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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

INVITE YOU TO AN

ALL AGE SHORT

FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 7th JULY

AT 10.30am



St Swithin's day if thou dost rain

For forty days it will remain

St Swithin's day if thou be fair

For forty days 'twill rain na mair

This is a traditional rhyme about St Swithin's Day which falls on Monday 15th July

Basically, whether rain or shine on that day the pattern will last until the August Bank holiday weekend. Superstition or meteorological truth?

So who was St Swithin? He was born in the ninth century in Wessex. His education took place in Winchester, which was then the capital of this small kingdom. Swithin was chaplain to Egbert, king of Wessex and the king's son Ethelwulf made him bishop of Winchester in 852. In this capacity he was well known for the buildings he designed, his charitable work and his caring for people.

According to tradition, Swithin asked to be buried in a humble way, where people could walk over his tomb and the rain would fall on it. So when he died on 2 July 862. He was laid to rest just outside the west door of the Old Minster.

We would probably have heard no more of Swithin had Æthelwold also Bishop of Winchester, one hundred years later, not had a vision to bring a simpler version of monastic life into his cathedral. Having invited in Benedictine Monks from Europe he then proceeded to exhume Swithin's body and place it in an ornate shrine in the cathedral.

When Swithin's bones were moved there were violent rain storms which, it was said, lasted 40 days and nights marking Swithin's apparent displeasure at having been moved from his humble grave! So St Swithin's feast day is marked not on the anniversary of his death but on the moving of his bones.

His shrine was an important destination for pilgrims in the Middle Ages and his bones found their way to many places of worship as holy relics. Faith and superstition in those days were easily mixed up.

Swithin's story doesn't end there because when a later Bishop of Winchester became Archbishop Alphege of Canterbury in 1005 he took the Swithin's skull with him. Sadly after some years, interest in the skull diminished and the relic ended up in Evreux Cathedral in France, where it remains today in better shape than the rest of St Swithin, whose shrine was destroyed in the Reformation.

The thing about medieval saints is that stories and superstitions collect around them like iron filings around a magnet and it then becomes difficult to know what to believe.

Whether it rains or not on July 15th one thing is certain, our Christian faith does not engage with God through rhymes or superstitious saintly bones. The truth is this - Jesus said 'I am the way the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Jef Foulger

Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride

An early warning of the date of this year's event for all who might be interested in taking part. Remember – St. Saviour's receives half of your sponsorship money. The date to put in your diary is

Saturday 14th September 10am – 6pm

Last year the ride and stride raised in excess of £140,000. Every year the Friends of Kent Churches gives grants to churches to help pay for repairs to the fabric. So it is a worthwhile event, as well as giving you the chance to meet others connected with churches while enjoying the Kent countryside. This year is the 75th anniversary of the Friends of Kent Churches and the 40th of the Ride and Stride. We are asked to pull out all the stops and raise a record sum of money to celebrate.

The list of participating churches and the sponsor forms should be available in July. Please contact me if you wish to know more.

St. Saviour's aims to be open to visiting cyclists and walkers between 10am and 6pm and we need volunteers to 'church sit', preferably in pairs. Please let me know if you are able to help with this. Seeing an open church door, a friendly face and a toilet helps the day along.

Unfortunately, I will not be around on 14th September- I'm at my nephew's wedding in Wales, so I'm unable to do a stint in church - sorry!

I look forward to hearing from you, either for sponsor forms or to go on the rota of church sitters. Contact me by email or phone.

José Gibbs 01843 834767 gibbszzz@btinternet.com

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON

SUNDAY 21st JULY to

FAMILY COMMUNION

At 10.30am

To celebrate our

140th BIRTHDAY

Celebrant Revd Dr Richard Braddy



Refreshments afterwards

ALL WELCOME

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, Richard T

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”

John Pierce

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Reginald Dowling 5th July 1940

Arthur Jarman 26th July 1944

Early Days of St Saviour's Church by Christine Attwood

St Saviour's Church is the only remaining church in Kent built for a seaside estate and is Grade II listed. It is in the Gothic Revival style, built from Kentish rag stone from the Maidstone quarry and the pillars, door and window surrounds are of Bath stone. The following history is based on the late Dr Dawn Crouch's A Short History and Guide, which is Book 21 in the series she produced for (and which can be purchased from) Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre.

The creation of Westgate-on-Sea from wholly agricultural land was the result of the coming of the railway, which had reached Margate in 1863. However, there was no rail station in Westgate-on-Sea until 1871. The first two houses were built in 1865 and much of the eastern side of what came to be known as the Westgate-on-Sea Estate was developed in the 1870s. This led to the consecration of the new church of St James Westgate in 1873.

As the Estate gradually expanded westwards, the need arose for another new church and, in 1880, a committee was set up to erect a temporary church. Members worked quickly and within 6 weeks an iron church capable of seating 350 was erected in Cedric Road. The building was in the Parish of Minster and the Revd Augustus Lyne became Curate of Minster with special responsibility for the Estate.

The iron church soon became too small to accommodate all who wished to attend during "the season" and so a committee was set up in 1882 to raise funds for a permanent church and an appeal was launched. Charles Nightingale Beazley, RIBA, who was architect to the Westgate-on-Sea Estate, was commissioned to design a church with a steeple to seat 1000. Not enough money was raised, however, to meet the estimates and, as the iron church was proving too small to meet the needs of visitors, Beazley was commissioned to design something more modest. His design for a smaller church to seat 600 and omitting the steeple was accepted and the firm of James Naylar and Son of Rochester was appointed as the builders in 1883. Work began in July 1883, with the Foundation Stone, which can be found under the east window, laid the following month. On 23rd July 1884, before a packed church of distinguished visitors, the Archbishop of Canterbury presided at the Service of Consecration, which was followed by a celebration of Holy Communion.

Augustus Lyne, Vicar Designate, became the first Vicar of St Saviour's and on 16th September 1884 the Queen in Council formally established the 'consolidated chapelry' of St Saviour's Westgate-on-Sea, created from land taken from the parishes of Minster, Birchington and St James.

The Friends Sponsored Walk 2024



The Sponsored Walk took place on the 1st June. 12 church members and a very well behaved dog called Ziggy set off from the church at 2.00pm. It was a windy day though not cold and it stayed dry. We walked to the Turner Centre steps where we had a photo taken. We then went to Charlie's cafe and enjoyed a very welcome coffee and a chat and a sit down. Here we split forces when some returned to Westgate by bus and 5 of us and Ziggy walked back to Church.

To date we have raised £397 for the Friends and there is still some sponsorship money to be collected. So a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us.

We were very disappointed to cancel the Gadzukes concert. This was due to selling so few tickets. We rely on your support for these events so that the Friends can use the money raised to benefit the church.

I hope that you will have seen our new and very smart toilet and cloakroom area and you will agree that the Friends with a contribution from the PCC have made a great difference to these facilities and this is why we fund raise. So thank you for your support for the Friends in the past and for the future events.
Christine Bolger.



**THE FRIENDS OF
ST SAVIOUR'S
Invite you to their
STRAWBERRY TEA**

**In St Saviour's Church
Saturday 27th July
At 3pm**

Tickets £5 each

**Buying tickets in advance
is essential**

3 seeds equal 4 plants?

Were you in church last month when our wonderful Church Warden Andy gave everyone some sunflower seeds?

Did you know there are over 80 separate references to seeds in the bible including Matthew 13 – The Parable of the Sower;

9 Let anyone with ears listen!

On my return home, I planted my 3 church sunflower seeds in a pot of compost and marking them with a label, pondered if they would grow.

The following Saturday, just 6 days later, I saw a single green shoot. The next day another and the next day the third. Anyone who has planted seeds before probably knows from experience that 100% germination is pretty hard to achieve. However, all 3 of my sunflowers had germinated successfully and were growing and at a rapid rate.

Then something happened that I'm unable to explain.

Another day passes and returning home from work I begin to water my plants. I arrive at my church sunflowers pot in my back garden and check all 3 are growing, one... two... three... four! A fourth sunflower adjacent to the third, happily growing along side its brothers and sisters.

Have you planted your Christian Seeds yet? It's not too late, so perhaps do it today.

Maybe like me, you will be rewarded by the kindness and thoughts of another; or perhaps you could be the one, to offer seeds to your neighbours, friends or a passer-by. The gift of a seed is a very small gift indeed; however it offers such huge rewards to all.

Kind regards & God bless.

Steve Verger



MY MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR 2

I was born 10 months before the start of the war. Although I have no memory of the first few years I know preparations for war had already begun. My parents built an Anderson shelter at the end of the garden, I found out that you paid £7 for this and erected it yourself. I had respiratory problems so they built another Anderson shelter in the front room, windows were covered with strips of sticky brown paper, so if they were broken they would not shatter.

My father was over thirty and did not expect to be called up, but he was and conscripted into the RAF. I think he worked on the planes but I never really knew. Older men usually had reserved occupation and worked as wardens at night.

We had a telephone box at the corner of the street and my mother would arrange for my father to call at a certain time, not many people had telephones, our neighbour had a small 12inch television, black and white TV, no colour then, TV was stopped for the public.

We had a wireless which lit up inside, I remember standing on a chair trying to see the people inside. We lived in Mitcham and at the start of the war did not have too many warnings. My mother and her neighbour would stand at the front door watching the planes going over. We had gas masks which were tried on every day, I hated the smell and wore it in a box round my neck when we went out. We had Ration books and went once a week to The Home and Colonial for our ration, even after the war there were still ration books for sweets until 1953.

My Dad had a car in the garage and one day I noticed that the tyres were gone. My Mum said they were taken for the war effort, also peoples railings were taken from their gardens.

We had Air Raid Sirens which were a warning to take cover quickly, large bomb shelters were built in our road for anyone to use, we stuck with our indoor one. There were pictures of people seeking shelter in the Underground Tube Station, I remember being quite envious! Gradually the war became more scary, the small factory opposite was bombed and the houses opposite the common. I can remember walking with my Mother past the burnt out houses looking very sad.

We visited my Aunt near the Crystal Palace, she had an outside shelter, one night the bombs dropped in the park, two doors away the dirt and mud started to come down into the shelter, the noise of the bomb was terrifying. I was in the shelter with my Mother, Aunt and cousin. In the morning when we climbed out over the debris my Aunts French doors were shattered and the house next door had the upstairs windows missing.

I think after this incident my parents decided it was time to evacuate. We went to Peterborough where my Fathers air base was and were billeted with a few families until we stayed with a nice old lady called Mrs Barnes.

Ann Burgess.



Photo of Ann's Father in his RAF UNIFORM

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 AUGUST 2024 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 28th JULY 2024

Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic

Westgate Council Office (Opposite the Cinema)

Every **SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 10.30am to 11.30am.** 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.”

Brazilian Carrot Cake

Ingredients

250ml vegetable oil plus some extra for the tin 260g plain flour

400g caster sugar 1 tsp baking powder

2 medium carrots, 250g, peeled and roughly chopped 2 eggs

Chocolate Drizzle Topping

240ml milk 30g cocoa powder 60g caster sugar

Method

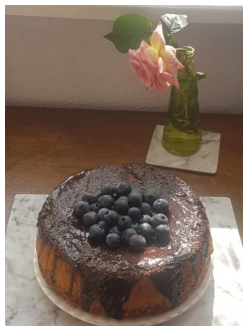
1. Heat the oven to 160c, oil and line the base of a 20cm tin. Mix the flour, sugar and baking powder together in a large bowl and set aside. Tip the carrots and eggs into a blender and blitz until smooth. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, stirring till smooth.

2. Pour the batter into the cake tin and give it a shake to get rid of air bubbles. Bake for 45 mins to 1 hour until a knife or skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin.

3. For the drizzle topping, heat the milk, cocoa and sugar in a saucepan over a low heat. Stir until the sugar dissolves, about 5 mins, creating a thick, shiny drizzle...

4. Remove the cake from the tin and level the top, then flip it over so the bottom becomes the top. Pierce all over, using a knife or cocktail stick and put on a wire rack with a plate or tray underneath. Pour the drizzle over the cake in batches.

This is also delicious "plain" without levelling the top. Cream or ice-cream turn this into a super pud! Pam x



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

The end of term 6 is approaching; staff and children look forward to a well-earned rest. The broad and balanced curriculum, which we value so highly at St. Saviour's, really comes into its own in the summer term.

Expectations of standards in key skills are very high at our school. We expect all children to leave St. Saviour's being secure in the skills of reading, writing and maths. I make no apology for devoting most of our efforts to ensuring children leave us with the skills to succeed at secondary school and beyond. That said, we know that children also need a broader set of skills to become happy and productive members of our community. We also know that the broader curriculum can, in itself, lead to increased learning in the core subjects of English and maths.

Three recent events in school exemplify the broad skill set of our children. Firstly sports day. Having a dedicated sports coach in Mr Tift allows our children to develop finely honed sports techniques. Mr Tift does not merely get children to run and catch etc. he teaches them the specific techniques to excel in sport. The skill and good sportsmanship demonstrated at our sports day was a testament to Mr Tift's approach. School sport and competitive sports days foster team spirit, resilience in defeat and good grace in victory. I hear that the water race was a big hit with children.

Our Year 6 leavers production is an opportunity for children to show off their acting and singing skills. Year 6 children and staff have worked tirelessly to put on a highly polished performance. Some of the children who really shine during these performances are those who do not always find academic work easy, we always seem to unearth a few hidden talents! Drama skills obviously feed into children's literacy skills and motivate children to be creative.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to our summer music concert. Miss Anderson, our amazing music teacher has been rehearsing our school orchestra and choir. As I write this I can hear a Year 5 child practising a piece of piano. I know this concert will be a fabulous showcase for our talented and determined children. We know that the children who have the drive, resilience and support from home to learn a musical instrument tend to be the same children who excel academically. This aside, it is delightful to see how much the children enjoy performing and how proud they are when they have put their nerves aside to play their instrument in public. Miss Anderson's skill in getting children to this level of skill is awe-inspiring.

Nick Bonell,

Headteacher

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 Holidays



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Cakes!

Donations of homemade cakes for the Scripture Union Beach Mission café in the marquee and for parent/carers at the Tiddlers Group would be much appreciated. They can be dropped off at Kearns Hall (Grenham Bay Avenue, Birchington) from Saturday 27th July and EVERYDAY for the two weeks of the holiday club (29th July up to and including 9th August).

Want to know more about Scams?

Jason, our Community Warden, and Neil from Trading Standards are keen to speak to us in church on a weekday (morning or afternoon) about protecting ourselves from online scams and cold callers. Family and friends are welcome and I'm sure we can provide tea/coffee and biscuits. I have been to one of his talks and found it both interesting and useful. Please let me know if you are interested and I will go back to him for dates and times when he and Neil are available. Christine Attwood

Christian Aid Week 2024

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection in church for Christian Aid Week in May. We raised £342.75, which was over £200 more than last year.

Beavers along the River Stour

On a Saturday evening late May we booked a boat trip on the River Stour to see the beavers. It was a nice evening - dry with a moderate breeze, the tide was high when we boarded the boat on the opposite side of the river to Grove Ferry. There was about 12 people on board with a Kent Wildlife Ecologist for the trip who talked us through information on the beavers and off we sailed. It was not long before we saw a beaver on the river bank & we thought we at least we have seen a beaver but there were plenty more sightings during our trip. It was amazing to see how big they are and when they flop their tails there is a massive crash on the water – like a belly flop! Their hides were big – 6 foot high – they work very hard building them. We also saw other wildlife – kingfishers, marsh harriers and heard various birds calling – cuckoos.

After about 1 hour we were all offered hot chocolate to drink and a blanket if you required one! It was time to turn around to do the journey back to Grove Ferry. It was now getting dusk and dark so got offered torches to help spot the beavers, we saw plenty as beavers are nocturnal. The boat pulled in closer to the beavers and the engine was turned off, it was amazing.

We were able to go under the bridge at Grove Ferry as the water level had dropped due to the tide and disembark outside the Grove Ferry Inn. It was a very interesting and enjoyable evening – one that I would do again!





Girlguiding



1st Westgate Rainbows

For Girls aged 5 to 7 years

Meet Fridays in term time

4.15 to 5.15pm

Westgate Community Centre

**STARTING A NEW PROGRAMME THIS YEAR WITH LOTS OF
EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES**

APPLY HERE : <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Any queries: westgaterainbows@outlook.com



THE COACH, THE CATHEDRAL & THE OMELETTE

As my mobility problems prevented me from riding long distances I tried some coach holidays & one of them was a visit to Durham in Northumbria.

After a days drive from east Kent to the hotel (we left Westgate at 7am & arrived at the hotel at 6.45pm). I felt fatigued!

But the next day we set off to Durham. We arrived at the Cathedral which is rather big! Huge in fact! A guided tour around the place was most informative. Apparently it was started in 1093 & was completed in 1274. So I doubt that many people who started work on it ever saw the end result! It is the last resting place of St Cuthbert, he was a monk & miracle worker (the world could do with his abilities today). He became the Bishop of Lindisfarne. Architects say the Cathedral was an experiment for geometric patterning!

Nearby is Durham Castle but as it is a place of education it is not open to visitors. There is lots to see in Durham but we had to return to the coach pick up point by 2pm as we were being taken to a place for a cream tea. Well it was quite comical as the driver got us somewhat lost as we went this way & that way until we were going down a narrow lane. Eventually the road came to an end & we drove into a yard which turned out as a sewage works. The workmen looked up in a surprise as a coach load of visitors arrived. Once the driver had a conflag with the workmen he managed to turn the coach around & off we went again in search of this infamous cream tea! – he located the place in the end & it was all very nice & set up in colourful gardens with a large pond & a fountain splish splashing away.

We had a day trip to Beamish Open Air Museum which we stayed at from 10.30am until 5pm. The place is supposed to represent life in the early 1900's. It has a main town high street with shops & a motor garage. Most are just displays but the bakers are working (the smell should be bottled) the Eccles cakes – yum! A sweet shop too which has demonstrations but I found the sweet smell a bit sickly! I suppose a visit to the nearby dentist is needed after. Or was it a torture chamber? Anybody for wooden false teeth? Yes they had wooden dentures in those days, better check for woodworm! It is such a big place you can catch a tram at various places to get around. There is a mine & collier village, a school, a farm, a chapel & miners homes. Guides dressed in period costume also bring the place to life as well as the farm animals. There's steam trains which you can ride on & a steam engine workshop you can get dirty in! a whole day with no rain too!

Another day we set off early to Hartlepool & were dropped off at the Maritime Museum. Ninety minutes later the coach collected us & we sped back to the hotel.

The afternoon to do as we pleased, which wasn't a lot as you needed transport to go anywhere! Some chose to order a taxi, while some snoozed in the lounge or got blotto in the bar! You could dodge the showers in the garden. There was bingo at 3pm but alas we were told that it was cancelled (so I couldn't win myself a fortune).

Then the coach driver said if at least 20 people put X amount of money in the pot he would take us to a steam train museum about 1 hour away. 21 of us went for that option.

At the museum entrance there was some argument going on between some of the passengers & the driver as they thought the money we paid included admission. Anyway a compromise was reached & we were charged as a group so it worked out cheaper per person. The museum was big with lots of full size steam engines gleaming. There was a few strange looking items that could be attached to an engine such as a snow plough. One special carriage on display was used by Winston Churchill during the war. I also liked looking at the scenic railway layouts on show. They had a nice little café with one of my favourite meals – a jacket potato with cheese & beans, so that solved my dinner for the day.

Of course the main meal of the day was provided at the hotel as part of the holiday. But on my first night things didn't go too well! I confess that I only like plain food, anything that is a bit spicy or has a lot of herbs or a hint of garlic does not suit my taste buds. Also such things just make me feel ill afterwards.

I can't remember what I was served but after the first mouthful I just had to wash away the awful taste with a glass of water. I knew that if I tried to eat this meal I would be ill so I just sat & waited for the dessert. A waitress came over & I said I was sorry but I couldn't eat the meal, I asked if there was an alternative & she said no – could I have an omelette? No, we do not serve omelettes for main meals. After removing my plate she returned & said I could choose something from the bar menu. After a quick scan through the rogue in me ordered omelette & chips & it was very nice, then afterwards the fruit & ice cream dessert. I was about to get up when the waitress handed me a slip of paper – a bill for my omelette! "Oh no" I said my dinner is paid for as part of my coach holiday. "that's the main meal, but not from the bar menu" she said. We argued & I refused to pay. The hotel manager came over & we argued & I refused to pay! Eventually he tore up the slip of paper & let the pieces fall onto the table. Then in a loud voice he told me that if I ordered anything from the bar menu again I would have to pay for it.

So how did the rest of the evening meals work out? Well after that I only went into the dining room in the mornings for cornflakes, tea & toast. I did locate one meal when I went for a walk & came across a small estate. There was church which I had a look around & nearby was a shop & a fish & chip shop (which was a bit of luck). As for the hotel, the room I was in had certainly seen better days & the old bed was a painful contraption but to give credit where it is due after I had explained to reception the next morning about my bad back when I returned to the room after the Durham trip the old bed had been replaced by a more comfortable bed. I still couldn't get to sleep until after 2am! That's when the person next door turned off their loud TV!

Come the day of our return home I was glad to leave. Usually I feel a bit sad at the end of a holiday but not this time, I was pleased to be at home & ready for a brew of my own.

Your scribe, Stephen (the Bruce), Steve3.

P.S. I got a reply from the coach company & they said I should have been offered an alternative main meal & they looked into other matters. They gave me a £50 voucher as compensation but I never used it.



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

**INVITE YOU TO AN
ALL AGE SHORT
FAMILY SERVICE
SUNDAY 4th August
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/>

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 27th July Friends of St Saviour's Strawberry Tea 3pm

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