

Parish and Community

The Link

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The Magazine of
St Saviour's Parish Church

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST SAVIOUR WESTGATE ON SEA

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It's crazy, isn't it? I drove to Westgate last week and the dashboard temperature display showed 8 degrees. I certainly didn't have the right coat on-I've known winter days warmer than that. And yet as the sun struggled from behind a cloud, I could instantly feel its warmth.

I should have remembered as grandma used to say, 'Ne'er pass a clout 'til May is out!' I think this means don't put winter clothes away until it's warm. The May referred to is the blossom of the Hawthorn tree, which I am reliably informed usually appears early in the month of May.

Sadly, with the change to our temperature pattern the regularity of this event cannot be taken for granted. Global warming is increasing the variability of our weather; colder when it should be warmer and vice versa.

As Christians we should be concerned with what is happening. We believe that God created the world and that he made us humans to play a part in its maintenance. This is true whether we believe in a Biblical 7-day creation account or have a different approach.

Christians should be concerned about the environment. In Thanet a chilly April may be an inconvenience, but others in the world are losing everything because of climate change and other environmental problems.

What is more, this issue has even greater significance, the world that God made belongs to Him, not us. So, we are only stewards or trustees of God's creation, and we aren't to abuse or neglect it. The Bible says, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

When we fail to see the world as God's creation, we end up abusing it. Greed and selfishness take over, and we end up not caring about the environment or the problems we're creating now and for future generations.

It is not just Christians who are concerned about the world and there are many others of faith and no faith who are campaigning to end the injustice of pollution waste and excess consumption. But we must up our game, our witness to the world is that the God who sent His Son to renew humankind also is intent on renewing creation and our actions should reflect this.

Jef Foulger



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

**INVITE YOU TO AN
ALL AGE SHORT
FAMILY SERVICE
SUNDAY 5th May
AT 10.30am**



St Saviour's Church, Westgate is
participating in

NO MOW MAY

to support the
bees & pollinators



FROM THE REGISTERS

For those Baptised

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

Sunday 28th April Beatrix Mac

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, Harry, Tina, Eugenius, Nojus, Jeffrey P

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”

Beryl Hurley, Rose,Austen, Doreen Shufflebotham, Stuart Willmott,

Joyce Stampe

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Victor Jones 8th May 1944

Douglas Bushell 13th May 1941

Sidney Bax 16th May 1940

Percy Lanchberry 19th May 1944

Albert Sinclair 27th May 1940

Opening St Saviour's Church during the Summer Months

Did you know St Saviour's Church has been open for private prayer and/or general visiting on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12noon since the beginning of April? We would also like to open for visitors as much as possible on weekday mornings starting in June (other than Mondays when the Toddler Group meet). We need 2 people for each morning and already have a volunteer to cover Thursdays. Can you help by being there to welcome our visitors and provide a cup of tea/coffee? Do let the churchwardens know. Many thanks.

Christine Attwood and Andy Jemmett, Churchwardens

Christian Aid Week This year's Christian Aid Week starts on 12th May. We will not be making house-to-house collections but will have envelopes available in church that week, if you would like to make a donation.

Large Print Pew Sheets Our weekly pew sheets are purchased from Redemptorist Publications. Sadly, they will stop producing the readings in large print from the beginning of this July. We know that some folk appreciate having the larger print but need to know how many so we can look at how to provide them after the end of June. Please tell Valda, if you need a large print pew sheet. Thank you

Annual Meetings These important meetings will take place on Saturday 18th May from 10.30am in Church. Anyone who lives in the parish or is on the Church Electoral Roll is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 10.30am to elect two churchwardens to serve for 1 year.

The second meeting, which immediately follows, is known as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Only those on the Church Electoral Roll can stay on to elect members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC); hear reports about the activities of our church since the APCM held in May last year; and discuss any other business, which has been notified in advance. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. Based on our Church Electoral Roll membership, we are entitled to 9 lay members of the PCC in addition to the churchwardens and our representatives to Deanery Synod (Christine Bolger and Debbie Smith). Alan Clark, Ron Hodges, Chris Joiner, Steve Short and Kathleen Staziker were elected last year to serve on the PCC for 3 years, which means we still have 4 vacancies to fill. Please consider prayerfully whether you can offer to stand for election and serve on the PCC for up to 3 years. Nomination forms will be available at the back of church this month and anyone interested should speak to me for more information.

Please put the date in your diary and show your support for the future of St Saviour's by coming along on Saturday 18th May. Thank you.
Christine Attwood PCC Secretary

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

The deadline for JUNE 2024 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 26th MAY 2024

Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic

Westgate Council Office (Opposite the Cinema)

9th May **All at 10.30 – 11.30**

Batteries, tubes and advice

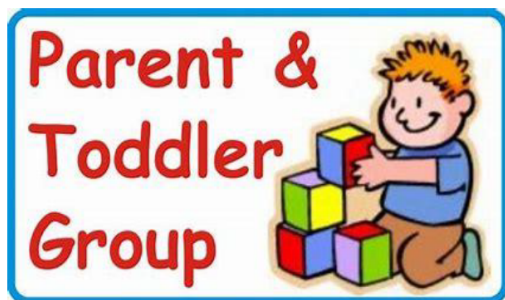


If you would like a flower arrangement in Church in memory of a loved one, we can supply this at any time. Donations from £10.”

The Meeting of the Laity & Annual Parochial Church Meeting **is SATURDAY 18th MAY 10am for 10.30am.**

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

TODDLER TIME



Meets

MONDAY MORNINGS

(Term time only)

9.30am to 11.45am

**For pre-school children
and carers**



News from St Saviour's Church of England School

April is a busy time at St. Saviour's. Year 6 are revising for SATs and Mr Tift is already preparing children for sports day next term. Our Senior Leadership Team and office staff are preparing admissions information and budgets for next academic year.

All children will be tested early next term so that we can measure their progress and judge what gaps in their knowledge need to be addressed in the remainder of the year. The tests, which Year 6 will sit this year, will provide a baseline assessment for secondary schools. The intense preparation for these tests, which take place at the end of the primary phase in all schools, is to ensure that all children leave us with the skills required for secondary school. Children who reach the expected national standard at the end of Year 6 should be equipped with the skills to make a real success of the next phase in their education.

Mr Tift is currently planning our sports day and fun run. Sports day will look a little different this year, we are aiming to have all four year groups participating in the same session. We have resilient children who enter the events in a spirit of competition but also mutual support. Facing adversity is part of life, experiencing this in a nurturing environment builds children's capacity to face difficult situations later in life. Working as a team and helping each other are central parts of our Christian values, as is being gracious and compassionate in victory or defeat.

I am starting to plan staffing for next academic year. I would like to thank all St. Saviour's staff for their tireless work so far this year. We have a very stable, experienced staff team – they are what makes St. Saviour's such an effective school for children.
Nick Bonell, Headteacher

You are warmly invited to join the Wantsum Benefice Celebration for Rogation Day. 'Walk the Walk' Sunday 5 th May Please join us for Ploughman's Lunch at St. Nicholas at Wade at 12.30 (booking required – see below) followed by a Rogation Celebration Service at 3pm at St Mary Magdalene, Monkton. Walking between St. Nicholas & Monkton (less than 2m) is optional. The 'Walk the Walk' continues through to Minster (about 3 miles) for Compline at approx. 5.15pm followed by soup and crusty bread (booking required – see below) in the Old School Hall. The Rogation Sunday Celebration isn't just for those who come to church. Anyone is welcome to join in at any point. We only ask that you let us know in advance if you would like lunch and/or supper Flyers giving details for the whole day – beginning at 9am at Chislet - are available at your church. Anything else you'd like to know, contact Sally Willins 01843 822428/sal.ly13@aol.co.uk Lunch and/or supper bookings to Sally Willins 01843 822428/sal.ly13@aol.co.uk or Sheila Greenstreet (Wantsum Benefice Administrator) info@wantsumchurches.org

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Strawberry, Almond and Yoghurt Muffins

Makes 12

Ingredients

200g SR flour	50g ground almonds
125 g caster sugar	1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
3 eggs	150g natural yogurt
100g butter, melted	1tsp vanilla extract
250g strawberries, chopped	20g flaked almonds



Method

Set oven 160c fan

Line a muffin tray with 12 muffin cases

1. Mix flour, ground almonds, sugar, bicarb and a pinch of salt in a large bowl.
2. Whisk eggs, yogurt, melted butter and vanilla in a jug. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry and mix to a smooth batter, leaving no pockets of flour. Gently fold through half the chopped strawberries with a spatula.
3. Divide the mixture between the muffin cases. The cases should be quite full. Put a few pieces of the remaining strawberries on the tops along with the flaked almonds.
4. Bake in the centre of the oven for 25 minutes until risen and golden.
5. Leave to cool on a wire rack. Muffins will keep in an airtight tin for 3 days.

Rather nice served with vanilla ice-cream.

Pam X



"SLEEPING WITH DADDY LONG LEGS!"

You may remember I had mentioned how I had been left a legacy from my late friend Dora & so I was able to buy a new motorcycle. My first holiday on this machine was split into 3 segments. The first four nights was spent in a nice B&B at Market Bosworth. I was attending another of the Battle of Bosworth reenactments. I also enjoyed riding in the nice countryside but was sad to see the shop in Bosworth that sold plaques with scenes of knights in armour & replica Medieval items had changed into a coffee shop!

The image I enclose is of my bike next to a shield Coat of Arms of the Duke of Norfolk who was Richard 111 second in command. I can just imagine him & his fellow knights charging down the hill in the background to meet their fate. Unfortunately, he was killed along with Richard in the battle.

Onto the second part of my trip. For this I had booked 4 nights at a farm B&B near Warwick. After a few stops to check my map (No SAT NAV for me) I located the farm. The women in the main house gave me a key to a sort of Chalet which looked okay from the outside. Before unloading my travel bags I went into the chalet for a look. The first thing that struck me was a face full of cobwebs! Then looking up in the bed sitting room I just saw what looked like a fine cloud of white cobwebs from one side of the room to the other & among the webs were dozens of those spindly leg spiders. We called them Daddy Long Legs when I was young.

Call me a wimp but I couldn't sleep in a room with all these spiders hanging above me. The thought of waking up & finding myself covered in them put me right off staying there, so I walked over to the farmhouse & reported my findings. There followed some loud voices in the house & then a young lady emerged with Henry & a bag of dusters. After about 20 minutes of the sound of Henry the Hoover doing his best & a few bangs & crashes the young lady exited the chalet (or shed) & with a smile said " All done".

I took a tentative look inside & it seemed alright apart from 4 big Daddys in the shower cubicle (which I dealt with myself). Disappointed at the accommodation I was soon washed & dressed & out for my days travels.

Revisiting one of my favourite castles in Warwick was a priority. Also I wanted to go up St Marys Church tower which has some stunning views. During the summer months the castle puts on extra displays of men in armour & jousting. Among other things on display in the armoury is Oliver Cromwell's helmet!. Riding round the scenic countryside & visiting such places as Sudeley Castle where Catherine Parr (Henry VIII widow) passed away in 1548 was enjoyable.

And so having endured staying at the farm I was ready to move on to the last part of my holiday which was down in Sussex. I had booked 5 nights at a B&B in the countryside a few from Herstmonceux Castle. Nearest coastal town was Bexhill on Sea. As I rode into the narrow driveway through dense woodland I thought – "Now what have I got myself into?" - but once emerging from the woods there was a

large bungalow. In a separate building there was accommodation which was divided into 2 apartments. There was a large lawn & more woodland beyond. The room provided was in total contrast to the farm as it was lovely & the couple running it couldn't have been nicer or more helpful. Breakfast was brought over to your room on a tray. The lady let me have the use of a battery powered cool box so I could keep a few cans of cola inside it.

Also I could get a bucket of hot soapy water to wash the bike down & the rinse off with the garden hose. For me I had to make do with a bath inside!

The main reason for staying here was to attend the Medieval Festival held in the grounds of Herstmonceux Castle. This takes place over the August Bank holiday. It's such a big event with so many things going on that you can't see it all in one day.

Usually the event starts with a Parade of many Reenactors taking part. This is followed by a clash of knights/infantry archers etc attacking the Castles defenders in front of the Castle. Us spectators could get to a straw bale for a seat behind safety ropes. Eventually the Lord of the Castle was captured & beheaded! His head was paraded in front of the cheering victors. Fortunately it wasn't a real head as the Castle Lord had to be back on duty for the following days repeat performance! As you walked the outer grounds it was full of encampments. There was living History Camps where you could see how the tapestries were made & lots of other crafts from printing to pastry making. There was talks & demonstrations regarding swords, axes, archery. Kiddies corner was usually hectic with budding young knights.

At the rear of the Castle was a field which went up a slope to where replica cannons were situated.

By mid afternoon hundreds of men & some women would gather to have a battle. This clashing & bashing would go on for some while & I went up to the cannon area one of which was a Medieval mortar.

A hole would be dug out & this large metal device would sit in there & earth would be put around it so a short barrel stuck out then the words "Have a care" were shouted as a fuse of gunpowder was lit. a split second later it went "BOOM". A bright flash of flame would burst out of the barrel followed by a cloud of smoke. Fortunately they fired blanks. Just the thing for clearing ones eardrums!

Now if you walked away from the cannons towards the other side of the Castle you find the Jousting Tournament. Of course one of the Knights was a baddie & tried in a comical way to cheat, so he got booed rather than cheered (Good fun). There were more living history tents & a stage for Medieval musicians & a Jester or two. Also dancing with the ladies in lovely colourful dresses usually topped off by those tall head dresses with veil from the 1470 period.

Then before me was the Danger Zone! The unavoidable Medieval Market place, lots of stalls to tempt ones purses. This area draws me like a bee to a flower!

The Castle isn't open to the public as it's a place of education but you can visit the

formal gardens when the activities are over as you wouldn't want to be on the receiving end of a stray arrow.

After a full day it was time to return to my country dwelling. So enjoyable was this accommodation I went there 7 times usually staying for 6 nights. Sadly after the loss of her husband & daughter (from Cancer) the lady informed me that she was selling up & moving on.

But I retain fond memories, especially of tasty sausages which I have never tasted since! & if that isn't proof of a good holiday then what is? Answers on a Breakfast menu!

And so no more Daddy Long Legs for me. It must be time for a hot cup of tea.

Your Scribe, Stephen (The Bruce), Steve 3



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

INVITE YOU TO AN

ALL AGE SHORT

FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE

AT 10.30am



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/>



**The Friends of
St Nicholas at Wade Church**

Craft Fair

Saturday 29th June 2024

10 AM - 2 PM

**FREE
ENTRY**

**LUNCH,
TEAS,
COFFEE &
CAKE**

Join us in the Church!

Dear Ride and Stride Local Organiser

Thank you so much for all that you have done to support Ride and Stride. The final total for 2023 is a magnificent **£140,018.86**. Please do pass this on to your churches and supporters but we will also provide a poster with the grand total in the Local Organiser packs in July for church notice boards etc.

We are really keen to try and top £150,000 in this the 75th Anniversary year of the Friends of Kent Churches! Do encourage support for this year's event on 14 September 2024.

An Invitation will be included in the local organiser packs for a **special 75th anniversary evensong service on Sat 21 Sept 2024 at 3.30pm in All Saints Church, Mill Street, Maidstone** to which everyone is welcome to attend.

Here is some advanced information for you. If you know you plan to come do let The Friends of Kent Churches know right away via the contact details below as this will help with planning this special event.

You are warmly invited to attend our choral evensong service on Saturday 21 September at 3.30pm in all Saints Church, Maidstone. The service will be the focal point of The Friends of Kent Churches 75th anniversary and The Friends hope Ride and Stride will have a good presence!

A prayer has been specifically commissioned for the service and it is expected that music will be commissioned to enrich the worship.

All Saints would be delighted to see a good turnout - as would The Friends! If you are able to come, please email your name and the number of people, if any, accompanying you to:

profkch@outlook.com

Best wishes

Susan Hooper

Treasurer Kent Ride and Stride for The Friends of Kent Churches



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 18th MAY Meeting of the Laity & Annual Parochial Church Meeting
10 am for 10.30am

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