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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

Epiphany Family Service

Sunday 7th January 2024

At 10.30am

ALL AGES WELCOME



It is less than a month since I was licensed as priest in charge of St Saviour's Church.

In addition, my responsibilities include four other churches- and I am working part-time!

This means that we will continue to rely on those wonderful people who have lead services in the past for some services. I do look forward to meeting you at St Saviours and worshipping God together.

I have been asked to tell you a little about myself, which is an account of God's goodness and faithfulness.

I was born in South London and lived in Beckenham for over 50 years until we recently moved to Herne Bay to be closer to our family. When we were both quite young I married Julia, the Church organist's daughter, having met at our Church youth group. We have three children and nine grandchildren, who we love to spend time with. Julia is the Head of an Independent School in Bromley and stays there during the week.

I became a Christian in the Boys' Brigade and then, at the age of 16, whilst in the school chapel, I felt God calling me to become a vicar. However, it took quite a while for this to become a reality. I was ordained in 2017 and have ministered part-time in a number of Churches in the Rochester Diocese.

Most of my working life has been spent in the Financial Services sector and in 2007 I set up my own business. This gave me space to spend time, firstly managing the building of a house we lived in and then training to become a vicar.

I like running and some Saturdays you will find me at the Pegwell Bay Parkrun.

Another hobby is DIY, which is quite important as we are having an extension built on our house. I also play the guitar and love walking by the sea with my wife in search of places that sell coffee and cake.

It is an amazing privilege now to be doing something I enjoy and serving God in

this way. I hope that the hours I have spent as a Churchwarden and as a PCC member will stand me in good stead as we seek to build up the Churches, known as 'The Seamarsh group'

I have set as a theme for the coming months 'listen watch and pray'. Recently we have read about the birth of Jesus in Luke's Gospel chapter 2. In this passage the Shepherds, saw amazing things and listened to the Angels telling them what to do. The result was that they went about praising God and telling others of the Good News of the Saviour's birth.

From now until Easter, I encourage you to join me in listening to God, watching what He is doing around us and praying that we will be challenged to tell others of the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Rev'd Jef Foulger



The Licensing Of The Rev'd Jef Foulger

Sunday 10th December At

St Mary the Virgin Church, Minster



Morning all

Firstly, thank you for all the work that went into preparing yesterday's service – it was a real joy and all the work in the background was greatly valued – please pass on my thanks to those concerned.

The collection for the Bishop's Justice Appeal raised £280, again many thanks from Bishop Rose for this.

Best wishes

Richard

The Revd Richard Braddy Chaplain to the Bishop of Dover

Christmas at St Saviour's

Thank you to everyone who helped with decorating and cleaning the church for Christmas. I am purposefully not mentioning names, as it is so easy to leave people out unintentionally.

The splendid tree, which was a donation, arrived on 8th December and was put in place and decorated by a small team in readiness for St Saviour's School's concert and services the following week. During that week we also hosted a Christmas Memorial Service for Maskell and Uden, Funeral Directors, welcomed a small party from the Piggy Bank Nursery and held the funeral of the late Gladys Hinkins.

When the Holy Dusters came for their monthly cleaning session they made sure the building and brass looked their best, paying particular attention to the votive candle stand.

The morning of 23rd December had a definite Christmassy feel with Christmas music playing in the background as a team of volunteers made 120 Christingles and our flower ladies arranged their beautiful displays.

Thank you too to all who took part in our services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day or helped by welcoming our visitors. It was lovely to see so many adults and children at the Christingle Service. Over £350 was raised for the Children's Society. Happy New Year!

Christine Attwood, Churchwarden

Thank you for such a warm welcome on Sunday, I dropped the gifts off today to my delighted colleagues.

We can't thank you enough for your continued support of our clients in refuge, it means so much to us to receive such generosity from your congregation. Please pass on our sincere thanks to all.

Claire Fenley

Senior Fundraising Officer

Fundraising Team

Oasis Domestic Abuse Service



THE FRIENDS OF ST SAVIOUR'S
CHURCH, WESTGATE

INVITE YOU TO A



& SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL MORNING

SATURDAY 20th January

At 10.30am

IF YOU ARE NOT A FRIEND OF
ST SAVIOUR'S JOIN NOW

Christmas 2023 at St Saviour's in pictures



Crib and Christingle
Service





Travelling Cribs
from St Saviour's
Church of England
School



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”

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

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

Gladys, Lainey-Nova

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”

Len Palmer, Peggy Vale, Pearl Dobson, Angela, Jan Lawes, Graham Neve,

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Benjamin Jefcoate 9th January 1943

Wilfred Smith 28th January 1942

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

Homeless Sunday

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY

SUNG EUCHARIST

At 10.30am

Celebrant

The Revd Susan Wing

With a speaker from

PORCHLIGHT

**Monetary donations for Porchlight
are invited**



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 FEBRUARY 2024 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2024

Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic

Westgate Council Office

(Opposite the Cinema)

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

Christmas at St. Saviour's is an enjoyable, exhausting and humbling time.

Enjoyable because our children, particularly our youngest pupils, are incredibly excited by the magic of Christmas. As adults, we, at times, might get bogged down in the preparations and financial implications of Christmas. For most young children, Christmas is a time of keen expectation and pure fun. We have been holding year group Christmas parties each afternoon, it makes me realise how easy children are to please. Parents donate a selection of snacks, which we arrange on tables like an unhealthy wedding buffet, play some Christmas songs and play simple party games. I have just walked through the hall to find Year 5 beside themselves with excitement at their party. Children have excitedly been telling me all week what they are hoping to receive for Christmas; the belief in Father Christmas is absolute!

This point in the term can be exhausting for parents and school staff. Most of our parents work and very few jobs wind down in December. Many of our families work in the caring professions; care homes and the emergency services are massive employers in Thanet. These kinds of jobs are emotionally fraught in the run-up to Christmas. School staff are tired and trying to contain children who are either ill or over-excited. We keep high quality teaching and learning going until the final day, so there is no respite from the treadmill of planning, teaching, assessment and marking. Teachers and support staff arrange every Christmas activity and event, in addition to the main business of delivering lessons.

This period is often humbling as we are encountering shocking poverty and amazing kindness. Various, families and organisations have delivered huge food parcels in the last week or so. We will distribute these to struggling families over the remaining days of the term. I am staggered by the generosity of these gifts and the time that has clearly been taken to organise and deliver them. There are a small number of families for whom Christmas is stressful as it heaps more costs onto thinly-stretched household budgets. For parents working on minimum wage contracts, there is just enough money coming in to cover the absolute basics and not much else. These families are desperate to treat their children and often go into debt as a result. After twenty-three years in teaching, the widening gap between rich and poor still shocks me. Knowing that there are so many people in our local community who are so diligent in their efforts to provide support to vulnerable families really is humbling.

I feel very lucky to work in such a caring community.

Nick Bonell, Headteacher



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

TODDLER TIME



Meets

MONDAY MORNINGS

(Term time only)

9.30am to 11.45am

**For pre-school children
and carers**



Verger – Out and About!

December is always a busy month with Advent, and this year was doubly so, because Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday. However, I still managed to fit in some extra visits to other churches and yes, it rained on both occasions.

St Mary of Charity Parish Church, Faversham

Tracey and I were lucky enough to receive tickets for the BBC Radio Kent Christmas Service in Faversham. This is very familiar territory for us because Tracey and I lived there for many years and our children went to the local schools.

We arrived by train to avoid any problems parking the car and joined the already growing queue outside St Mary's. Once the doors opened, we entered a wonderful church, which quickly filled up. They have a resident choir of both children and adults who rehearse Tuesday evenings each week and the children's enthusiasm was addictive. This service is currently available on BBC Sounds, search for **BBC Radio Kent – A Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 2023**. The lessons were read by BBC Radio presenters and there were no re-takes at the end of the service (those who attended the BBC recording Songs of Praise at Canterbury Cathedral, will know what a relief this was).



After the service, we returned to the station to discover our train home was delayed by 40 minutes. It was still worth the trip and a wonderful church to visit.

St Mary the Virgin, Minster

Our Churchwarden Christine mentioned our new priest, Revd Jef Foulger would be licenced at Minster and I offered to Verge at the proceedings.

Another damp affair however the evening was mild and the car park had space available for the rehearsal (car parking on the day was very limited indeed). I must commend St Saviour's who provided an excellent turn out – we most certainly made our welcome known to all.

This church is so big, even with my glasses on, trying to see the altar from the entrance door was a challenge.



The floor tiles undulate as you walk over them, having been worn down in some places by all the visitors over the years.

Bishop Rose and Archdeacon Will were very supportive, and Area Dean Philip Musindi was so welcoming – his enthusiasm is infectious!

Rehearsal complete, we looked forward to the forthcoming Sunday afternoon and the whole event did not disappoint. For those who attended, the Bell Ringers at Minster did not disappoint, welcoming everyone to church. I did mention it was a big church and we certainly had it filled, with congregation from throughout the Seamarsh Group (more details online: www.thanetdeanery.co.uk).

This is my first Celebration of a New Ministry Service and Revd Jef did us proud and I for one, look forward to future services at St Saviour's.

A happy New Year & God bless. Steve, Verger

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January
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 Porchlight
 Prayer
 Presentation
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Visits from Year 1 and Year 2 pupils from St Crispin's School

On the mornings of 28th and 29th November St Saviour's Church was visited by the Year 2 & Year 1 pupils respectively from St Crispin's School. The Church was buzzing with the children doing activities from story telling, learning about Advent and also doing a quiz. Some of the children sang some of the Christmas songs that they had learnt at school. The children engaged very well and also enjoyed looking around the Church and told some of us that this was the very first time that they had been inside a church. After a very full and busy morning and also having their fruit snacks the children returned to school in time for dinner.

We look forward to future visits near Easter.

The Piggy Bank Nursery Christmas visit

On Friday 15th December some of the older children made their Christmas visit to the Church. They were very pleased to see the beautiful Christmas tree and stood around it and sang Away in a Manger. The Christmas story was read to them by Ann Friedlos who came to help with their visit and she also showed them the knitted Christmas Crib which they enjoyed holding and also making various animal noises!

The Piggy Bank Nursery will also be back to visit us at Easter.

Rievaulx Abbey & the Bracket!

Well Steve (the Verger's) article about his visit to the Abbey ruins rattled the cells in my memory bank regarding my visit to the Rievaulx Abbey Ruins. My memories are also enhanced by what I discovered there!

But first I will mention Scarborough, which is where I took 3 Annual holidays. The Guest House was lovely & near to Peasholm Park which has a lake with a small island in the middle. Scarborough also has ruins of a castle to explore. Other attractions included a steam train ride that took you to the zoo & dinosaur park!

Of course, the seafront was awash with gift shops & food outlets.

Olivers Mount overlooks the town & there is a large War memorial high up. The little ribbon of roads are closed to the public on occasion & straw bales are strapped to trees & fence posts as a race circuit is formed. Motorcycles have raced at Olivers Mount for many years & is popular with race fans & some riders. Indeed, many years ago Britain's late great champion Barry Sheene raced & won there. The main event of the year being the Scarborough Gold Cup.

Unfortunately, the nature of the track & its hazards & the possibility of hitting a tree or flying through a hedge no longer attracts the elite of bike racers!

But I had a go around the track! Well once the event is over the roads are open to the public again, I rode my 850 Suzuki around at a somewhat reduced speed compared to the racers! All jolly good fun though!

So there I was at Rievaulx Abbey taking photos from just about every angle without having to hang out of a helicopter. I then walked back to where my bike was parked & as I looked at the rear of the machine I thought, why is the top box & carrier rack leaning over & down to the left? On close inspection I could see why – I discovered that one of the supporting brackets had broken – what could I do? I tried to tie some bungee cord around the rack & seat & hope for the best.

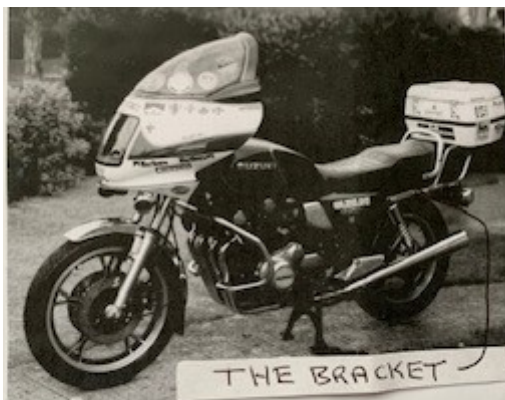
A visit to a Coal Mine Museum was on my agenda & it was here that my bike found salvation! I spoke to a Museum maintenance man at an entrance to a yard area, could he help? Aye lad, fetch bike "t" workshop - - (that's Yorkshire accent writing)!

Next thing I saw was a bright blue flame & a shower of orange coloured sparks as the bracket was welded back together. Once bolted back into place the box & rack no longer tried to do an impression of the leaning tower of Pizzahut!

I was very fortunate to find help in such an unlikely place & yes the bracket held firm for the rest of my Yorkshire holiday. Zooming across the moors watching for a random sheep (as they don't know the Green Cross Code) & visiting York Minster & the National Railway Museum etc, then the return ride back to Kent. The welded bracket stood the test of time! Once I was home I did actually buy a new bracket but always carried the welded bracket with me just in case!

And so as we go into 2024 let's hope that situations at home & around the world improve for human & animal life and remember we share the earth with nature, not just for human greed!

My best wishes to you all,
Your scribe, Stephen (the Bruce) Steve 3



News from 1st Westgate Rainbows

After a busy term doing badge work we learnt about recycling , looking after the environment which involved litter picking and caring for nature . We had a lovely time planting bulbs and also an oak tree which had grown from an acorn , we also made insect houses and bird feeders. Christmas activities - making cards and various decorations were done on the last 2 weeks. On the final night we had our Christmas party which was great fun as we had Bounce come with mini trampolines where we enjoyed doing exercises on them to music & some in the dark! A party box of food and drink was given to everyone and the party finished by playing games—pass the parcel , musical statues and a few more. We look forward to 2024 for more fun and games!



Rainbows bouncing in the dark



Week of Prayer of Christian Unity 2024

Thursday 18th January 10.30am led by members of the Parish of the Holy Family , St Saviour's Church including refreshments.

Monday 22nd January 10.30am Garlinge Methodist Church including refreshments.

Tuesday 23rd January 10.30am St John the Baptist Church, Margate, including refreshments.

Wednesday 24th January 10.30am Christ Church United Reformed Church , Westgate, including refreshments.

Thursday 25th January 10.30am St Saviour's Church, Westgate led by members of St Saviour's including refreshments

Fast Microwave Fruit Cake

Ingredients

500g dried mixed fruit

Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon

100ml orange juice, fresh or from a carton

Oil for greasing

150g butter - cubed

150g soft dark brown sugar

3 large eggs

175g plain flour

50g ground almonds

2 tsp mixed spice

Caster sugar for dusting optional

Method

1. Place the dried fruit, lemon zest plus juice and the orange juice in a large microwaveable bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH for 4 mins 1000W or 5 mins 80W, stirring halfway. Leave to cool.

2. Grease a 23cm silicone cake mould and line the base

3. To make the cake, put the butter cubes in a large microwaveable mixing bowl, cook uncovered on HIGH for 20 secs 1000W 30 secs 800W until softened but not melted.

4. Add the sugar, eggs, flour, ground almonds and mixed spice. Beat well with a wooden spoon or electric mixer until well combined and thick and creamy looking.

5. Stir in the mixed fruit until thoroughly combined. Then spoon into the prepared mould and smooth the surface.

6. Cook on HIGH for 10 mins 1000W or 12mins 800W until slightly risen and firm to the touch. If it looks wet around the edges, cook for 1 or 2 mins longer. Leave to cool in the mould.

7. Finally, turn out onto a plate or board. Sprinkle with caster sugar and serve

Hope you like this recipe.

Pam x



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 4th February

At 10.30am



Come and join us at our
All Age Service

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) ☐

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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/>

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

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