

**Parish and Community**

# *The Link*

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**September  
2023**

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

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

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Hello everyone, So September again, where has the year gone I wonder. It is with relief that I have seen the harvest brought in. I have become used to seeing the harvesting in late July rather than late August. Of course, a generation ago the harvest would have been in August – times returned, but a very good harvest despite the weather vagaries I believe. We celebrate Harvest on 1 October at our second Family Service, so it is not inappropriate that I mention it now. Please, if you can give goods to help others, that would be more than generous.

This month we restart our Family Service with a service entitled “New Beginnings”. This is not looking back, although the service may feel familiar. We need to look forward in our outreach for God and look to outreach both to young people and those who are fringe or new. The great thing about the family service, is that it is aimed to speak to children and adults alike who might find the language of the Eucharist very difficult to understand. This year the SU beach mission reached out to over 900 children and young people of varying ages, so where are they. I think that we are letting them down for there is a hunger to hear about Jesus in some places.

What can we do? Invite people along, the service is about 45 minutes in length and followed by hospitality – good start. Coming through the door is very difficult sometimes, so a friendly invitation and offer to meet beforehand or at the door, is important. Reassure parents that noisy children are nothing new and very welcome and come and support and celebrate together. New Beginnings in Christ – this week’s gospel asks the question: who do you think I am? It shows clearly that we need nothing more than a turning of our heart to Jesus to enter the family of God. You cannot impose rules on a heart that desires transforming and that is Jesus’ business with our support as needed. Peter recognised Jesus as “the Messiah, the Son of God”, for this he became the rock up on whom the community of Christ was led forward, bearing in mind that Jesus is the very foundation on whom we stand and in whom we believe. No rules were necessary, just a trust and faith and ability to recognise God and his work amongst us. So make new beginning a thought for all of us, no matter how long we have been a Christian. Let ourselves be transformed again and again to the image of Christ and know that this is what God wishes for us. Then may we stand firm in faith and withstand the buffets of life and, perhaps, find the courage to gossip the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Mark 1:1).

God Bless *Susan*

### **Songs of Praise**

Several of our congregation attended a recording of BBC’s popular Songs of Praise at Canterbury Cathedral in June. Some of the hymns they sung that evening will feature in a special programme from Canterbury, planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 1.15pm on BBC1.

## 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”*

Eugenius, Liz & Peter Rowe, Andrew W, Mother Karen, Marjorie 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

### **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”*

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Bill, Cicerly

### **World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month**

Robert Terry 13<sup>th</sup> September 1944

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



You are invited to the Thanet Deanery Roadshow. It will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Cliftonville on 12th September 2023 between 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

The Topics are Finance, Church and School Partnerships and Church Buildings.

## Harvest Festival

Do join us for our Harvest Festival Family Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 10.30am and, if possible, bring donations of food for The Storehouse Food Bank run from the Baptist Church in Birchington. We are asking for donations in tins or jars this year to avoid encouraging the return of the mouse family and their friends. Thank you.



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

# ORGAN RECITAL

By Tim Attride

## SATURDAY

## 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

At 2.30pm

Tickets £7 including refreshments

Tickets available 07896508399



**St Saviour's Church, Westgate**  
**HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

**10.30AM**

**DONATIONS OF TINS & JARS  
OF FOOD FOR THE  
STOREHOUSE FOODBANK**



**Come & join us**

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 OCTOBER 2023 “The Link” is**  
**SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic**

Westgate Council Office

(Opposite the Cinema)

September 14th

October 12<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup>

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.”



There are more than 10,000 saints recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, though the names and histories of some of these holy men and women have been lost to history.

The saints of the church are a diverse group of people with varied and interesting stories. Their ranks include martyrs, kings and queens, missionaries, widows, theologians, parents, nuns and priests, as well as “everyday people” who dedicated their lives to the loving pursuit of God. Religious and nonreligious people alike have found inspiration from their lives, particularly in the stories of saints who devoted themselves in service to the poor, sick, and suppressed, such as St. Mother Teresa and St. Vincent de Paul, among many others.

Many of the saints who were persecuted for their faith, such as St. Stephen and St. Perpetua, showed remarkable forgiveness and patiently suffered through their trials and tortures. Some are revered for their simplicity and humility, including St. Francis of Assisi and St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Several, notably St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine, were writers and thinkers who shaped Western thought for centuries.

Jesus Christ, our Saviour comes from the Latin ‘Sanctus Salvator’ meaning Holy Saviour. It’s therefore a popular name for churches and the one selected for the church proposed at a new seaside resort called Westgate-on-Sea!

The foundation stone at St Saviour’s was laid by Sir Erasmus Wilson on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1883 and reads;

JESUS SAID HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL IN NO WAY CAST OUT.

John 6:37

Did you know, there is a St Saviour’s church in the nearby town of Walmer, near Deal. I read that it was consecrated in 1849 and at 5 o’clock on that day, up to 500 poor people attended and were fed... “roast beef and plum pudding”!

So how could someone become a saint? The requirements for Sainthood were defined by Pope Alexander III in the 13th century, simply to prevent towns and villages from creating their own saints.

In 1982, Pope John Paul II introduced a new simplified process. After a rigorous examination of a candidate’s life, work and writings, the Pope decides if they are a Servant of God having practised the Christian virtues in a ‘heroic degree’, and if so declares them Venerable, the first of three steps on the road of Sainthood. Following a physical miracle, such as an unexplained healing, the candidate is Beatified by the Pope, and declared Blessed. A further physical miracle is required before the person is Canonised and declared a “Saint of the Church.”

For a Sainthood miracle to be accepted it must be "organic, immediate and irreversible". Nearly all the miracles that are acknowledged take place after the candidate is dead. Catholics believe that a saint will remain active after death in responding to prayers of the faithful (with the actual miracles performed by God).

Miracles are usually "healing" miracles that science can't explain. Because eyewitness accounts run the risk of being clouded by human error, theologians demand a miracle in the form of a sign of God, which usually means a miraculous healing of some sort that cannot be explained by science. The evidence is judged by both medical experts and a panel of theologians. Doctors are often brought in. They don't have to vouch for a miracle "they only have to declare that there is no natural explanation for a sudden cure".

Finally, whilst reading about saints I was surprised to discover that although St Christopher is still recognized as a saint, his feast day no longer appears on the Church's universal liturgical calendar. He was one of the early martyrs about whom not much is known. His name means "Christ-bearer," which reflects the wonderful story told of him, carrying the child Jesus across a river. However, Pope Paul VI had doubts that St Christopher ever existed, so he was relegated. It's sad for me because as a child, he was probably one of the first saints I learned about and even today, I still have a 'St Christopher' pendent on my key ring.

God Bless – Steve (Verger)



Image (above) of St Christopher carrying Christ, taken from the medieval manuscript dated around 1200AD and said to be the oldest Psalter used at Westminster Abbey.

## **Sticky Banana and Fig Bake**

### **Ingredients**

125g butter  
4 large, ripe bananas  
250g SR flour  
3 medium eggs  
4 tbsp golden syrup  
3 fresh figs, 2 chopped into small pieces, 1 sliced.

### **Method**

1. Heat oven to 180C. Butter a 450g loaf tin and line with baking parchment. Blend the peeled bananas in a food processor then add all the other ingredients, except the figs. Blend again, then scrape down the sides and blend again.

2. Pour the batter into a bowl and gently fold in the chopped figs. Spoon into the tin and put the sliced figs on top. Bake for 1hr 30 mins, covering with foil after 45 mins to prevent burning. Test the cake is done by inserting a skewer into the centre, it should come out clean. Leave to rest for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a rack to cool.

Delicious served warm, also toasted with butter is delicious too. It will also keep in an airtight tin for 3 days and in the freezer for 3 months.

I have also added stem ginger on another occasion for an extra taste.

Pam x





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The annual Ride and Stride in aid of the Friends of Kent Churches takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 6pm. If you would like to be involved by cycling, walking or being in church to welcome those taking part, please contact Christine Attwood. Half the money raised by those taking part from St Saviour's will be given to us and the remaining half goes to the Friends of Kent Churches.

As there is an organ recital by Tim Attride at 2.30pm in St Saviour's, Christine is only looking for people to meet and greet between 10am and 2pm and from 5pm to 6pm. Shifts of one hour or two hours available.

St Saviour's Church, Westgate  
**LADIES HARMONY CHOIR CONCERT**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**2.30pm**



**TICKETS £7 including refreshments**

## THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES SUTTON CHENEY

This small church in the village of Sutton Cheynell (Cheney) as it was known in 1485 is on the road towards Ambion Hill, to which the troops of King Richard III passed by on their way to the site of the Battle of Bosworth, which took place on August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1485.

I have visited this church many times over the years (my first visit in 1985) and inside this church is a brass memorial plaque stating –

REMEMBER BEFORE GOD – RICHARD III KING OF ENGLAND AND THOSE WHO FELL AT BOSWORTH FIELD HAVING KEPT FAITH 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 1485 – LOYALTY ME LIE.

Apparently Richard himself heard Mass for the last time in this church before heading off to join his army and supporters of the plantagenet cause.

When you leave the church and travel about two miles to the west you can visit the Battle of Bosworth Visitor Centre/ Museum which is a splendid place if you are interested in Medieval History! As there are full size suits of armour on display as well as lots of scale models of figures to show the types/styles of clothing worn by foot soldiers/ archers etc.

Once you've escaped the gift shop and café the real adventure starts!

You can go on a battlefield walk which is well marked out. There are also flags flying in areas to mark out the positions of Richard's army and Henry Tudor's army. On a nice sunny day it's a lovely walk around the fields and woods. Now there are two interesting stone structures – one is called "King Dick's Well" which marks a spring where it is said that Richard drank from during the battle! The other is a stone memorial with the words "Richard the last plantagenet King of England was slain here 22/8/1485."

I don't know how the historians work out these positions in order to mark them out but they must know more than me!

If you have an imagination "such as I do", you can just stand at these places and get lost in the moment!

The end result was that Richard III died and Henry Tudor became King of England "Henry VII" – so began the Tudor Age which spawned the likes of Henry VIII and Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>.

Incidentally there is a Battle reenactment near the Visitor Centre every year to which I have been to many times. All very colourful with banners, flags and shields as well as gleaming armour and swords etc. not forgetting quite a lot of archers and a few replica medieval cannon!

And all this has an attachment to (or a connection to) the little church of St James (Sutton Cheney), not forgetting the town of Market Bosworth just to the north of Ambion Hill.

I will now leave you in peace!

Stephen (Steve 3) Chapman.



CHURCH CLEANING on the 3rd TUESDAY of each month 10am to 12 noon.



# **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. 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