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St Saviour's Parish Church

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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 2nd February

At 10.30am



Come and join us at our short
All Age Service

February is the shortest month. Yet time can drag when the days are dreary and winter hits hard. This is the month when much of our wildlife has to struggle the most, reserves are near finished and wet or icy ground yields little to eat

However, on the coastline and adjacent fields the over-wintering Brent Geese seem to find enough to keep them busy. They are usually at their greatest number in the UK at this time and the ones we see locally are actually from Russia. They are about the size of a large duck with a black head and neck and white underneath. The sight of their formations flying at sea-level in the morning mist is, I think, one of the great wonders of nature we can see right on our own doorstep.

The beauties of the natural world are well expressed in the Bible and especially in the Psalms. This Old Testament book with 150 chapters has passages for church worship services as well as for private prayer; for praising God and bringing comfort to the human spirit.

One of the great creation Psalms is Psalm 139. This considers the way God has established an order for everything that exists on the earth and begins.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

For people as well as animals it can be hard to shrug off the bleakness of February, even though the longer days of Spring are not too far away. It is unfortunate that for some the 'winter blues' can result in low mood and irritability, lack of energy, and a desire to eat so-called 'comfort food.' In most situations this disappears as the daylight hours increase. However, if it all impacts significantly on your day-to-day activities, as with any recurring symptoms, it is good to make an appointment to see your GP.

When I read Psalm 139 in verse 11, even though it was written so long ago, I am struck by the Psalm writer's understanding of the 'darkness of the soul' in which God can shine so brightly.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

I don't like the dark days and so I try to get outside at the start of every day. Its easy for me as I live by the seaside. Early in the morning as I gaze over the pebbled beach, I praise God in His creation. I watch the stuttering waders and the determined diggers, the sleek divers and the splashing gulls, the black shore-bound crows and the occasional shiny grey dome of a seal's head, then I look again at the Psalm.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. Amen.

Rev'd Jef Foulger

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

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

Joy H

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”

Peter Staziker, Janice, Father David

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Francis Shrimpton 13th February 1942 Sidney Cook 18th February 1944

Thank you to everyone who donated to The Children's Society at our Christingle Service. We were able to send £383.72, which they have acknowledged.

Advance Notice of Some Services and Events in March

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday 5th March (Ash Wednesday) at 11.00am

Lent Courses arranged by Westgate, Westbrook and Garlinge Christians Together are as follows:

6 weeks beginning Thursday 6th March 7.00pm at Susan's

6 weeks beginning Monday 10th March 2.30 – 4.00pm at Christ Church URC

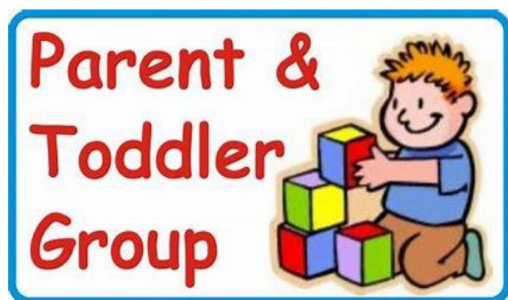
6 weeks beginning Wednesday 12th March 2.30 – 4.00pm at Garlinge Methodist Church

Services for the World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) on Friday 7th March will take place at All Saints Westbrook at 10.30am and at Union Church in Margate at 7.00pm. Ladies from the Cook Islands have prepared the material and all are welcome to attend one or both services.

Our Service of the Word on Sunday 16th March at 10.30am will include a speaker from Porchlight and a retiring collection to support Porchlight in their work with the homeless.

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

TODDLER TIME



Meets

MONDAY MORNINGS

(Term time only)

9.15am to 11.30am

**For pre-school children
and carers**





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



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 MARCH 2025 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 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.

News from St Saviour's Church of England School

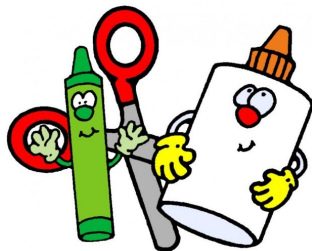
With Christmas firmly behind us, we are halfway through Term 3. The school's Christmas carol concert and of term services were very well attended, joyous occasions - I can only apologise for Mr Arnold's and my singing during The Twelve Days of Christmas!

Term 3 and 4 tend to be the terms where we see children making the most academic progress. Classes have got to know their new teacher, friendships have been re-kindled after the summer break and Christmas is done and dusted. Teachers are working harder than ever to equip our children with the core skills for secondary school. This task has got harder as our families have got more economically deprived over the last five years. Our percentage of children eligible for free school meals in 2019 was 18%, now it is in the mid-thirties. The economic stagnation of the last ten years, alongside the accompanying erosion of public services (the end of Sure Start, fewer mental health services for adults, the degradation of the NHS etc.) have put pressure on families, which in turn leaves people with less time and 'mental space' to help children with their education. As a result, we are working harder to achieve the same results.

This situation would be depressing if it were not for the supportive St. Saviour's community. We are truly blessed with parents and carers who desperately want to help their children and support the work of the school. We are blessed with supportive colleagues at St. Saviour's Church and governors who help us with our work. We are blessed with teaching and support staff who consistently go the extra mile for our children.

Despite the relentless focus on attainment and academic standards, we try not to lose sight of the whole child. We still put lots of resources into music, art and sport. We still run a huge range of after school clubs, to give children a broad range of fun experiences. St. Saviour's is far from unique in this regard, schools all over the country are doing their best to offset social and economic deprivation and give children the best start possible.

Nick Bomell, Headteacher



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Amethyst
 Anna
 Candle
 Candlemas
 Christ
 Cupid
 February
 Groundhog



Joseph
 Mary
 Presentation
 Primrose
 Red
 Romance
 Rose
 Saint



Septuagesima
 Simeon
 Snowdrop
 Temple
 Valentine
 Violet

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RIDE THAT ARE YOU?

Following on from my previous article after I had a go on a motorbike in the woodland area my next step was to get a machine of my own.

A friend told me of one for sale at a ridiculous price of 30shillings (£1.50p) – if you consider you could buy one and a half Scalextric cars for that price – today it would cost £80.

Could I save up that amount before it was sold? Poor Mum had to listen to ramblings about how great it would be to buy this. Promises to pay her back & to do whatever chores in the home or garden she relented & gave me a green £1 note & a brown 10shilling note.

So it was arranged that my friend & I went to the location of the sale & when I first set eyes on the machine I was somewhat surprised & partly disappointed as it wasn't a motorbike it was a scooter! The first of note was that the side panels below the seat were missing, so you could see the engine, a bit like a motorbike! There was no rear light, just sprouting wires! Also the lack of a front brake lever! Not to worry, the owner said as its got a rear brake operated by a foot pedal. The machine started up & he rode it round a yard as my bubble of enthusiasm hadn't burst but was leaking.

Then he asked me to try it. He showed me how the clutch & gear change worked on the left twist grip & I slowly trundled round. It didn't seem too bad & then I twisted the throttle control more vigorously & it surged forward like an Apollo rocket (at least to my 13 year old mind). And so I handed over my 2 notes of the realm & it was mine! Not being old enough for a licence & the machine not being road worthy we pushed it back home but at the entrance of the driveway I started the engine & rode it up & Mum came out to see what was making a noise like a swarm of angry bees. She wasn't impressed & said "You're not going to ride that are you?" I then explained that it looked worse than it was & it would be great to ride in the woods. As she went back indoors she said "I don't what your father will say".

Whenever she used the word father instead of dad I knew things could be tricky. Dad did wonder why I had bought a load of rubbish but he did allow me to keep it in the shed alongside the lawnmower which was probably more roadworthy!

Riding in the woods proved to be great fun. It wasn't as fast as the 2 motorbikes but scooters were not made to ride on rough ground & muddy tracks – I didn't care as it was great zig zagging between the tree lined track & up & down a few yumps & bumps then zooming down a straight then slipping round a right hand corner to head back through the trees. I skidded off a few times but never really hurt myself. In fact I think we were lucky not to bash our heads on a tree branch. None of us wore a helmet of any kind!

I never rode it everyday but had enjoyed many hours of fun & the scooter served its purpose but after about a year the gears stopped working & Dad saw this as the perfect opportunity to reclaim his space in the shed, so relocated to a scrap yard –

the scooter was gone.

Soon I was to leave school & start a job & as another year passed I was old enough to buy "L" plates, a licence & put a deposit on a brand new machine. It wasn't a motorbike but a bright orange scooter! At the time I was more familiar with how the gears operated & also you could have a chrome rack with a spare wheel fitted which was handy if you had a puncture. It proved to be a great machine & I did many miles on it in all weathers.

Most of my friends had petrol powered 2 wheelers of some sort from 50cc mopeds to 250cc motorbikes. After 2 years the orange scooter was sold & was replaced by a brand new Yamaha 125 machine. I had fallen for it hook, line & bank loan. Its bright red & white paint work & gleaming chrome had my nose pressed up against the showroom window!

So this was my first step on the ladder of a lifetime of motorcycle ownership. I would buy several more bikes from that showroom, Yamahas & Kettles! (Suzuki GT750) & a Kawasaki too. Sadly that shop has closed down along with many other dealerships over the years. I am thankful that I lived at a time when motorcycle shops were common. Dartford in the seventies had 4 !

So leaving two stroke fumes in the past Dr Pepper can refill my glass! "Cheers"

Your Scribe, Stephen (the Bruce), Steve 3

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Peanut butter and strawberry jam treats!

Ingredients

150g salted butter cubed
100g crunchy peanut butter
300g light soft brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
3 eggs beaten
220 g plain flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
6/7 tsp strawberry jam

Method

1. Heat the oven to 170C, butter a 20cm lined square tin. Melt the butter, peanut butter, brown sugar and vanilla together in a large saucepan over a low heat stirring occasionally until combined. Remove from the heat and leave to cool slightly.
2. Whisk the eggs lightly, then sift over the flour and baking powder and fold in using a spatula until just combined.
3. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and dot the jam over the top. Using a skewer, swirl it in to give a marbled effect.
4. Bake for 30/40 minutes. Leave to cool in the tin.
5. Cut into squares and enjoy with a cup of tea.

Pam
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Elaine & Chris volunteering in the Orphanage in Cambodia





Join us on

Saturday 22nd February 2025

PAST AND PRESENT CHURCH SALE

10am – 1pm

At

St Nicholas at Wade Church



Stalls including:
bric a brac,
glassware,
toys,
clothing,
jewellery and books.

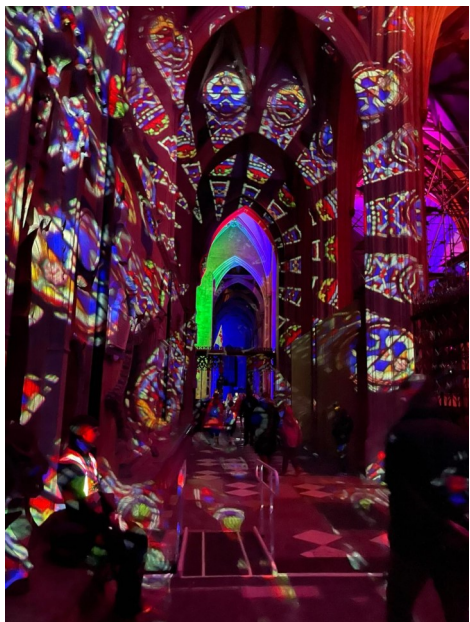
Tea, coffee and cake
refreshments available too!



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St Nicholas at Wade
Church.



Photos of Lesley & Graham's visit to The Light Festival at Bristol Cathedral

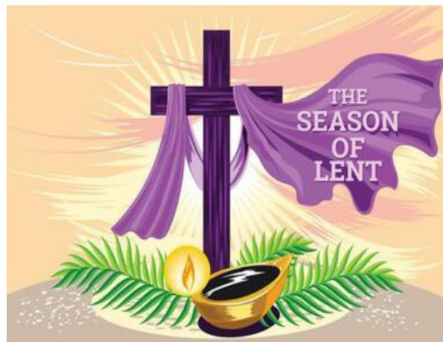


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FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH

AT 10.30am



Come & join us at our
short All Age Service
ALL ARE WELCOME

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