and yet hugely exciting for them and for us. Perhaps because the story is familiar, we can lose some of the wonder of it all. The deep distress of the Friday has turned to joy for the disciples, now even death has been overcome. For us, too, that is a cause for great rejoicing. Jesus shows us the face and heart of God and in his life, death and resurrection draws us into a personal relationship with God. We are invited to live in love and obedience to God and set our lives in right balance. Today the pace of life can leave us breathless with little time for anything else especially not time for God. If we turn it around and put God first through inviting him into our lives afresh each morning, it is remarkable how we are able to do what is needed and do it with love and integrity. No wonder we can shout with joy on Easter morn and on every day for that matter:

So amid the clamour and bustle of our lives in that Holy Week, amidst the chocolate Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns, the rush to get away on holiday or the distraction and joy of visiting families, it is great to make a little time to be silent and let the enormity of Christ's sacrifice and our restoration to God seep into our very being bringing peace and hope of eternal life and the joy of Easter into every day. A story to be shared with whoever will listen and Christ will grow the seed in them as we continue to love God and each other with generosity and joy.

*Alleluia, Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, alleluia!*

God Bless *Susan*

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

10.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

**With PALM PROCESSION  
& READING OF THE PASSION**

**Palm**  
**Sunday**

**APRIL**

**2nd**



**St Saviour's Church, Westgate**

**7.30pm Holy Communion**

**With hymns, foot washing &  
Stripping the Altar followed by  
short vigil and Compline**



**Maundy**

**Thursday**

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**APRIL**



**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH,  
WESTGATE**

**COME AND HELP MAKE THE  
EASTER GARDEN ALONG  
WITH STORY AND SONG  
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9.30am**

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

**HOT CROSS BUNS SERVED  
AFTERWARDS**







St Saviour's Church, Westgate

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY 9th APRIL

9AM HOLY COMMUNION SAID BCP

10.30AM SUNG FESTAL EUCHARIST

WITH EASTER CEREMONIES



## 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, Peter, Stuart, Liz & Peter Rowe, Melanie, Frances, Andrew, Terry

### 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

Sheila Jarman, Phyll Kingsbury Scott, Dave Morrish

### 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”*

HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Revd Roy Stagg,

### World War 2 Roll of Honour

Ernest Turner 10th April 1941      Patrick Johnstone 11th April 1945

Eric Baldwin 13th April 1945      John Johnstone 29th April 1944



The Friends of St Saviour's Church,  
Westgate

**FISH & CHIP Supper**  
**(Pie, Chicken or Sausage  
available)**

**15<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm**

**In Church**

**Tickets £10 include wine, tea/coffee &  
a selection of dessert**



## Sharing a letter to the PCC from Len Reed, the Deanery Treasurer

As you are well aware church finance is a crucial factor in running our local churches.

Much criticism has been aimed at Diocese and above administration, and the ever increasing financial demands placed on parishes through the share scheme.

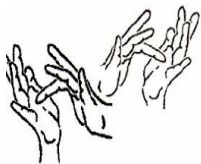
There is a growing opinion nationally that radical change is needed.

To this end a group called "Save the Parish" is making giant steps at government and general synod level to get its voice heard.

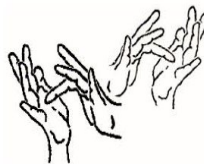
Have you heard of it? Will you sign up and support it? The link to their web site is <https://savetheparish.com>.

I'd be really keen to know if you DO wish to support this venture.

Kindly reply in due course when your PCC/congregation have had a chance to digest their aims and objectives



# British Sign Language Easter Service The Easter Story retold in BSL



Everyone welcome!

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - 11 a.m.



Christ Church URC  
Westgate Bay Avenue  
Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8SN



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. 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 MAY 2023 "The Link" is**  
**SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2023**



**'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**

As winter gradually turns to spring, preparations are underway for our Easter service at St. Saviour's Church. As I write this, a clarinet ensemble is practising with their music teacher, Miss Anderson, twenty or so metres from my office. When we see instrumentalists performing at our church services or music evenings, it is easy to forget how much hard work goes into the performance.

Miss Anderson teaches a broad range of music at St. Saviour's. We have a choir, a small orchestra, one to one piano lessons, violin groups and brass / woodwind ensembles. Miss Anderson also teaches curriculum music and leads singing assemblies for the school. She is one of those very talented people who can play virtually any musical instrument. As an amateur, self-taught musician myself, I am in awe of her skill and musical knowledge. Wherever you go in our school, you will hear music, this is down to Miss Anderson.

Instrumental performers not only have a fantastic teacher but they have determination and courage. Courage is our Christian value of the term. When I introduce this value to children in collective worship, the examples they often come up with are 'heroic', for example fighting wars etc. I try and get children to think of examples in their own lives, where they have had to face a fear or do something new. I think all of us have a certain amount of fear when faced with a new situation. We use the example of Christ, facing torture and execution with dignity and courage, to teach children to face their challenges.

When I see children about to perform (either in a school play, sporting event or musical performance or even leading celebration collective worship) I witness children courageously overcoming their fear. As adults, we forget that lots of events we take for granted will be new and often scary for children. Standing in front of an audience and playing an instrument, for a ten-year old, takes lots of courage. For younger children, joining a new class or having a new teacher can also require courage to deal with. I see the palpable relief of children's and parent's faces when they have completed any kind of performance, as an audience, we are sometimes unaware of this.

Children need courage and the encouragement of supportive teachers and parents to face new challenges, at St. Saviour's, I feel we are lucky to have both at St. Saviour's.

*Nick Bonell, Headteacher*

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**



Volunteers needed to join the Church cleaning team.



## Annual Meetings

These will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am in Church. Arch-deacon Will is joining us this year and, with the meetings' agreement, will be chairing them.

Anyone who lives in the parish or is on the Church Electoral Roll is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 10.30am to elect two churchwardens to serve for 1 year.

The second meeting, which immediately follows, is known as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Only those on the Church Electoral Roll can stay on to elect members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC); hear reports about the activities of our church since the APCM held in March 2022; and discuss any other business, which has been notified in advance. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

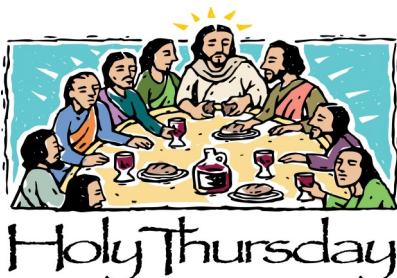
Based on our Church Electoral Roll membership, we are entitled to 9 lay members of the PCC in addition to the ex officio members (churchwardens and our 2 representatives to Deanery Synod). Please consider prayerfully whether you can offer to stand for election and serve on the PCC for up to 3 years.

Nomination forms will be placed at the back of church in May and anyone interested should speak to John (our Churchwarden) or Christine A for more information.

Please put the date in your diary and show your support for the future of St Saviour's by coming along on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

Christine Attwood

PCC Secretary



## Key Lime Pie

Filled biscuits can be whizzed without the need for butter. Ginger crunch creams are superb if you can find them! For today's recipe I have used chocolate creams.

### Ingredients

200g filled biscuits  
200g condensed milk  
200ml double cream  
4 limes

### Method

1. Place biscuits in a food processor and pulse until they are finely crushed. Tip into a 20cm tart case and press into the base and up the sides with the back of a spoon.
2. Zest and juice the limes
3. Put the double cream, condensed milk, most of the zest and all the lime juice into a mixing bowl and whisk together lightly using a balloon whisk until thickened. Pour into the tart case and chill for at least 3 hours before serving. Sprinkle the top with a little more lime zest and serve with extra whipped cream.

This can be made up to 48 hours in advance.

Hope you enjoy it, an Easter treat.

Pam xx





**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**



**Are you interested in Bell Ringing?**

It's a hobby for people aged 8 to 80...there are no fees and if you join soon, you could be ringing for the King's Coronation!

Bell ringing practice is held on Thursday Evenings from 7:30pm until 9:00pm at St Saviour's bell tower. A spiral staircase will give you access to our ringing room, where we have a ring of 6 bells.

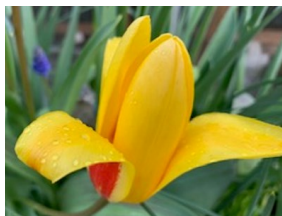
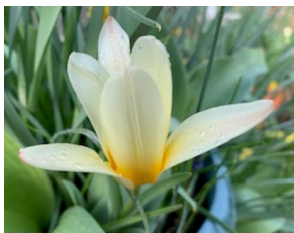
If you are interested, please let Steve our Verger know or email Steve at: [office@stsaviourswestgate.org.uk](mailto:office@stsaviourswestgate.org.uk)

We have a mixture of experienced ringers and new recruit's, so you will learn with others, at your own pace.

Keep fit, learn a new hobby and have some fun.

Kind regards , Steve , Verger and Tower Captain

## A Touch of Spring in the garden



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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

## **TODDLER TIME**



**Meets MONDAY**

**MORNINGS** (Term time only)

**9.30am to 11.45am**

**For pre-school children  
& carers**

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



The Friends of St Saviour's Church,  
Westgate

# SPONSORED WALK



**Walking to Turner  
Contemporary,  
Margate in aid of The  
Friends of St Saviour's  
Church.**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**2.30pm** leaving from outside St Saviour's  
Church (Westgate Bay Avenue entrance)

**ALL WELCOME INCLUDING DOGS**



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Toddler Time Group** meets Monday mornings 9.30am 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 .

**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**

**Saturday 20th May 10am for 10.30am** Annual Meeting of the Laity and Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Archdeacon Will attending.

**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 .

Service of the Word once a month.(2nd Sunday, No Holy communion)

## SEE NOTICES FOR SERVICES

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1st Westgate Rainbows                      Fridays 4.15 to 5.15pm

8th Westgate Brownies & Guides   Fridays 5.30 to 7pm

Brownies for ages 7 to 10 years   Guides for 10 to 16 years

Both held at the Community Centre, Westgate.

# JOIN THE ADVENTURE....

Come along and try 1st Westgate-On-Sea

Scout Group for Boys and Girls

**Where:** The Billabong,  
St. Crispins Road  
Westgate-On-Sea CT8 8EB

**When:** Beavers: Tuesday 5:15pm—6:30pm  
Cubs: Tuesday 6:45pm—8:15pm  
Scouts: Thursday 7:00pm—9:00pm

**Ages:** Beavers: 5 3/4—8 years  
Cubs: 8—10 1/2 years  
Scouts: 10 1/2— 14 years

**Contact:** 1st Westgate-On-Sea Scout Group  
Email: 1stwestgatescoutgroup@gmail.com