

Parish and Community

The Link

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**The Magazine of
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Epiphany Family Service

Sunday 5th January 2025

At 10.30am

ALL AGES WELCOME



I started work as a trainee journalist in Fleet Street 50 years ago-a glamorous and fun job and it was here that I learnt about making 101% sure that what we wrote was accurate and truthful

The London Editor wanted the New Year edition of the Sunday paper I worked on to have a leading article that conveyed the sentiments of the season. At the editorial meeting there was a discussion and someone mentioned the words a king had used in his Christmas message years before. There was no internet then and so two of us were given what was thought to be the opening sentences and sent off to find out exactly the rest of the quote.

When the first Christian converts set out to tell others about the person who was Jesus they started with John The Baptist. This was a good place to start, as John's testimony to the Jewish leaders who came to interrogate him was that he was to prepare the way for someone whose shoe laces he was not fit to tie up. What John the Baptist had said was as near to definitive truth as could be obtained.

You can read about how the priests and Levites questioned John the Baptist near the start of the fourth book in the Bible's New Testament. John pointed the way to someone even greater than they assumed him to be. Of course that is Jesus.

The words we were sent to find, were those spoken by George VI in his broadcast message in 1939 as the people of Britain and the countries that made up the Empire faced an uncertain future of world war.

These are actually from the first part of a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins.

'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied:

'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East'

May God bless you as you step onward into the New Year. *Revd Jef*

FROM THE REGISTERS

For those Baptised

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

Sunday 8th December Martin

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 Rowe, Mother Karen, Marjorie M, Heidi, Kevin, Richard T, Genevieve O, Charlie, Louise, Harry, Tina, Eddie Boyle, Dawn, Joy H, Dario Vaccaro

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

Valerie L, Edward, Graham F

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

“Dear God, we thank you for the rest in Christ they now enjoy, and thank you for giving them to us”

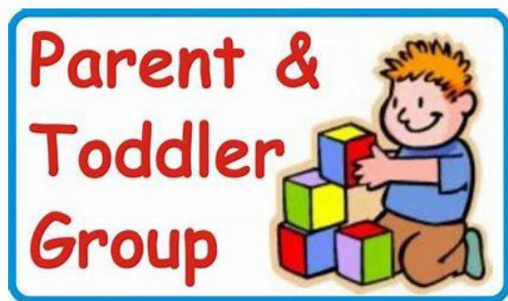
Len Palmer, Pearl Dobson, Jan Lawes, Graham Neve, Rod M

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Benjamin Jefcoate 9th January 1943 Wilfred Smith 28th January 1942

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

TODDLER TIME



Meets

MONDAY MORNINGS

(Term time only)

9.15am to 11.30am

**For pre-school children
and carers**



3rd December 2024

Dear Christine,

I am writing to convey our dearest thanks to the congregation at St Saviour's Parish Church for the lovely Christmas gifts donated to children in our refuges and safe accommodations. Sincere thanks also for the £50 in monetary donations received from church members.

As you can imagine, Christmas is a difficult time for those in refuge: away from family and friends, and the traditions that marked the festive season in years past. Our wish for them is a brighter future and hope for the new year. Your donations have brought happiness for those staying with us. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your kindness once again.

Warm wishes to you all for a safe and happy Christmas.

Kind regards



Claire Fenley

Senior Fundraising Officer



St Saviour's Church was pleased to host the Christmas Memorial Service on 11th December for Maskell and Uden, the funeral directors in Cuthbert Road. 78 adults and 6 children came to light a candle in memory of their loved ones and the funeral directors received lots of positive feedback. A retiring collection raised £201.47 for Porchlight.

The annual invitation has been issued for a speaker from Porchlight to speak at one of our 10.30am Sunday services in January or February but to date no reply has been received.

St Saviour's School came to church on the evening of 17th December for their annual Christmas Concert and on the morning of 19th December for their Christmas Services. The church was packed on all 3 occasions and we were amazed at the young but very talented singers, musicians and soloists. The children, who told us the story of the first Christmas and led the prayers, also did well. A retiring collection was held each time resulting in a total giving of £344.58 for church funds. Thank you to everyone for giving what you could.



Thank you to everyone who donated to The Children's Society at our Christingle Service. Details of the amount raised will appear in The Link next month.



The Revd Barbara Way

In her Christmas card to the church family, Barbara wrote that she “ sends her thanks for all your support and prayers during these last couple of years. It has been good to be back a few times now and I look forward to more in the New Year”.

We too look forward to having Barbara with us more often and, perhaps, taking some of our services from March onwards.

Christmas at St Saviour's 2024





Have you noticed the priests board has been updated

  	
PARISH of ST. SAVIOUR WESTGATE - ON - SEA VICARS	
AUGUSTUS ADOLPHUS LYNE	1880 - 1900
TOWNSHEND WEBB MYLNE	1900 - 1913
CHARLES PENDOCK BANKS	1913 - 1931
NORMAN LYCETT LYCETT	1931 - 1943
WILLIAM EDWARD MILLER WILLIAMS	1943 - 1955
HORACE GEORGE PELLATT	1955 - 1965
ROY PERCY FISHER	1966 - 1971
STANLEY MUNRO EVANS	1972 - 2001
PRIESTS IN CHARGE:	
JOHN WILLIAM RICHARDSON	2002 - 2008
THOMAS TENWICK BARNEATHER	2009 - 2012
PARISH PRIESTS:	
BARBARA ELIZABETH WAY	2013 - 2016
PRIESTS-IN-CHARGE:	
PETER ANTHONY ROWE	2016 - 2018
KAREN ANN GOODING	2019 - 2022
JEFFREY WILLIAM FOULGER	2023 -



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



News from 1st Westgate Rainbows



We have had a busy time doing more badge work but have had a lovely time painting and decorating fir cones for Christmas decorations. Dipping the cones into glitter was a big hit.

Our Christmas treat was painting ceramic Christmas trees. A lady came to the unit with the trees all made and she guided us on how to paint them. She took them away and fired and glazed them and we had our trees given to us at the end of our Christmas party. We played games at the party and lots of prizes were given out.

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 FEBRUARY 2025 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2025

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.

Easy Ginger Cake

Ingredients

200g SR flour

200g caster sugar

2 tsp ground ginger

1tsp bicarb

55g butter

1 beaten egg

2tbs golden syrup

240ml hot water

Method

Set oven for 180

Grease and line a 28×18cm tin/11inch×7inches

Method

Set oven 180c

Line a 28×18cm tin/ 11x7inch

Method

1 Mix flour, sugar, ginger, and bicarb in a large bowl

2. Rub in the butter to fine breadcrumb consistency .

3. Add beaten egg, syrup and hot water, mix well with a wooden spoon till well combined.

4. Pour into the prepared tin and bake on the middle shelf for 40/ 45 mins until golden brown and springy to the touch.

Leave to cool in the tin. Cut into squares to serve.

Happy New Year

Pam



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Services to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January) are being arranged by Christians Together in Westgate, Westbrook and Garlinge. Services start at 10.30am and end with tea/coffee as follows:

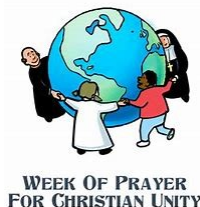
Saturday 18th - Garlinge Methodist Church

Tuesday 21st – St Saviour’s Church

Wednesday 22nd - Christ Church United Reformed Church in Westgate Bay Avenue

Thursday 23rd – led by the Parish of the Holy Family in St Saviour’s Church

All are welcome to attend one or more of these services



TREES, TERROR, TEARS AND A TART

I was lucky to live close to areas of woodland during my childhood which was great for playing with friends or on my own. I could be Sir Ivanhoe with Wooden sword or Robin Hood with bow and arrow trying to avoid the attentions of the Sherriff of Nottingham. But on this occassion I was a Sheriff complete with pistol in holster, a plastic rifle & a silver Sherriff's badge. All topped off by a half gallon hat!

My mission was to track down & arrest Devious Dan & his bank robbing gang. And as I made my way through the trees the sound of twigs crackling & leaves crunching beneath my feet were accompanied by birds fluttering above. Squirrels stood still before rushing up the trees as if they were running on the ground.

But then I heard a sound in the distance which became louder. I looked around & could see a black object coming towards me. A large dog whose barking made it clear, it was after me! I tried to runaway but the dog was too fast so I found myself with my back pressed up to a tree while this ferocious looking beast stood before me. Barking & growling & showing its crocodile teeth.

What could I do? I was terrified & wonder how much pain I would endure when it decided to bite my arms or legs. Would this Alsatian eat me?

Time seemed to stand still as I waited for the dog to pounce. But then in the distance I heard a voice & by looking over the dogs head I could see a man. Eventually the dog responded to the calling & turned to run off to its owner. I watched as they walked away. He never came to see if I was alright or apologise for the dog's behaviour. A huge sense of relief then overwhelmed me & I burst into tears, whilst my legs turned to jelly & I slumped down & sat at the base of the tree.

After awhile my tears stopped & my legs regained their strength & I got up & ran out of the woods & headed home.

I burst through the back door into the kitchen where my Mum looked at me with some concern. I flung my arms around her & sobbed out my story of the nasty dog. Mum comforted me as only Mums can. She reassured me I was safe now. The smell of flour on her apron & the aroma of baking told me that something yummy might be had. Mum was a good cook & out of the oven emerged some tasty looking jam tarts! Life was good again with a warm tart & a glass of orange to refresh me. She told

me not to go down to the woods on my own & that I had plenty of room to play in the garden.

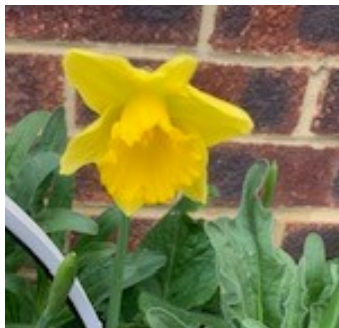
It was sometime before I ventured into the woods again (with friends) & in a few years the woods would again feature as I grew up. Cycling in a group we created a track by going round & round which was fun & good exercise.

But then 2 older boys turned up with motorbikes! I managed to get a ride or two & the seed was sown for my lifelong love of petrol power two wheeled transport. All I needed was a machine of my own, which I will elaborate upon next month!

But the legacy of the dog incident is that to this day I do not like being close to a large dog. But I can tolerate a large hot dog!

The photo is of a budding young Sherriff checking his trusty steed!!

Your Scribe, Stephen (the Bruce) Steve 3



A touch of
Spring in the
garden ?

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 2nd February

At 10.30am



Come and join us at our short
All Age Service

Changes to Canterbury Cathedral's Precincts Pass

Some members of our congregation recently found out that the Precincts Pass enabling free access to the Cathedral and grounds has been discontinued so many of us need to purchase its replacement, known as the Cathedral Pass. This costs £6 and is valid for five years. No discounts are available but children under 17 are not required to hold a ☐ pass and can visit free of charge with a Cathedral Pass-holding adult.

Please note no Pass or Visitor Ticket is necessary to attend services of worship in the Cathedral.

The new Pass can be held by anyone who;

Works in the old city of Canterbury ☐

Lives within 4 miles of Bell Harry tower, including ☐ within The Precincts ☐

Is a member of the Cathedral Congregation ☐

Is immediate family of a Cathedral staff member ☐

Is a Cathedral Volunteer ☐

Is a member of any church in the diocese (on the ☐ parish electoral roll or equivalent) ☐

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