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The Link

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

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Greetings

and welcome to August – the season of sunshine and holidays and the so-called ‘silly season’!

Well - the sunshine came in June and has given over to rain, though as far as I am concerned, the cooler weather is welcome.

The ‘silly season’ used to mean the season when discussion of politics was on holiday as parliament had its summer break, television and radio had no politicians to interview, and newspapers found other stories about which to write.

Now some of those things remain the case, but now we are still deciding policy through interviews with the media by some politicians, seemingly deciding policy on the hoof as they desperately try to work out which policies are likely to gain most attraction to potential voters at the next election, probably still a year away. It seems sadly to have less to do with the faster development of climate change and the environmental disaster that still could be averted.

Many of our Bible readings in church this last month have had to do with the idea of the Kingdom of Heaven, much of it from Matthew’s gospel. Two of the particular images are likening Heaven to a mustard seed – a tiny seed that grows into a very large tree, or the small amount of yeast used to make the dough rise into a much larger loaf of bread.

In each case, the small and seemingly insignificant, things, correctly applied, grow into something much greater than themselves, though the potential was always within. If not planted and watered, or warmed and added to the dough, that potential would not materialise.

Our efforts to nurture and value our environment may well be small, but when attempted by many, make a big difference. Our voice may be small, but together with other voices, becomes a clamour!

Many businesses and households are now making large efforts to move forward positively to make a difference, and their efforts are becoming more effective. The use of renewables is growing, and many recycle wherever they can, often by reusing old plastic and buying less new plastic goods.

The pebble cast into the pool creates ripples that spread a long way; may we cast our own pebbles of hope into the pools and situations around us. To quote a thought from a recent article in The Guardian by Rebecca Solnit – “Hope is not happiness or confidence or inner peace; it’s a commitment to search for possibilities”.

During the month of August, we could do worse than to rest and reflect ready for a hope-filled search for possibilities to help us play our part in the months to come. May we find good ways forward, both individually and together, to keep our planet’s environment healthy and as it should be, for the next generations to develop lives that enable them to live well within a stable environment, thereby having choices to move forward in peace and joy with one another.

God bless you all – Barbara Way

FROM THE REGISTERS

For those Baptised

“Shine as a light in the world, to the Glory of God the Father”

For those joined in Holy Matrimony

“God our Father, pour out your blessing on all joined in Holy Matrimony; that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other”

Friday 21st July Ashley and Donna

Saturday 29th July Michael and Laura

Robert and Stephanie

The Sick

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

Eugenius, Liz & Peter Rowe, Andrew W, Mother Karen, Marjorie M, Sheila M, Steve, Jean F, Ben F

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

John Pierce

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”

Tony B, Joan M

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Tom Appleby 26th August 1941

News from 1st Westgate Rainbows

We have had a busy and exciting few months with trips and visitors and working to achieve badges. Additional activities involved a litter pick, cleaning tables and several new enrolments.

After Easter there was a Divisional trip to Wildwood which many of the Rainbows enjoyed. The weather was good and many of the animals seen, there was a talk about the bears & it was exciting to go on the bear bridge with a good view of all the bears including the baby bear. Well done and a big thank you to our leader Daisy for being very brave and going over the bridge!

Activities were arranged at Wildwood and included story telling, matching paw prints to the correct animals, feeling fur, seeing nests, bark rubbing and making things from twigs to mention a few. There was also time to play in the adventure playground.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institute joined one of our weekly meetings where we learnt about the Lifeboat and Water Safety and were shown articles of clothing worn by them; some of our Rainbows became lifeguards and lifeboat crew members.

The end of term meeting was enjoyed by all at the beach at West Bay where we played, dug and made sandcastles on the beach which was then followed by chicken nuggets or sausage and chips and lollipops donated by the West Bay Café. We look forward to starting again in September with new members joining us to share the fun.



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
FAMILY SERVICE
ALL AGES WELCOME
SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER at 10.30am
Come and join us

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

ORGAN RECITAL

By Tim Attride

SATURDAY

9th SEPTEMBER

At 2.30pm

Tickets £7 including refreshments

Tickets available 07896508399



Thanet Deanery Synod

Debbie and I attended the Thanet Deanery Synod meeting on 22nd June 2023.

We started the meeting with a talk by Judith Andrews explaining the work of the Anna Chaplains. They are parish based and commissioned to offer spiritual support to older people and their families, including people with dementia. Some Chaplains are ordained, many are licensed lay ministers, others are new to lay ministry. Most fulfil their role in a voluntary capacity. Anna Chaplains support older people by visiting them at home, or by linking with Care Homes to provide Christian worship and individual support. They may establish and support groups such as dementia cafes. They may be an advocate for people affected by dementia in church and in the community.

The Diocese offers training courses for those preparing to be commissioned as Anna Chaplains.

We then had a short discussion about the Deanery Plan. This is a wordy document that will need to be discussed with the PCC. Included in the plan are themes such as Growth, Discipleship, Prioritising children and young people. So our discussions will be forwarded to the Diocese and the Thanet Mission and Ministry Committee.

There is to be a Thanet Deanery Roadshow to be held on Tuesday 12th September at Holy Trinity, Margate. The three topics to be discussed are Finance including the new parish share formula, Church and School partnerships and Church buildings. Our Deanery are organising a Day of Encouragement to include fellowship and prayer.

So a full agenda closed with prayer.

Christine Bolger

CONCERTS

Our thanks to all who supported the Birchington Silver Band concert.

A Total of £272 was raised for The Bell Tower Fund & Heating Fund.

Our next concert is an Organ Recital given by Tim Attridge on

Saturday 9th September at 2.30pm

and we look forward to welcoming

The Ladies Harmony Choir on Saturday 7th October.

Westgate Art & Craft Group Summer 2023



Exhibition at
St Saviour's Church
Westgate Bay Avenue
Westgate



Monday 21st August - Tuesday 29th August

The Group (WACG) meets
at The Community Hall,
Lymington Rd, Westgate.
Tuesday 1.30 - 4pm
£2.00 pw (free trial
period). New members
always welcomed. For
further info please
contact, Fran Mileman,
07535317593

Monday - Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday 25th August 10am - 4pm

Saturday 26th August 10am-4pm

Sunday 27th August 1pm-4pm

Monday 28th August 10am - 4pm

Tuesday 29th August 10am-4pm



Fond Memories of The Late Revd Dr Gill Lurie

I have known Gill for 39 years. She was always her own person and determined to live her own life in her own way.

She wrote the instructions for her funeral service and wrote this account of her life as she wanted it read out.

In this, which I will read out in a moment, there is a mention of her accident. Those of you who have read the May copy of our church Link magazine, will have read a fuller description of that accident, and how it led to her faith in God and her subsequent ordination. *Jean Glover*

Gillian Ruth Lurie was born in the cellar of the family home in Manchester during an air raid. The story goes that Winston Churchill was making a speech on the wireless and her mother was not amused to hear him say 'you must put your back into it'.

Gill was the youngest of 3 children and the only girl. From an early age she showed a talent for music, especially singing and piano, and at 16, she won an open scholarship to music college in Manchester. At 21, she joined the Royal Opera Company chorus at Covent Garden and was there for nearly 3 years. During that time, she was badly injured on stage when the fast curtain was accidentally released, leaving her with permanent weakness in her right hand and arm which virtually ended her professional music ambitions. During her subsequent period of deep depression, she felt called by God to full-time ministry and went to college for a 2 year course in theology and pastoralia.

She had a full and varied ministry, ranging from a parish in Bermondsey in South London, to a village near Ely. She was then, to her great delight, offered a secondment from parish ministry to a new commercial radio station in Peterborough, where she built up a thriving religious broadcasting department. She spent a very happy 7 years there, producing and presenting a 3 hour religious magazine programme every Sunday morning and producing daily prayers and talks throughout the week given by people from all faiths. During that time she was awarded the Sandford St Martin prize for the best religious broadcast nationally for a programme on The Battle of Britain.

With elderly parents in Manchester, Gill decided to return to parish ministry, this time in the north and was appointed as a team vicar in a parish in Leeds. She always said it was typical of her family that exactly a month after her move north, her father died and her mother announced she was going to live on the south coast - and then complained because she didn't see Gill very often!!

This was all at the time of the ordination of women to the priesthood and finally that great day came for Gill, after 24 years in the diaconate. She then spent 9 years as the rector of a village church near Castleford.

On retirement, Gill and Jean, who had been friends for many years, decided to pool their resources, sell 2 small houses in the north and buy one even smaller one in the south. Westgate on Sea proved to be an inspired choice as a retirement venue and she was very happy here. Increasing ill health curtailed her activities but via TV she was able to indulge her passions for Manchester United and tennis. She was an avid reader, loved jigsaw puzzles, and spent happy times with computer games. She and Jean were keen followers of wheelchair rugby and supporters of Hellfire, the Canterbury team. They are known as the team with the loudest supporters!!

Gill could look back on her life with mostly pleasure, some regrets and very much laughter. She was always deeply grateful for the many gifts she received from God, especially that of the friendship of very many people, She looks forward to being admitted to the heavenly choir!!

Gill and Jean came to St Saviour's Church after moving to Westgate and soon felt at home. Gill and Jean have been regular worshippers at St Saviour's and became very active and involved members of the Church Family. Gill had the extra gift to offer of being an Ordained Priest and was the very first woman to take a Communion Service at St Saviour's, which some of us can remember. This was a very big step to take as Gill did not know how this would be accepted but, with the strength of God behind her, it all went well and Services led by Gill became part of the regular pattern. Gill also had great musical talents to offer which she shared with us all. Her sermons were very down to earth and thought-provoking, leaving you looking forward to the next one. A very special Service of Gill's and much appreciated was The Good Friday meditation with prayer and music.

Gill encouraged different ways of worship and encouraged the Family Service led by children and laity; she would offer help in many ways and was always very supportive. Last Good Friday, despite her failing health, Gill supported the Good Friday Family Service and making of the Easter Garden which must have taken immense effort but it was so good to see her.

Gill was a very generous and supportive person to many causes including those less fortunate and young people with her big acts of kindness which she kept very quiet and confidential.

If anyone had a problem or needed support, Gill was always there for you with a listening ear; giving sound advice even when she was in hospital. Her chats still brought a smile to you.

Gill, it was a privilege to have known you, may you rest in peace and

RISE IN GLORY.

Whilst you are welcome to take and enjoy a copy of “The Link”, donations towards the cost of printing would be appreciated,.

The deadline for SEPTEMBER 2023 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 27th 2023

Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic

Westgate Council Office

(Opposite the Cinema)

September 14th

October 12th

November 9th

December 14th

All at 10.30 – 11.30

Batteries, tubes and advice



“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 just completed another very enjoyable Year 6 graduation ceremony at St. Saviour's Church. The children did staff and their families proud.

This cohort of children were just starting Year 4 when Covid 19 caused schools to close to all but key worker children. I have memories of handing members of this Year 6 back to their, very exhausted-looking nurse and paramedic parents at the end of Key Worker school days. This cohort of children missed such vital parts of the primary curriculum that we have been playing catch-up ever since. This has meant that this school year has felt even more intense than usual.

The current Year 6 pupils and their teachers and support staff, have responded with immensely hard work. Such were the efforts to fill the gaps left by school closures, children have reached the level of attainment where they are ready for the academic challenges of secondary school. I know how challenging the secondary curriculum is. The changes made to GCSE exams over the last three years have made the qualifications much more challenging than the ones I took in the eighties. To get to grips with this level of study, children need to leave St. Saviour's with really secure reading, writing and mathematical skills.

In between this very intense academic study, Year 6 have found time to have fun. Staff took most of the year group to the Kingswood outward bound centre in Ashford for three days of abseiling and adventurous activities. The cohort faced their fears with stoicism and good humour and returned to school looking utterly exhausted! This group of children are also the most football obsessed cohort I have known at St. Saviour's, when rain denies these children their daily football game, they are truly grief-stricken.

The most moving moment of graduation for me today, was awarding the first Graham Neve shield. I was honoured to be joined by Ruth and Douglas Neve in giving out the award to the first Year 6 winner. I know Graham would have been proud that such a deserving child received the trophy for the first time and that his beloved family were there when we gave thanks for the inspiring contribution Graham made to our school. I look forward to many more Year 6 children receiving this award over the years to come.

Nick Bonell, Headteacher

Four Ingredient Brownies

Ingredients

2 large ripe bananas
100g tahini or smooth peanut butter
50g cocoa powder, sieved
50g chocolate chips

Oven 190c

Line a baking tin, I used 20x12

Method

1. Mash the bananas well
2. Add the tahini or peanut butter
3. Fold in the cocoa powder and chocolate chips.

Scrape into the tin and smooth the top.
I sprinkled a few choc chips on top.
Bake for 15 to 20 minutes

These are lovely warm, or cold from the fridge
They are also suitable for Vegans.

Pam



THE GREAT BELL IN THE SKY

In 2022 I came to the two special services for the late Queen Elizabeth 2, and while it was a sad occasion I found that I enjoyed the Service. Also I was made welcome by St Saviour's Church along with the congregation. Since then I have attended many Sunday Services including Christmas and Easter.

I find some of the sermons to be interesting and inspirational.

Also I have been lucky to have the odd chat with the Revd Susan Wing who has been able to put my mind at ease which is much appreciated.

I have also enjoyed some special events put on at the Church such as Strawberry Tea/ Fish and Chip Supper, as well as some musical events. Fingers crossed there will be more events to enjoy in the future!?

As for my own Religious education! Well I did go to a Convent School and was taught by Nuns from the age of 7 until 11. Although this is a long, long time ago I still have some happy memories from the Convent School, unlike the following 4 years spent in a Secondary School! And I don't remember any Religious Education from there at all.

At the age of 15 I was offered a job so that was the end of my school days. I have always liked visiting Churches and Cathedrals from an historic point of view. The magnificent stonework and carpentry is amazing to behold not forgetting the colourful stained glass windows.

Then of course the sound of Church organs to which St Saviour's is blessed with a lovely sounding musical instrument! I love the deep tones that can rumble through one's bones.

While we in Westgate are lucky not to have to live in a warzone such as Ukraine or in the Middle East or in parts of Africa, etc, etc.

It's so sad that there are so many humans who seem to live for violence, death and destruction when it is all totally futile and "un" necessary.

What will the future bring? Nobody knows. I hope to enjoy a few more Services and Special events before the Great Bell in the sky tolls for me. Then I will find out what exists beyond this earth!

My good wishes and blessings go to all the people involved in St Saviour's.

Stephen (Steve 3) Chapman

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Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 10am to 6pm.

Sponsorship money is divided equally between The Friends of Kent Churches and the Church.

Whilst convalescing recently, Pam's husband Stu gave me a supply of magazines which helped to keep the boredom at bay.

One article in particular caught my imagination. An English archbishop with his own image on coins used in England and no reference to the then king. I had always assumed that coins were always under control of the monarch, however this was not always the case, as I would like to explain.

Coins in England were minted by kings, queens, archbishops and bishops collectively until 1534, and their marks or initials appeared on the coins. This period includes the reign of Henry VIII, and is interesting for several reasons, especially for the history of the Church in England.

There were Christians in England even before 410 when the Roman legions left and Roman control ceased, and during the subsequent Anglo-Saxon Period the Church became established in the country. Because secular control was often weak the bishops and archbishops became powerful figures, their names would sometimes appear on the reverse of coins with the king's name on the obverse. The earliest example of this is a coin that circulated in the north of England) issued by King Eadberht of Northumbria (737-758) and Archbishop Ecgberht of York (died 766).

In the south of England the archbishop of Canterbury was particularly powerful in Anglo-Saxon times, and Archbishop Wulfred (*no record before* - 805-832), whom I had read about in Stu's magazine, minted a penny with his name and title on it.

Archbishop Wulfred is shown with his head tonsured (the hair on top of his head has been shaved off). Unlike his predecessors, Wulfred's coins are the first to make no reference to the King, perhaps suggesting the church had more power, more wealth and maybe even more support, than a king?



Wulfred's coin (shown on previous page)

Coins from the Church of England can be followed right through history (so to save time, I'll move forward in history) until we meet a certain king who would change history - forever! Henry VIII arranged, amongst other things, for Thomas Cranmer to be elected archbishop of Canterbury. Cranmer had been strongly influenced by Reformation ideas and supported the king in breaking away from Rome. In 1533 he annulled Henry's marriage to Catherine, and subsequently worked towards aligning the Church in England with the Protestant churches in northern Europe. At Canterbury he minted halfgroats, pennies and halfpennies with his initials on the reverse. Archbishops and bishops at York and Durham also minted their own coins, however Henry VIII was watching events very closely and this was yet another sign that the church was meddling with his affairs – he was after all “the defender of the faith”!

In 1544 Henry VIII no longer confirmed the right for coins to be minted by archbishops of Canterbury and York and by the bishop of Durham. This was part of his strategy to deprive the Church of its wealth and power. Monasteries were subsequently demolished and all ecclesiastical mints closed. Even the shrine of St Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral was destroyed. Control of minting by the prince-bishops in their cathedral cities was replaced by state control, forever.

It is amazing to think that church coins which bear the marks and initials of such famous men as Cardinal Wolsey and Archbishop Cranmer can be collected and studied today.

I'll endeavour to return to another saint, for the September issue of The Link.

God bless.

Steve
Verger

PS. May I also thank you all for your prayers regarding my recovery. I couldn't have got this far without all of your love and support. I'm truly humbled.

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 .

The Westgate Heritage Centre MEETS 1st SATURDAY of each month at Christchurch URC 10am to 12noon . Refreshments available. Open some Saturday mornings in St Saviour's Church . See 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th September Organ Recital

Saturday 7th October The Ladies Harmony Choir

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 when advertised.

Family Service for all ages starting the 1st Sunday in September

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