

Parish and Community

The Link

St Mildreds Road



Westgate Bay Avenue

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**November
2023**

The Magazine of
St Saviour's Parish Church

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST SAVIOUR WESTGATE ON SEA

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Hello everyone,

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:18,19

It is a year since Mother Karen left us to walk in new pastures after bringing us successfully through such difficult times. Now we are to have a new minister who will take us forward in our journey with Christ. He will have a great many responsibilities and his way could be made very tough indeed if we hold back. In this last year we have moved forward with new service leaders, the return of the Family Service and the stepping forward of so many of you into new or renewed ministries and a modest increase in our congregation. I hope that we will be willing to continue in this forward moving mode to be there for our minister and support him as he leads us and 4 other churches. When I moved to my parish in Grayshott I was met by people saying: “thank goodness you have arrived” and heaving a sigh of relief that they could step back. I felt a great weight descend up on my shoulders. Joyfully it was only temporary because there were many engaged in ministry and ready to move forward. How much easier to share.

So it will be now, I think. We must not just heave a sigh of relief and stand back for the minister to take it all on his shoulders or worse, we think that it is unworkable. Jesus has called us to do his work and reap his harvest and alongside this new leadership we can and should give support and love. Any negative thoughts must be put aside for God is doing a new thing. Trust Him and walk forward into a new situation with joy and love, God knows what he is doing. Pray for our new minister, even if you know not his name, pray for our group of parishes and pray for the Gospel of Christ and his love to be shared afresh in our Seamarsh group and in Thanet. For me, it has been a privilege to worship and share with you and I look forward to helping in any way that I can and am asked in this new thing that God is doing here.

God Bless Susan

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and Fridays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November at 10am at Garlinge Methodist.

Update on a Successor to Mother Karen

I was obviously too optimistic when I wrote my update for the October Link as there is little I can update you on.

The interview took place on 27th September after a tour by the PCC representatives and the candidate of the churches at St Nicholas-at-Wade, Chislet, Monkton, Minster and St Saviour's. The representatives were Sally from Minster, Peter from St Nicholas-at-Wade and Andy Jemmett and I for St Saviour's. After time for a look round our church, a panel consisting of Archdeacon Will and the 4 PCC representatives interviewed the candidate. We had a brief discussion after he left us and were all in agreement that he should be appointed as priest-in-charge of the Wantsum Benefice and St Saviour's – a half-time post (3 days a week plus Sundays). The situation as I write is that he has formally informed Bishop Rose of his acceptance of the post and he is going through the procedures of the Diocesan Safer Recruitment Policies. These involve safeguarding training, a disclosure and barring (DBS) check and being granted permission to officiate (PTO). Andy and I will update you when we know more.

In the meantime, Andy and I together with Christine Bolger (Lay Chair of the Parochial Church Council) are continuing to meet every 6 weeks or so with members of Wantsum's Benefice Leadership Team to get to know each other and discuss working together in the future.

Christine Attwood, Churchwarden and PCC Secretary.

Harvest Thank you to everyone for the generous donations of tins and jars and packets brought to our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October. Gifts brought that day by the congregation, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Rainbows together with those brought a few days earlier by children and staff of the Piggy Bank Nursery were taken to The Storehouse Food Bank run by Birchington Baptist Church.

Remembrance Each November we remember our loved ones who have died and those who lost their lives in World War One and subsequent conflicts. All are welcome to join us in St Saviour's Church on: -

Sunday 5th November at 3pm as we remember those we love but see no longer

Saturday 11th November (Armistice Day) at 10.55am for a short service of prayers and the Two Minutes Silence

Sunday 12th November (Remembrance Sunday) at 10.30am as we remember those who died in wars from 1914 onwards. Following the service there will be a procession from outside St Saviour's in Westgate Bay Avenue to the town's war memorial in Sea Road for an Act of Remembrance at 12noon.

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

Family Communion

Sunday 5th November

At 10.30am



ALL AGES WELCOME

LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

ALL SOULS SERVICE

SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER

AT 3pm

**REMEMBERING OUR
DEPARTED LOVED ONES**



Followed by refreshments

ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, WESTGATE

ARMISTICE DAY

SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYERS

AT 10.55am

FOLLOWED BY the

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

At 11am



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

(non EUCHARIST) **at 10.30am**

FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION TO

WAR MEMORIAL for an ACT of
REMEMBRANCE THERE **at 12noon.**

**No refreshments at St Saviour's but will be available at the
URC after the ACT of REMEMBRANCE**



We will remember
them



FROM THE REGISTERS

For those Baptised

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

Sunday 8th October Arabella

Sunday 15th October Kennedy

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”

Liz & Peter Rowe, Andrew W, Mother Karen, Marjorie M, Kayla B, Jeff B, Heidi, Kevin, Valerie L, Genevieve O, Charlie

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

Jean F

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, Jean

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

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

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

News from St Saviour's Church of England School

The agonising wait is finally over! After a five year wait, we had our overdue OFSTED inspection last week. Whilst I cannot yet divulge the judgement of the inspection, I can say we are happy!

Due to the suicide of a headteacher earlier in the year, OFSTED have markedly changed the tone of their inspections. This inspection felt much more collaborative and the inspector could not have been nicer. The scope of the inspection was wider, not as attainment data-driven as in previous years.

Technicalities aside, what was notable about the two days, was the support from parents and the professionalism of staff. On the day before the inspection, headteachers are required to send a letter to families, asking them to fill in an online questionnaire about the school. One of the questions on the survey is, 'Would you recommend this school to friends with children?' Our inspector informed me that the usual percentage of people answering yes to this question, in a good school, is around ninety percent. Absolutely all of our families answered yes to the question. On the morning of the first day, our inspector did gate duty with me; I noticed our parents were queuing up to speak to him – 'this could either be really good or really bad,' I thought! Again, the inspector informed me that the parents he had spoken to were full of praise for the school. This feedback means far more to me than any inspection grade. Of course, we do not always get it right, but I am glad parents and carers feel we are broadly doing a good job.

During previous inspections, the majority of the inspector's time has been spent with either myself or Mr Arnold, out Deputy Headteacher and SENdCO.. However, this time, most of the inspection was focused on middle leaders. John and I were often left to nervously wait in our offices while other staff met the inspector. What was comprehensively confirmed is that our staff are experts in their individual fields. Curriculum leads and class teachers were able to talk extremely fluently about their work and children were able to confirm that they understand what we intend for them to learn. The value of having a longstanding, experienced staff team - that (aside from lots of pregnancies) has had very little 'churn' – has been confirmed. Leaders at St. Saviour's are able to implicitly trust staff, at all levels, to do a great job.

Finally, our governors excelled themselves. We lost our lynchpin, Graham Neve, earlier in the year. We are still very much mourning Graham's passing – as a governor and a friend. However, our governing body were able to show confidently that they had a thorough understanding of the school's priorities, are able to hold leaders to account and support staff in their work and wellbeing. I cannot thank governors enough for the care they have shown me and our team; I really do feel supported.

Now the inspection has passed, we will focus on maintaining the rigour within St. Saviour's. We will build on this success, without complacency. Onwards and upwards! *Nick Bonell, Headteacher*

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 DECEMBER 2023 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2023

Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic

Westgate Council Office

(Opposite the Cinema)

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.”

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN
WESTGATE, WESTBROOK & GARLINGE
ADVENT
COURSES
“WATCHING & WAITING”

Church

START & FOLLOWING DATES

CHRISTCHURCH URC: MONDAYS @ 2.30 PM
30 OCT, 6 NOV, 13 NOV, 20 NOV

ST SAVIOURS. THURSDAYS @ 7.00 PM
REV SUSAN WING. 2 NOV, 9 NOV, 16 NOV, 23 NOV
ST MILDRED'S RD.

GARLINGE FRIDAYS @ 10.00 AM
METHODIST CHURCH. 3 NOV, 10 NOV, 17 NOV, 24 NOV

ALL WELCOME
COFFEE, TEA & BISCUITS
PROVIDED

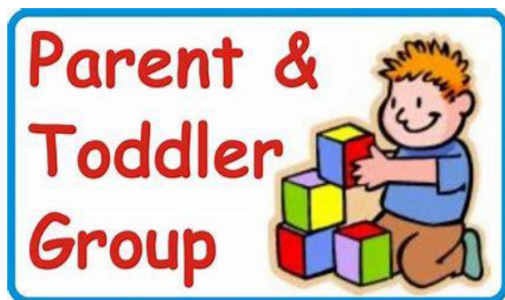
FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:
JENNY CARTWRIGHT: 01843 228439

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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
and carers**



THOUGHTS FROM WESTGATE

I have always known that I have salt water in my veins. Both my parents were born in seaside towns, my mother in Weymouth, my father in Devonport. My mother, especially, missed the sea when, after her marriage & for the rest of her life, she lived, first in London then in South London suburbia. She longed for the sight & sound of it & for its unmistakable energising smell. After the war she would spend months each year planning our escape, usually to the west country & always to the seaside. Even before those holidays, my sister & I were already familiar with sand & sea. During the Blitz my mother had taken us to Looe in South Cornwall, where we remained for some months. And twice, in the later war years to escape the flying bombs (which we called doodle-bugs) & the even more destructive rockets, we had stayed with our maternal grandmother in Christchurch, Hampshire (now Dorset). My mother would have been happy, I know, if only my father could have come too, but his essential work was in London. My sister & I were happy. My mother's two sisters lived nearby & since one had two & the other six children we had plenty of company & were never bored. My cousins taught me to swim & introduced us both to the delights of "messaging about in boats".

I don't think I consciously hoped or expected to marry a sailor. If I had I would have been disappointed. My husband, a countryman, did not appreciate beach holidays. Although we sometimes took our children to spend a few hours on the Sussex coast, our holidays were always inland, in Derbyshire, Yorkshire or the Lake District. This was not a penance: we all enjoyed walking, especially in such lovely countryside, but I confess that I, as my mother had, missed the sea. So it is not surprising that, living alone as I did many years later, realising it would be sensible to move nearer to one or other of my children. I chose to live in Westgate, by the sea & not too far from London or my friends in Hayes. I am happily settled near my younger daughter & her husband, in a small, pleasant town. We have a railway station, lots of buses, medical support services as well as a GP surgery, shops, even a cinema and a lovely welcoming Church, all close at hand. And I live within easy walking distance (even for me) of the sea. Incidentally both my son and my elder daughter live in villages, the one in rural Lincolnshire (my husband would have liked that) and the other on the North Devon coast, undeniably beautiful, but unlike Westgate, not flat!

I have been by the sea most of this afternoon, as I very often am. For much of the year, as I approach the sea front, I am assailed by a stiff breeze, but today, in early July, it is almost windless, and very hot. The beach is crowded, & many people are in the water. The tide is halfway out, & beyond the bathers the sea is sparkling & calm. Disappointed Andy Murray fans are lamenting his second-round defeat at Wimbledon, & cricket enthusiasts are holding their breath as they wait the outcome of the second test match at Lord's. Less engaged than usual, I have no wish to be at either venue, nor am I tempted by the TV.

. Sitting on my favourite bench, on a path above & behind the promenade at Westgate's St Mildred's Bay, watching children playing games on the beach is all the entertainment I need. And as I look out to sea, I wonder idly what are the purpose & destination of 2 or 3 small boats I can see in the distance: I marvel at the grace of wheeling seagulls as they fly towards the horizon, & wonder about them too. It is evening now, & I have returned home. I am indoors, watching the sun's declining rays as they illuminate the lovely trees, cherries & holm oaks, in the square my balcony overlooks, & the mellow red brick of mainly Victorian houses which surround it. It is cooler now, & there is a light breeze gently lifting curtains which hang at my open door, moving the still air, & relieving the stuffiness of a room which has been shut up for most of the day. As I sit, still watching, still dreaming, I am content. If I close my eyes I can see the sea, which will still be here tomorrow, only 10 minutes away. Why would I not have made the decision, a couple of years ago now, to move to sunny Westgate. Westgate by the sea?

Hilary Abrahams

ONCE A BRUCE ALWAYS A BRUCE

Robert the Bruce & the Battle of Bannockburn is a big part of Britain's history. Also as my middle name is Bruce is there a connection? On visiting Scotland over 20 years ago I had to visit the Bannockburn Museum & the site of the battle. At the time of my visit there was a reinactment event taking place so there were plenty of men (& some women) dressed in chainmail & plate armour, along with some colourful tunics with emblems & Coats of arms. Colourful flags, banners waving in the gentle breeze.

In history books it states that there were over 20,000 English against 5,500 Scottish. But somehow Robert the Bruce & his army were able to outfox the English to win the battle which took place over the 23/24 June 1314.

Today there is a large statue of Robert on a horse at the battle site. The face on the statue was made using a cast of Bruce's skull (after he had died in 1329). He wanted his heart to be taken to Jerusalem so he could be forgiven for his sins.

A James Douglas set out carrying Bruce's heart in a silver casket but the Saracens killed him & the heart was returned to Scotland & is buried in Melrose Abbey.

A visit to Stirling Castle was on my list & it is similar to Edinburgh Castle as they are both set high up on what is called a Volcanic Outcrop! Apparently this is formed by the scraping of glaciers during the Ice Age.

The castles are rather sprawling like Dover Castle in a way. Near to Stirling is a tower called The Wallace Monument which was built in memory of Sir William Wallace who led the Scots to beat the English at The Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297.

Walking up all those steps to the top takes your breath away! But the views were also breathtaking & I have a souvenir Tower Money Box to prove it.

So Robert the Bruce, Stephen the Bruce! Check out the accompanying photo!
However if I were living in medieval times I think it more likely that I would be a villain (villager) working the land rather than a Lord of the Realm.
But back in 1300's the population of Britain was around 5 million. This was to fall to under 3 million once the Black Death (Plague) took hold from 1348 to 51. During this time there was also over 18 million sheep munching their way around the countryside.
History says many peasants & serfs (people who owned nothing) suffered from famine & that the average Peasant in 1300 would not live past the age of 25 – can you believe that? No foodbanks in those days.
Fortunately we English & Scottish people have laid down our swords & battleaxes. Indeed I have a good friend from Scotland. I can't always understand what he says but apart from that there are no problems.
Your scribe – Stephen (the Bruce) Chapman (Steve 3)



Christmas Gifts Wish List 2023

Thank you for making a difference to the families staying with us this Christmas. We have accommodation in East Kent for up to 18 women and 30 children at any one time.

Amazon Wish List for East Kent <https://amzn.eu/9qyEC7f>

Gift ideas for Children & Young People

Books – for 2 to 4 year olds. The Works or Waterstones gift vouchers.

Crafts – make your own felt sets for children, activity books, stickers. Gift vouchers for The Works or Hobbycraft.

Games – Board games, Bingo, packs of cards ie. Uno, Snap, Top Trumps.

Dolls, super heroes, cars, tea sets, play food.

Role play, dress up.

Pyjamas for 2 year old boys, 3 year old girls, 4 year old boys, 7 year old boys.

Gift ideas for Adults

Air Fryer or Slow Cooker

Foldable storage box

Craft kits

Books – Bestselling fiction & Cookbooks

Vouchers from Argos, Primark, ASDA, Tesco, Sainsbury's so that residents can purchase their own clothing and household items for moving out of refuge.

Christmas biscuits, mince pies, cake

**Please no candles or alcohol
Christmas presents should be new and unwrapped**

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

At 10.30am

With donations of new toys or gift
vouchers for

OASIS DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE
& BLESSING of the TRAVELLING CRIBS
for ST SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL



We had local PC in on Saturday to talk to Book Club. They were so excited to try on his kit and visit the police car.





Chocolate Shortbread

Ingredients

250g soft butter

150g sugar

40g cocoa

300g plain flour

1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

1 tsp baking powder

Topping if desired

Melted plain or milk chocolate and sprinkles

Method

Oven 170C

Line a large baking sheet with baking paper

1. Put all the ingredients into a blender and blitz thoroughly.
2. Using gloves, roll the dough into walnut sized balls and place on the baking tray, flatten slightly.
- 3 Bake for 12/15 minutes. Do not over bake.

If needed, the raw dough can be kept in the fridge for up to 3 days.

Quick and easy and rather yummy!

Pam



Y A D N U S X K I U R B R S U
 J O N M S X N G M Q X O M A T
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The Friends Of St Saviour's Table—top Sale

The Friends first ever Table top Sale raised a fantastic £ 355.

Many thanks to Pam, Sue, Jean, Christine B and Joy for all their hard work in making the event such a success.

It is hoped to hold another early next year.

Joy would like any donations of jewellery please for the next sale.

December Services

Our usual pattern of worship will continue throughout December with a special family service on Sunday 3rd December at 10.30am when we will have Claire Fenley from Oasis Domestic Abuse Service with us to tell us about their work. We often refer to this as our “toy Service” and invite donations of new toys or monetary contributions. There is a list elsewhere in the Link giving details of suitable toys and gift vouchers to donate. We will also be welcoming representatives of St Saviour's School to that service as they come for their travelling cribs to be blessed.

The cribs will be returned during our Crib Service with Christingles on Christmas Eve at 3pm.

Other services for Christmas include those for St Saviour's School, the first Communion of Christmas on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm and a Family Communion with Carols on Christmas Day at 10.30am.

Rievaulx Abbey

At the beginning of October, Tracey and I went on holiday to North Yorkshire, a place we have visited many times before.

The coastline is stunning with its very high cliffs and wonderful bays, with large numbers of seals visible at low tide, relaxing on the rocks and shorelines. In contrast is the moors on the rolling hills, offering some spectacular scenery, enabling you to almost see the entire county with an unspoilt 360-degree view, from a single vantage point!



(Above) Photo looking towards the town of Scarborough.

Discovering a leaflet describing a 3 mile walk to Rievaulx Abbey we got together our walking gear and waterproofs and having safely parked at the starting point, we set off. The trail had some challenges as the path (as with most in Yorkshire) had some very steep steps, made more challenging by the recent rain. Eventually we reached our destination and in a wooded glade, with mature trees all around us we found the very well-hidden English Heritage Visitors Centre and paid our entrance fee.

Rievaulx Abbey was founded in 1132 by 12 monks from Clairvaux Abbey in Northeast France. Its remote location was well suited to the order's aims of a strict life of prayer and self-sufficiency with little contact with the outside

world. Whilst standing on the site you can hear running water, and this is the river Rye which the monks diverted into the Abbey. There are some original documents in Canterbury Cathedral of plans the monks created to provide their very own water and sewage network. This is an illustration of the technical ingenuity of the monks, who over time built up a profitable business mining lead and iron ore, rearing sheep and selling wool to buyers from all over Europe. Rievaulx Abbey became one of the greatest and wealthiest in England, with 140 monks and many more lay brothers. It received grants of land totalling 6,000 acres.



(Above) Inside the Abbey, looking towards the High Altar.



(Above) This photo shows only about a quarter of the entire site. It is a huge Abbey and would have once looked spectacular.

At the time of its dissolution in 1538 by Henry VIII, the abbey was said to consist of 72 buildings, the Abbot and his monks plus 102 lay employees and an income of £351 a year.

English Heritage have a small stone outbuilding on the site, which they have tastefully converted into a small museum. Inside are various artefacts found during excavations and archaeological digs over the years. One item is about the size of a bathtub and is made of solid lead. The lead ingot has been stamped with Henry VIII's crest, making this ingot the property of the crown. The ingot is one of several found at this site and is made from the lead robbed from the Abbeys windows and roof, melted down and seized by the King!



(Above) Lead ingot, once the Abbeys windows and roof.

Today, with just ruins left, this Abbey and the grounds within are a special place. There is a real atmosphere of peace and calm. It's difficult to describe, but I felt a presence all around me. It was as if the prayers of the monks still floated on the gentle breeze. Even after the terrible dissolution of their Abbey, there was a feeling of forgiveness.

A truly remarkable place.

Psalms 51 v 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

God Bless.

Steve
Verger

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

GADZUKES CHRISTMAS

CONCERT

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER

At 2.30pm

**Tickets £7 with
refreshments**

Tickets on sale 07986508399



Changes to Canterbury Cathedral's Precincts Pass

Some members of our congregation recently found out that the Precincts Pass enabling free access to the Cathedral and grounds has been discontinued so many of us need to purchase its replacement, known as the Cathedral Pass. This costs £6 and is valid for five years. No discounts are available but children under 17 are not required to hold a ☐ pass and can visit free of charge with a Cathedral Pass-holding adult.

Please note no Pass or Visitor Ticket is necessary to attend services of worship in the Cathedral.

The new Pass can be held by anyone who;

Works in the old city of Canterbury ☐

Lives within 4 miles of Bell Harry tower, including ☐ within The Precincts ☐

Is a member of the Cathedral Congregation ☐

Is immediate family of a Cathedral staff member ☐

Is a Cathedral Volunteer ☐

Is a member of any church in the diocese (on the ☐ parish electoral roll or equivalent) ☐

If you are a Friend of Canterbury Cathedral, please see the last paragraph of this article. Otherwise please apply for a Pass online at www.canterbury-cathedral.org or call 01227 762862.

By signing up to the Cathedral's Pass holder mailing list, you will also be kept up to date with all the latest information on services, events and activities at the Cathedral, often before general release.

If you would prefer not to purchase a Cathedral Pass, a ticket can be purchased on the day of your visit at the Cathedral's Visitor Centre. The standard visitor ticket is valid for 12 months, meaning you can re-visit the Cathedral as often as you want during that time at no extra cost.

Canterbury Cathedral can also be supported via Friends of Canterbury Cathedral membership. This is available to anyone, regardless of location, and offers free visitor entry, a range of free or discounted events, and discounts in the Cathedral Shop and Lodge for an annual membership fee. To become a Friend, please visit <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/get-involved/become-a-friend/>

Ladies Harmony Choir Concert Saturday October 7th

There were 20 ladies in the choir and they made a very good sound. Their repertoire was varied with familiar songs and a few spiritual songs. They sounded very good in our church. We all enjoyed the concert and the refreshments were appreciated.



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



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

CRIB SERVICE with

CHRISTINGLES

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER

AT 3pm

With St Saviour's School

Returning their CRIBS



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, WESTGATE

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

**FIRST COMMUNION OF
CHRISTMAS AT 11.30pm**



MONDAY 25th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

**FAMILY COMMUNION with
CAROLS at 10.30am**

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

Church Cleaning 10am to 12 noon on the third Tuesday each month.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th December at 2.30pm Gadzukes Christmas Concert –tickets £7

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 the 1st Sunday of each month at 10.30am.

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