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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

INVITE YOU TO AN

ALL AGE SHORT

HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

AT 10.30am



We have just celebrated St Michael and All Angels. This occurs each year on 29th September.

The folk lore around this event coupled with some pagan ceremonies largely lead to the Church of England to encourage the celebration of the completion of the harvest.

So the Michaelmas Daisies symbolise the championing of the light over the dark as they retain their flowers into October, brightening up the garden.

So, October marks the transition from Summer to winter and the variations in temperature between dawn and noon can be at their greatest during this month. October, when there's still warmth in the sun, but a chill in the air which means an extra layer or two is required.

October, when swifts and swallows are long gone to be replaced by winter migrants flying in from the north.

For me this month is memorable as there is a half term holiday and the clocks go back at the end. You may need to check the school half term dates this month as there is some variability, but the clocks will go back one hour at 2.00 am on Sunday 27th October

We are fortunate to live in an area close to the sea and close to open spaces and farmland which means we cannot fail to see how the changing seasons colour the landscape and even shape our mood.

Christians believe that God created it all. I have no doubt that the complexity of what we call our natural world has the hand of the creator God visible in it. Just look at the morning dew settled in a spiders web, or the delicate crystals of frost on the grass stamped with the pawprints of the old fox seeking his breakfast.

The great songs of the Old Testament known as the Psalms were set out as hymns to praise what God has done and many contain striking observations of the natural world. For example in Psalm 104

You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.

You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

According to the Royal Observatory at Greenwich the full moon this month is on 17th October and is at its brightest at twenty-six minutes past midnight. It is known as the 'Hunters moon'.

Apparently this month is the right one for hunting deer that are at their fattest. I am not sure many people in Westgate take advantage of that fact!

Our world has the capacity to amaze despite all we have done to it. Sometimes all we can do is wonder and give thanks to the Lord who created it all.

More from Psalm 104

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

Rev Jef Foulger

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

ALL SOULS SERVICE

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER

AT 3pm

**REMEMBERING OUR
DEPARTED LOVED ONES**



Followed by refreshments

FROM THE REGISTERS

For those Baptised

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

Sunday 8th September Elsie

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”

Saturday 28th September Michelle and Matthew

The Sick

“Lord, grant your healing presence to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit”

Liz & Peter Rowe, Mother Karen, Marjorie M, Heidi, Kevin, Valerie L, Donna, Genevieve O, Charlie, Louise, Harry, Tina, Eugenius, Nojus, Wendy C, Amber, Richard T, Eddie Boyle, Nahid, Dawn, Joy H

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

Cherry

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”

Winifred P, Arthur, Brenda, Jean F

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Donald Stewart 14th October 1939 Henry Hambidge 22nd October 1944

Licensing

It was my great pleasure to have been Admitted to the Office of Lay Minister and Licensed, by the Bishop of Dover, on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury on Sunday 22nd September. This was the culmination of two years of Theological Study and rigorous training in how to lead worship and how to read scripture in order to put together a sermon.

Those of us who were to be licensed were invited to attend a weekend Retreat at the Lodge within the Precincts of Canterbury Cathedral. During the weekend we each reflected on our faith journey and how we had been led to ministry. We also explored how our ministry might evolve in our individual church contexts.

On Saturday afternoon we shared a Bible study with Bishop Rose and then swore an oath in her presence. After that there was no going back, we were finally official Lay Ministers.

Sunday morning began with a glorious view of the Cathedral from my bedroom window and the sound of ringing from Bell Harry Tower. Together we attended Sung Eucharist in the Cathedral and then returned to the Lodge for an amazing shared lunch. If ever you need to stay overnight in Canterbury I would thoroughly recommend the Lodge. The hospitality and staff are brilliant and the food is amazing and plentiful.

The licensing took place as part of Choral Evensong. There was a large procession including the Girl's Choir and supporting Clergy and Readers from around the Diocese. The sound of the organ and voices reverberated around the Quire as the congregation rose to greet us.

I was selected to read the bible passage in the service. (Matthew 8) Although this was really nerve wracking it was also such a privilege. The thought that I was just one of the many hundreds, maybe thousands who have read God's word within those walls over the centuries was amazing. The idea that my voice will now be absorbed forever into those ancient walls, reminds me of the greatness of the message of God. However small and insignificant we might be in His great plan we all have a part to play.

We then reiterated our promises in front of the assembled congregation and we're presented with certificates and each received a Bible signed by Bishop Rose. It was such an amazing celebration and the perfect culmination of my two years of Study. I was truly humbled by the number of people who came along both from HTM and St Saviour's to support me and will remember the occasion for a long time to come.

The service is available to watch on the Canterbury Cathedral YouTube channel at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pfmo4MflmBY&t=487s> and the service sheet can be downloaded from the following link. 240922-choral-evensong-with-the-admission-of-readers

Finally my thanks go to you all for your warm welcome and amazing encouragement and support during my time working within your congregation.

Ann



I, **ROSE**, Bishop of Dover, under the authority of the Most Reverend Father in God
Justin by Divine Providence Archbishop of Canterbury

do make it known to all people that on the twenty fourth day of September in the
year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty three I did admit our beloved in Christ

ANN FRIEDLOS

for whose Godly life and conversation, training, and knowledge of the Holy
Scriptures and of the Christian Doctrine, I am well assured to the **Office of a
Reader (also known as Licensed Lay Minister) in the Church.**

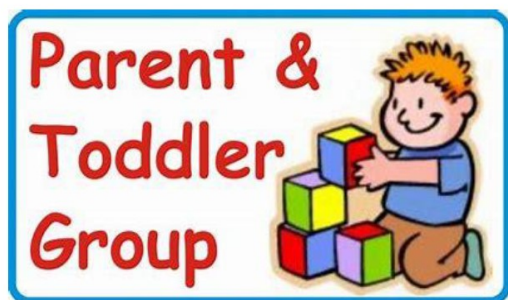
In testimony whereof I have set my hand this twenty second day of September in
the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty four.

+ Rose Dover

This Certificate of Admission gives no authority to exercise the Office of a Reader (also known
as Licensed Lay Minister) in any diocese except under Licence from the Bishop of the diocese.

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

TODDLER TIME



Meets

MONDAY MORNINGS

(Term time only)

9.15am to 11.30am

**For pre-school children
and carers**



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Family Service will be a lay-led service on Sunday 6th October at 10.30am. Please join us and, if possible, bring donations of food in tins or jars for The Storehouse Food Bank run from the Baptist Church in Birchington. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Ride and Stride

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Steve and Mel for taking part in last month's Ride and Stride in aid of the Friends of Kent Churches. They are now collecting the sponsorship money, half of which will be donated back to St Saviour's later in the year. Thank you too to those who kept St Saviour's open on the day and welcomed our 16 visitors.

Westgate Art and Craft Group

Members of the Group enjoyed holding their annual exhibition in the church and were pleased with the footfall and sales. They kindly donated £100 to St Saviour's from the proceeds of their raffle.

The Group meets on Tuesday afternoons between 1.30 and 4pm in Westgate Community Centre in Lymington Road. There are flyers at the back of the church giving more information about the Group and how to make contact.

A Special Service to remember our loved ones

Every year, the Church throughout the world commemorates the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day (2nd November). At St Saviour's we hold a simple service on a Sunday near All Souls Day to remember by name those who have died – whether recently or some time ago.

This year our service will be led by Revd Susan Wing on Sunday 27th October at 3pm and be followed by refreshments. A list will be placed at the back of the church during October to record the names of those to be remembered.

We warmly invite you to come to the service regardless of whether you are a regular churchgoer or where the funeral was held.



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/](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)**

Any queries: westgaterainbows@outlook.com



Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride



Steve and Melanie representing St Saviour's Church on the Ride & Stride

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

A big thank you to Christine, Steve, Alan, Laraine, Sue, Jean, Irene, Lidiana and Andy for all helping to keep the church open for 8 hours on Saturday 14th September. I'm sure it was much appreciated by the visiting cyclists and walkers. A total of 17 people visited throughout the day mostly from Thanet churches but there were two from Gillingham, one from Swalecliffe and one from Chislehurst.

Thank you to Steve and Melanie for walking and finding sponsors to support both the Friends of Kent Churches and St. Saviour's - half the money they raised comes back to St. Saviour's.

José Gibbs

Chris and Elaine Howe will be giving a talk about their experiences in Cambodia and especially about the orphanage they volunteer at each year, to the Birchington Active Retirees Association, where they are members. The talk will take place on Wednesday 9 October at 2pm at The Centre, Alpha Road, Birchington (behind the library). There will be tea/coffee and cake plus a raffle. Entrance is £3. Please see Elaine if you would like to go.

Michaelmas (Harvest Festival)

A brief history

The feast of Michael and All Angels celebration, also known as Michaelmas (or Feasts of the Saints) marks the end of harvest. The beginning of Autumn and shorter days.

St Michael traditionally has the position as leader of the heavenly armies with Michaelmas day being celebrated on 29th September.

St Michael is one of the principle angelic warriors and is seen as protector against the dark of night and as the archangel who fought against Satan and his evil.

The 29th of September is the third quarter day in a year; the others are 25th March, 24th June and the 25th December. These were dates when servants were hired, rents were due, land was exchanged, debts paid, leases began, the election of magistrates and the beginning of legal and university terms.

It used to be said that harvest had to be completed by Michaelmas – like the marking of the end of the productive season and the beginning of the new cycle of farming.

It was believed that negative forces were stronger in darkness, so families would require stronger defences during the later months of the year. The celebration of St Michaelmas is associated with the protection during the darker months.

A poem

Michaelmas gales assail the waning year,
And Michael's scale is true, his blade is bright.
He strips dead leaves; and leaves the living clear
To flourish in the touch and reach of light.
Archangel bring your balance, help me turn
Upon this turning world with you and dance
In the Great Dance. Draw near, help me discern,
And trace the hidden grace in change and chance.
Angel of fire, Love's fierce radiance,
Drive through the deep until the steep waves part,
Undo the dragon's sinuous influence
And pierce the clotted darkness of my heart.
Unchain the child you find there, break the spell
And overthrow the tyrannies of Hell.



Submitted by Stu

Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are coming to Kent in October with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a UK and Ireland chain of events). The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. It was founded in 2012, by Zoe and Andy Clark-Coates, who saw a critical lack of support for people like them, who had gone through baby loss. With over 258,000 babies being lost yearly in the UK alone, the charity needed to be able to offer not only a comprehensive package of befriending and support but also national baby loss remembrance services (called Saying Goodbye Services), for people to join together and remember the children they had lost.

12 years on, over 200 services have taken place at Cathedrals and Minsters across the UK, US, and France, and 2024 will see 25 services across England, Wales, Ireland, France and the US. On the 12th October at 11.30am, in Canterbury Cathedral, we will be hosting one of our Saying Goodbye Services and as this is the most local service to you this year we wanted to share this information with you. So who is the service for?

Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

We know that as 1 in 4 women suffer miscarriage and baby loss, you will have contact with a significant number of people who have either personally suffered baby loss, or who have a partner or family member that has, so we wanted to ask if you would help us in promoting the service.

To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

Advent Bible Study 2024

After the success of last year, Christians Together Garlinge, Westbrook and Westgate are running an Advent Bible study during November. I know it's early but this enables most people to complete the whole study.

The study this year is: The Life in the Comma written by John Bell (of Iona fame). It lasts 4 weeks and will commence the first week of November. There will be studies running as follows;

Christ Church – Mondays 2.30 – 4 p.m. beginning 4 November

Susan's home Thursdays 7-9 p.m. beginning 7 November

Garlinge Methodist Church Wednesdays 2-3.30 p.m. starting 13 November.

As the study includes a booklet with study and transcription of audio, I will need to have numbers by mid October. If you want to attend and don't already attend a Bible Study as shown, please let me know and I can order accordingly.

If there is sufficient interest in this and you cannot attend one of these, let me know and I will see if it is feasible to set up another Bible study group for the duration.

Last year we had a good and challenging time, I feel sure this year will be the same. Contact me in church or on 01843 836430.

Thank you Susan

Follow the Star: Calm and Bright Booklet



I mentioned in The Link last month... The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024, Follow the Star: Calm and Bright, draws on the world-famous carol, Silent Night:

"Silent Night! Holy Night!

All is calm, all is bright..."

A 32-page pocket booklet is available from Church House Publishing called; Follow the Star Calm and Bright (Meditations for the Twelve Days of Christmas) and is available for £1, or £2 for a large print edition.

I will be ordering myself a copy and am happy to order copies for anyone else. Please give me your name and payment at any Sunday service and I will place the order for booklets at the end of October, to be delivered at the beginning of November.

Kind regards & God bless.

Steve, Verger

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 NOVEMBER 2024 “The Link” is
SUNDAY OCTOBER 27th 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.

Calling ALL Christians to PRAY

A Time of United Prayer

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land (2 Chronicles 7 vs. 14)

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

10am– 11am

URC Christ Church
Westgate Bay Avenue,
Westgate-On-Sea, CT8 8SN

CALL TO UNITED PRAYER
for Peace in Gaza & Ukraine,
Westgate, Westbrook, Garlinge &
Thanet,

A Visit to Reculver Towers on a Heritage Open Day

An Anglo-Saxon monastery was founded on the site of Reculver Towers in 669, re-using the existing defences, and the church of St Mary was built near the centre of the earlier fort. The site had ceased to function as a monastic house by the 10th century, after which time the church became the parish church of Reculver.

Remodelling of the church in the 12th century included the addition of tall twin towers.

The medieval church was partly demolished in 1805, when much of the stone was reused to construct a new church on higher ground at Hillborough, but the twin towers were left. They were bought, repaired and underpinned by Trinity House in 1809.

The queues were long as we waited to access the inside of the Reculver Towers. English Heritage has granted a huge amount of money for restoration work to be carried out.





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News from St Saviour's Church of England School

Children and staff are looking forward to our Harvest Festival service at St. Saviour's Church. Mr Bealing and his team took the Year 3 children to the church for a pre-visit, in order to get the children used to sitting in the pews and moving around the space quietly. Seeing the children's excitement at being in such a beautiful and imposing building was lovely and the children did brilliantly.

We have started to collect Harvest Festival donations and families, as ever, have been extremely kind. We collect the donated food and give to the Birchington food bank. Increasing numbers of our families are, to some extent, reliant on food banks. We are often told by families, when we offer assistance, 'Give it to someone else, there are people worse off than me.' We know this is a proud community who do not relish the thought of receiving charity. I also know there are families going hungry.

The Harvest Festival service will be an excellent chance to come together in church, for the first time with our new Year 3 cohort. Despite the rainy weather, we have much to be thankful for. Staff have had a very restful summer.

Several of our teachers have recently had children or are expecting more, we are grateful that these new babies are safe and well. We have a lovely Year 3 cohort, who are already working very hard with the Year 3 team to start the process of gaining the skills they will need for secondary school. I have also heard from many of last year's Year 6 children, who have told me that they have settled in well in their new schools.

We look forward to visiting the church on Thursday to give thanks.

Nick Bonell, Headteacher

The Friends of St Saviour's Church

TABLE TOP

SALE

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER

10am to 12 noon

TABLES £7 each

To book 07896508399 or

07554006928



Honey and Almond Crunch Loaf Cake

Ingredients

175g butter 1 lemon zested 100g caster sugar 100g honey
2 eggs 100ml Greek yoghurt 1 tsp vanilla essence
200g SR flour 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda 50g ground almonds

For the topping

30g softened butter 3 tbsp honey 30g caster sugar
50g flaked almonds 1 tbsp double cream.

Method

1. Heat oven to 170C fan. Butter and line a 900g loaf tin with baking parchment.
2. In a bowl beat the butter, lemon zest and sugar for 4-5 minutes until lightened and creamy. Beat in the honey, then add the eggs one by one, beating well after each addition. Mix in the yoghurt and vanilla. Tip the flour, bicarb and almonds into the bowl and mix well. Spoon into the prepared tin and bake for 40 mins until almost cooked.
3. When the cake has 10 minutes left, make the topping. Melt the butter and honey over a low heat in a saucepan, stir in the sugar, almonds and cream, and cook for another 3 or 4 minutes until it turns golden.
4. Remove the cake from the oven and carefully spoon over the topping and return the cake to the oven for a further 10-15 minutes, until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean and the topping is golden. Leave to cool in the tin on a wire rack, until completely cooked. Use a serrated knife to cut into slices and...enjoy. This cake can be frozen.

Lovely with a cup of tea.

Pam x



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FAMILY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

At 10.30am

Celebrant

The Revd Susan Wing



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

(non EUCHARIST) **at 10.30am**

FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION TO

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

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



We will remember
them



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, WESTGATE

ARMISTICE DAY

MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYERS

AT 10.45am

FOLLOWED BY the

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

At 11am



BURNING RUBBER AND A HOWLING WIND

Nipping back in time to the mid 1970's. This was when I was able to buy my dream bike of the time, a GT750 Suzuki. Having spent the previous few years on 350cc machines the step up was going to be impressive. While I have lucky enough to own some wonderful bikes over the years the feeling of apprehension/excitement on the day of collection was off the scale! Riding away from the showroom I can't put into words that feeling. (Nonbikers will think what a lot of fuss over nothing!). The fact that Barry Sheene was making a name for himself riding & winning on a racing version of this bike just added to the allure. This was topped off by my 21st birthday present, a Barry Sheene replica crash helmet!

Once the machine was run in it was time to check out its performance & so as I was about to make a rapid get away with the engine revs high I let out the clutch & nothing much seemed to be happening. The engine was on song but no real forward momentum! A friend could see what I couldn't, but a smell of burning rubber? The rear wheel was spinning & the tyre smoking until it found grip & whoosh I set off like a rocket! (Barry watch out!). I did learn to ride the bike with less gusto & more respect.

Many more happy miles & days were clocked up over the next few years. Also it was on the Suzuki that my young nephew Paul started to come along for pillion rides. We enjoyed a good friendship as he grew up & I think I was responsible for brainwashing him into Rock music! As he grew older he was keen to travel further so I took him on a holiday that included visiting Silverstone Race Circuit for the British Grand Prix.

We stayed in a hotel in Chipping Norton, it's a lovely place & is also known for its nearby recording studio & the late comedy actor Ronnie Barker who ran an Antique shop there. We were blessed with sunny weather all week & Silverstone was about 25 miles from the hotel. Finding a place closer was out of my price range but the ride was nice as I knew of some back lanes that avoided the main entrance road. We enjoyed some the sights, sounds & smells of racing cars but then it was time to return to Kent. The hotel & food had been great & I would return there several times. On the return ride we stopped a few times to top up the fuel tank, then eventually we were home.

As I stopped in the driveway my parents came out to greet us, I sat waiting for Paul to get off, some minutes passed by with no real movement so I said "You can get off now". Once he was off I could put the bike onto its stand but even looking at Paul's face through the visor he looked a bit sheepish! Then a slight smell of burning rubber – no it can't be! Then I looked at my bike & all I could focus on was a great black gooey mess on top of the chrome exhaust pipe & the same on the other side – 2 lumps of molten soles from a pair of boots! For some unknown reason after our last stop instead of putting his feet on the footrests he put them on the exhaust pipes!

His feet were okay but his boots were destroyed & what about my pipes?! How did I feel? I felt like one of those pressure relief valves on a steam engine that opens up & lets excessive steam out! After several days of careful scraping & polishing eventually the lumps of rubber came off, just the odd mark on the chrome which most people wouldn't notice but I could spot at a thousand yards! I then asked him why did he put his feet on the exhaust – his reply turned out to be a classic in my family – “I don't know why but I thought my feet were getting warm!” So, did he come out on my bikes after this incident? – yes, of course although I might have reminded him now & then about putting his feet on the exhaust! Jumping forward to the 1990's & by now Paul was leading his own adult life & living in Folkestone but we kept in touch & it was when visiting him that we were confronted by a howling wind. I was just thinking about returning home but the noise outside! The wind was blasting through the trees causing the branches to sway vigorously, gates banged & crashed, fences creaked & dustbins blown around everywhere. This was not biking weather, Paul said I could stay the night but I was worried that my bike would be blown over! Paul said “Don't worry we can put it in the hall!” I thought he was joking but he went off & got a piece of wood so we could wheel the bike over the step. At this time I was a 2 bike owner & I was on a Kawasaki 300cc so it was lighter than my big bike & it spent the night in the warm & dry in the hallway until the storm was gone! Sadly I cannot reminisce with him about past times as a heart condition took him from this world far too early. I enclose a photo of that GT750, I would like to have kept it especially as they are valuable nowadays, it had a quaint nickname in the biking world – A Kettle! Due to its unusual (for the time) water cooled engine. If I was to experience other new bikes it had to be part exchanged.

By 1980 I was in the Honda Camp which was great until 1983, the Honda 750 proved to be the most unreliable bike I've ever owned, a future article of that experience may surface one day! Even Honda gave up with it by 1985 I returned to Suzuki ownership that year. It would be another 21 years before I bought another Honda!

So to end this scribble there's no storm in sight, so I think it's safe for a cream soda & ice cream delight!

Your scribe, Stephen (the Bruce), Steve 3

PS in America the GT750 had the nickname – Water Buffalo! – not as nice as Kettle!



THE PREMIERE OF A NEW
LIGHTSHOW BY LUXMURALIS

1ST – 5TH OCTOBER 2024

Scriptorium

The illuminated Histories

The show contains imagery from
the British Library Collections

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Tickets and information
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THE FRIENDS OF
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SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 2PM

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COFFEE, TEA AND CAKE

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FREE ENTRY

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 9.15am to 11.30am. **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