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**The Magazine of
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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

INVITE YOU TO AN

ALL AGE SHORT

FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE

AT 10.30am



The Friends of St Saviour's Church

SPONSORED WALK

SATURDAY 1st JUNE

Leaving from outside the

Church at **2pm**

Walking to the Turner

Centre, Margate



The free men of the world are marching together to Victory! I have full confidence in your courage and devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory! Good luck! And let us beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

This was Eisenhower's message to the troops before D-Day on June 6, 1944

This year it is 80 years since the invasion fleet was unleashed on the shores of mainland Europe. In the UK and across the world there will be special commemorative events to remember the bravery of the allied forces and their sacrifice.

Recently I read about the Special Boat Service during WW2. It was formed by the amalgamation of particular groups with a maritime focus. It included one such collection of soldiers and sailors who were trained to reconnoitre beaches where a sea-borne landing was planned. In the months before June 1944 this very small group of men launched their collapsible canoes from submarines and other naval craft. Getting close to land they swam ashore to survey and assess the beaches' suitability for the invasion forces. Then in the days before D Day some of these men cooped up inside miniature submarines were deployed off the beaches to guide in the landing craft. Without the work of these few brave men, it is likely the casualty toll during D Day would have been considerably higher than it was.

When I read this account, I was reminded of the Bible story of Gideon, who also discovered that against great odds a specific plan and God's help was enough to take on the enormously powerful enemy army. Initially Gideon found 32,000 men, who he thought would be sufficient give him a chance to win. But God had other ideas. First, he made Gideon send home anyone who is afraid. So, 22,000 headed home.

Then God made them drink water at a stream; three hundred drank water by scooping it up in their hands and pouring it into their mouths. The other 9,700 who knelt to drink were sent back.

So, now with only three hundred men against the fearsome Midian army Gideon had to rely on God for a miracle. Instead of a charge on the enemy camp God had them create as much noise as possible by blaring trumpets and smashing jars. In the confusion and chaos, the soldiers in the Midianite camp ended up killing each other and running away.

There is no doubt that war and the carnage it creates is terrible; one has only to look at Gaza and Ukraine to understand this. There is a Christian theory of the 'just war' and theologians have argued the case. Fortunately, I have never been called on to join the military, so such debates for me are academic. However, I know my father and my uncles who fought fascism in the 1940s believed that the cause of democracy and individual freedom meant that Hitler had to be defeated.

Today the fight against those who would deny our freedom is more subtle. My admiration of Gideon was not that he defeated his enemy, but despite his uncertainties and the physical insecurity he felt, he trusted God. Today when Christians take the words of Jesus seriously ... 'blessed are the peacemakers..' then our role in marking the significant anniversaries as mediators and reconcilers is clear, we help to remember so that such sacrifice is never needed again.

Revd Jef Foulger

The D-Day 80th Anniversary Service is to take place on Thursday 6 June at Westgate War memorial at 11 a.m. There will be refreshments in St Saviour's following the service.

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



Walk the Walk' Sunday 5th May 2024

For some years, the Wantsum Group of Churches have enjoyed walking between the various parishes on Rogation Sunday (6th Sunday in Eastertide) with services and refreshments in each of the 4 churches. Birchington and St Saviour's were invited to take part this year, which included an afternoon service for walkers and non-walkers in St Mary Magdalene, Monkton. As each parish boundary was reached, a prayer was said asking for God's blessing on the land, crops, and those who work on the land; guidance for all of us to manage natural resources; the ability to steward wisely for the good of all; and wisdom to seek justice that all may share God's good gifts.

Debbie and John Barnfather from St Saviour's and Jef were among the 57 or so adults and children plus dogs, who set off from Chislet Church around 9.30am to walk to St Nicholas-at-Wade for a ploughman's lunch in the church there. A quick dash home after the family service that day enabled Bramble (my dog) and I to get to St Nicholas-at-Wade in time for the lunch with delicious desserts and tea/coffee.

After a prayer asking God to bless our walk, some 30 or so adults plus dogs set off to walk to Monkton where light refreshments were available before a short Rogation celebration service of hymns and readings on the themes of creation and harvest.

The prayer asking God to bless our walk was repeated before most of us at the Monkton service set off for St Mary the Virgin, Minster. We arrived ahead of schedule so had a long rest before a service of Compline. Christine Bolger was able to join us for Compline, which enabled Bramble and I to get home easily after enjoying some homemade soup. Thank you, Christine.

It was a lovely time of fellowship and getting to know other folk from the Seamarsh Group of Churches. We were very fortunate with the weather – sunny but not too hot for walking. Donations were invited towards the cost of refreshments enabling £328 to be sent to Tear Fund. Christine Attwood

Annual Meetings

The Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) were held in church on Saturday 18th May with an attendance of 29. The Revd Jef Foulger was unable to be with us and so Christine Bolger, who is the Vice-Chair of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), chaired both meetings. 3 other apologies for absence were received.

Although elected for a 3-year term last year, Alan Clark said at the time that he was doubtful about serving on the PCC until 2026. Having given notice of his resignation this April, he was presented at the meetings on 18th May with a gift voucher on behalf of PCC in gratitude of some 20+ years of faithful service, including some periods as joint warden, PCC Vice-Chair and PCC Minutes Secretary. The PCC also contributed to a plant for Ann in recognition as her many years as a "PCC widow".

The Meeting of Parishioners is held to elect churchwardens for the coming year by those living in the parish and/or those on the Church Electoral Roll. Two nomination forms were received this year and I am pleased to tell you that Andy Jemmett and I were re-elected. We invite you to support us when Archdeacon Will admits us to office. The service in Canterbury Cathedral is on Thursday 13th June 2024 at 7pm

Only those on the Church Electoral Roll are allowed to attend the APCM. Elections take place during this meeting for representatives to Deanery Synod (not applicable this time) and PCC members. There were 5 vacancies for PCC members at the start of the meeting but only 2 nominations forms were received. Therefore, PCC members for the next 12 months, in addition to Jef, the wardens and our representatives to Deanery Synod (Christine Bolger and Debbie Smith) are Alan Turner, Chris Joiner, Kathleen Staziker, Ron Hodges, Steve Short and Sue Turner.

Another important role filled during the APCM is that of the independent examiner of the PCC accounts for the present financial year. Graham Cooper had previously indicated that he was willing to continue in this role and was duly re-appointed. The PCC is indebted to Graham for his willing help in making sure both income and expenditure are correctly assigned.

Following the elections, the meeting received the Trustees Annual Report giving various statistics and details of services and activities during 2023 and heard reports about the Church Electoral Roll, work on the church building and outstanding repairs and the Deanery Plan. Some printed copies of the Trustees Annual Report are still available and, if necessary, an email copy can be provided to Church Electoral Roll members on request.

A number of factors contributed to the unavailability of the accounts and reports/statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2023. However, Graham Cooper was able to give a verbal overview and the accounts will be made available as soon as they have been approved by the PCC.

A short PCC meeting followed the APCM to discuss an ongoing contract for the fire extinguishers and exciting news about the much-needed renovation of what the Diocese has called St Saviour's W C accommodation. Installation of a new toilet and basin, lighting and decoration of the toilet area began on 20th May and is expected to take about 2 weeks.

Christine Attwood PCC Secretary

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, Harry, Tina, Eugenius, Nojus, Jeffrey P, Wendy C, Amber

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”

Gill L, Jeremy

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Royston Stringer 8th June 1940

Dennis Pell 13th June 1943

Norman Steers 19th June 1945

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 JULY 2024 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 30th JUNE 2024

Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic

Westgate Council Office (Opposite the Cinema)

Every **SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

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.”

Flowers for Pentecost at St Saviour's



St Saviour's Church, Westgate



GADDZUKES CONCERT

SATURDAY 22nd JUNE

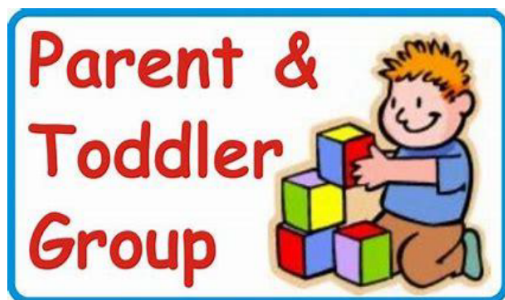
At 2.30pm

Tickets on sale 07986508399



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

TODDLER TIME



Meets

MONDAY MORNINGS

(Term time only)

9.30am to 11.45am

**For pre-school children
and carers**



Date and Walnut Loaf

Ingredients

125 g unsalted butter, cubed and softened	200g sift dates, pitted and chopped
1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda	150g light brown sugar
2 eggs	1 tsp baking powder
100g walnuts, roughly chopped	1 tbsp icing sugar

Method

1. Heat oven to 160c, butter a 2lb loaf tin and line with baking paper. Put butter, dates and bicarbonate of soda in a large bowl and add 150ml of boiling water. Stir so the butter melts and leave to stand for 20 minutes until the dates have softened.

2. Whisk in the sugar until smooth, gradually whisk in the eggs until combined, beat in the flour, baking powder and a pinch of salt. Fold in 3/4 of the walnuts then pour into the prepared tin. Sprinkle remaining nuts over the top.

3. Bake for 20 minutes then turn the oven down to 150c and cook for another 45 or 50 minutes until golden brown and a skewer comes out clean. Leave the cake to cool for 15 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely.

Lightly dust with icing sugar and serve in slices. It also freezes well whole or in individual slices.

Pam XX



Our New Bell Ropes Have Arrived!

Dear friends at St Saviour's, first my apologies for missing the deadline for articles in the last edition of The Link. I had a mild cold that 2 weeks later gave me a high temperature, followed by a very sore throat and fatigue. It has taken me a whole 4 weeks to begin to feel myself again. I am also aware that many others have had similar or worse colds than I and you are all in my prayers for a speedy recovery.

I just wanted to let you all know that we have taken delivery of a set of six brand-new bell ropes for our church bells. The current ropes are well past their 10-year lifespan and two had completely broken and we were unable to splice a repair. The old ropes are made from hemp, which being a natural fibre, very slowly deteriorates. Splicing is a way of repairing a damaged hemp rope, but sadly ours were beyond repair.

I'm pleased to say that our treasurer and PCC fully supported the replacement of our bell ropes and many local residents thoroughly enjoy our bell ringing on a Thursday evening between 7:30pm and 9:00pm.

There is a choice of 12 colours for the sally (made from 100% British wool) and over the past years we have had both single colours and stripes of different colours. I spoke with Stuart Wilmott who is sadly missed, and he offered the following advice "have whatever colours you fancy"!

I therefore have chosen stripes of...red, white and blue.

Ropes are due to be installed in the coming days and I will let you know next month how we get on and if we succeeded in a special ring on the 6th June 2024 at 6:30pm to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

I also hope and pray that we can restore bell ringing on Sunday mornings at 10am however currently we just do not have sufficient ringers. However, we have some new recruits willing to learn and they are progressing wonderfully.

Take care & God bless. Steve Verger & Tower Captain

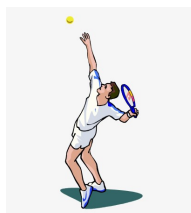


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Barnabas
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Grass
 June
 Lawnmower
 Longest
 Month
 Rose
 Service
 Sixth



Solstice
 Strawberry
 Summer
 Sunshine
 Tennis
 Wimbledon

His Last Ride on a Harley Davidson

When my good friend, neighbour & fellow motorcycle enthusiast passed away it was obviously a sad occasion especially so as when I had taken some medication to him he had told me what his last wishes were regarding his funeral arrangements. A motorcycle & sidecar hearse to Thanet Crematorium & for his ashes to be scattered at a place near Sandwich where he was a voluntary worker for the Kent Wildlife Trust.

Of course I told him that it would not happen for years once his medication kicked in. But alas the next day he was taken into hospital where he spent 3 days. I visited him for 2 days but he was gone on the third.

I told his relatives all that he had told me regarding his last wishes. Unfortunately he couldn't have had anything written down so the next thing I heard was that the funeral was going to be in London near to his relatives.

I didn't go but on the day I went to St Peters Church, Sandwich which I knew would be open (having found out that a lot of churches are locked during the week). As I sat there his voice seemed to haunt me as to what he had told me, but as a friend I had no say in the matter. I wished that I had had one of those mini tape recorders to record that conversation. Then a few weeks later I had a phone call telling me that they would be bringing his ashes down & had arranged with the Kent Wildlife Trust at a location near Sandwich.

On the spur of the moment I then asked if it would be possible for the ashes to be brought to me so that I could carry them to Sandwich on my Harley Davidson motorcycle.

This was agreed. So on the day I was given this box which was quite heavy! But I managed to get the box into a bag that I could carry & off we went with the relatives car following me.

As I rode into the car park with the familiar rumbling Harley exhaust note the people waiting looked up. I felt a bit emotional at that point! After handing over the box we were taken by the people of the Wildlife Trust to a location set aside for the ashes. A few words were said & flowers laid, then we were taken along footpaths to one of the places Tom had worked cutting down bushes, mending fences etc. Once back in the car park we said our goodbyes & as I rode away I felt sort of pleased that in roundabout but perhaps I am! sort of way I had been able to give Tom his last ride on a motorbike! Then whenever I have been able to ride past that location I glance across & say a mental "Hello" mate! This might sound mad?! But perhaps I am!

At one time he owned a Harley similar to mine & he regretted selling it for a Suzuki! The funny thing is that in the motorcycling fraternity there is some who think of Harleys, outdated/old fashioned. The dinosaurs of the industry. But I like my Yelow Dino in the image I enclose. But for those who only have the black & white picture, mine is the Dino below the one above! "Brmm, Brmm"!

Your scribe, Stephen (the Bruce) Steve 3



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SUNDAY 7th JULY

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!

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