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ALL SOULS

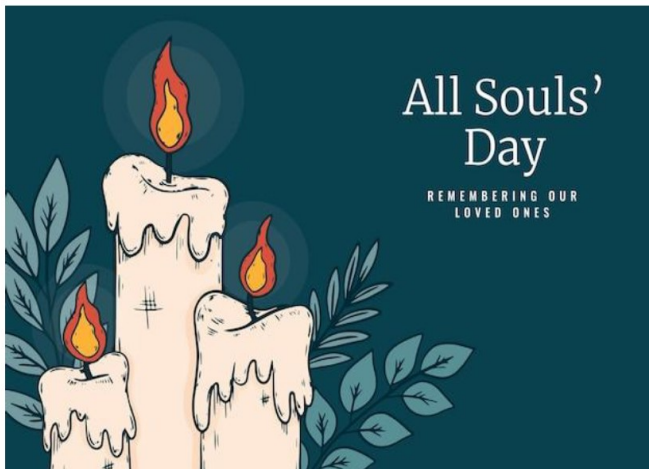
FAMILY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

At 10.30am

Celebrant

The Revd Susan Wing



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

ALL SOULS SERVICE

SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

AT 3pm

**REMEMBERING OUR
DEPARTED LOVED ONES**



Followed by refreshments

Greetings to everyone reading this letter. It is a privilege to be able to contribute a few thoughts this month.

November is often seen as a dark, grey, damp month that can only lead to winter – scenario number one!!

It is also a month that leads us into Advent, with the Bible readings in our services under headings as 'Sundays before Advent', so the season of hope alongside warnings is able to thrive – scenario number two!!

Some focus on 5th as well – with 'gunpowder treason and plot' – almost folk memory – and marked with bonfires and fireworks, showing how the state and religion were tangled up together in the past, and still often are, in very different ways – scenario three I suppose, and harder to link in with the others.

There is, though, truth in all three ideas and they often overlap in different ways.

This November starts with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, followed by Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday and leads us into Advent Sunday, which this year is 30th November.

Who would you class as a saint today as we celebrate the feast of All Saints, and recover maybe from the eve of All Hallows the day before? Many have their favourite saint from the many we know about from the past. Who would count as a saint today? There are so many people struggling to bring some good out of so many difficult situations in our world today. For every war, there are brave people struggling to bring peace with justice, to bring food to hungry people, to rebuild where destruction has reigned supreme.

The news bring us so much news about the appalling situations. We could do worse this month than think about and pray for those who are trying incredibly hard in so many ways to make things better, often against all the odds. If there are appeals to help, perhaps we could donate to one of the charities that support these efforts.

As we lead slowly up to Advent, through the remembrance of world wars and our own personal memories of loved ones lost, may we gradually look towards the hope of the Advent promise, as well as coping with the dire situations around so much of the world. Let us try and work even more with those trying to use less resources and to use these resources wisely. Let us try and help, as we did in the covid years, those who need help when the weather closes in and the darkness comes early.

Jesus promises to be with us through all this. He is 'the light of the world' and will illuminate the way forward. He offers help to cope with the shadows even when the darkness feels scary and the full light not visible very much. May we be willing to play our part in shining the light of hope around us and let the light shine onwards and outwards for all who are seeking for some glimmers in the darkness.

God bless you this November, as we move onward into the hope that is eternal and part of our heritage in Christ.

Revd Barbara Way

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 9th 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

TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYERS

AT 10.55am

FOLLOWED BY the

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

At 11am



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”

Marjorie M, Richard T, Genevieve O, Charlie, Harry, Tina, Eddie Boyle, Dawn, Dario Vaccaro, Eugenius, Nojus, Robert, Sheila M, baby Finlay, Sue T, Hilary, Stacey, Linda W, Joseph, Reena, Tony,

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”

Dawn, Jenny C

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Robert Duff 7th November 1944 Geoffrey Maxton 11th November 1942

George Lynas 13th November 1944 Ernest Hole 14th November 1943

Harvest Festival at St Saviour's





Harvest Thank Yous

A big thank you for the food donated for The Storehouse Food Bank run from Birchington Baptist Church. Thanks to Ron, the donations received from our church family, 1st Westgate Rainbows and the Piggy Bank Nursery were taken to the Baptist Church on the Thursday after our Harvest Festival. Maddie, the Organiser of the Food Bank, made sure a thank you card was sent to St Saviour's, the Rainbows and the Nursery. Our card has been on display at the back of the church.

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 Jef Foulger on Sunday 2nd November at 3pm and light refreshments will be served at the back of the church afterwards. We warmly invite you to come to the service regardless of whether you are a regular churchgoer or where the funeral was held.

You will find a list at the back of the church to record the names of departed loved ones to be remembered during the service.

Safe Families

St Saviour's Church has been contacted by Sarah, the Church and Community Relationships Coordinator for Safe Families. This is a charity with a vision to see every child and family flourish and believe the Church is uniquely designed by God to do that. Their goal is to support families to prevent children from entering care and then inspire and support individuals, couples and families to provide homes for children in the care system.

Safe Families has secured some funding to launch a Safe Families project in Canterbury and Thanet, giving them an opportunity to directly serve the Church in the area. If you would like to know more about the project, do come to Sarah's PowerPoint presentation on **Wednesday 12th November at 2pm in Christ Church United Reformed Church, 54 Westgate Bay Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8SN**. We are grateful to the elders of Christ Church, who have the necessary facilities, for agreeing to host the event.

Sundays in November and December

10.30am Sunday services become more varied than usual in the last 2 months of the year. This year they are as follows:

2 nd November	Family Communion for All Saints
9 th November	Remembrance Sunday Service with an in-service collection for the Royal British Legion (no refreshments at St Saviour's) followed by procession to the War Memorial in Sea Road for a Commemoration at 12noon. Refreshments served afterwards in Christ Church United Reformed Church.
16 th November	Café Church in the social area of St Saviour's Church
23 rd November	Sung Eucharist
30 th November	Sung Eucharist for Advent Sunday with incense
7 th December	Family Service with a speaker from Oasis Domestic Abuse Service and children from St Saviour's School bringing their travelling cribs to be blessed
14 th December	Sung Eucharist
21 st December	Carols with readings for Christmas
28 th December	Sung Eucharist

Services of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) will be held at 9am on 9th and 23rd November and 14th December. Please note there is no 9am service on 28th December.

Christmas Services

Carol singing at our St Mildred's Road gate Sunday 30th November at 4.30pm. This event is being organised by Westgate, Westbrook and Garlinge Christians Together to coincide with the town's Christmas lights being switched on. All welcome to provide vocal support.

Family Service with gifts for Oasis Domestic Abuse Service and blessing the travelling cribs from St Saviour's School Sunday 7th December at 10.30am. Please remember that gifts are to be new and unwrapped. Some gift ideas are:

- Books – baby books, picture books, interactive and children's reference books, and general fiction for teens and young adults

- Creative kits - craft sets, art supplies, science kits and DIY activities

- Toys – age-appropriate toys such as puzzles, playsets, soft toys, vehicles and figurines

- Games – family-friendly games such as Uno, Dobble, Top Trumps and similar

- Teenage gifts – LEGO Technics, construction sets, manicure kits, colouring/doodle books, stationery

- Clothing – hats, scarves, gloves, pyjamas, socks (for all ages and sizes)

Carols with readings for Christmas Sunday 21st December at 10.30am

Crib Service with Christingles and return of St Saviour's School travelling Cribs Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) at 4.00pm. The service will include a collection for the Children's Society

First Communion of Christmas Wednesday 24th December at 11.30pm

Family Communion with Carols Christmas Day 10.30am

Damaged WWI War Shrine

During a grand de-clutter of the church building in June 2007, 3 sheets of card were found in the space between the altar in the War Memorial Chapel and the back of the church organ. Handwritten names of the 407 men from the parish serving in the armed forces during WWI were on 2 of the sheets whilst the third was a handwritten list of the fallen from the town during that war. James Brazier, a local member of Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre and Regional Volunteer for the War Memorials Trust, framed the lists of serving members and the third list was professionally framed thanks

to the generosity of Alan and Ann Clark. All 3 frames were erected on the north wall of the War Memorial Chapel and registered with the War Memorials Trust (reference WMO/126108).

Sadly, the shrine listing the names of the fallen became badly affected by damp during 2020 and/or 2021 and was taken down in 2021 while efforts were made to find a suitable repairer. To date, these have proved unsuccessful. Fortunately, James had taken a photograph of the shrine prior to 2020, which he subsequently framed in an antique oak picture frame. James presented his digitally repaired surrogate War Shrine to Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre at their talk in November 2024, and it has recently been erected on the north wall of the War Memorial Chapel in the position occupied by the original.



Church Cleaning

Are you able to help keep our lovely church building clean? We have a small band of willing volunteers meeting once a month, who need more "holy dusters". If you can help on Thursday 13th November or Thursday 11th December from 10am to 12noon, please let the Churchwardens or Verger know. We are very grateful to José and Susan B for organising the team in recent years, to the continuing team members (Steve C, Lidiana, Irene, Valerie and Jane W) and to Steve S, the new organiser.

An Evening 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)

Sunday 16th November 2025

6.30pm – 7.45pm

BIRCHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
31, Station Road, CT7 9DJ



Praying & Working TOGETHER for THANET

**Call to United Prayer
for Thanet, UK & World**

Calling ALL Christians in Thanet to PRAY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Seasonal messages will appear in the **DECEMBER** edition of "The Link" . Messages can be sent or emailed to Valda **NO LATER** than **SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER** for a **DONATION**. **ALL DONATIONS ARE FOR CHURCH FUNDS**.

 **Seasons
Greetings**

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FRIDAY "POP IN"

Pop in for a cup of tea/coffee & a
biscuit or two & a chat

In St Saviour's Church between
10.30am & 12noon every Friday.

Meet friends & make new ones, you
will be very WELCOME.



Coffee & Chat

CHRISTMAS FAIR



Our St Saviour's Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 22nd November 2025 from 11am till 2pm. The fundraising team are already working hard behind the scenes to make it as successful as possible. If you don't already know the team members are Sue, Alan, Heather, Martin, Brian and Chris. This year there will be refreshments as normal run by Pam and her excellent team. If you can bake any cakes, sausage rolls or mince pies I'm sure she will be grateful for any donations or help on the day.

There will be a Bric a Brac stall and book stall, so donations gratefully received. The only thing we ask is if you could hold onto them until nearer the time as storage space is limited. Heather will be running this stall, so any help or donations please see her.

The prize Draw, we are hoping for 1st prize a Booze hamper.

2nd prize Christmas Goodies

3rd prize an Asda Voucher

And many more prizes, so once again if you can donate a prize, we would be grateful. Tickets will be on sale from Mid-October at £1 a ticket. If you could sell some to your friends and family, please see Chris.

Donations and help still required for the tombola stall, jig saws, home produce and the jewellery stalls. Jam jars needed for the home produce stall please

There will be lots of other stalls and children's activities on the day, so if you are able to help in any way, please see one of the team.

Chris x



St Saviour's
Parish Church
Westgate-on-Sea

**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE
22ND NOV 2025**

Westgate Bay Avenue
Westgate-on-Sea
Kent, CT8 8NX

**11AM
TO 2PM**

**Grotto
Prize Draw
Jewellery
Children's Activities
Tombola**

**Guess Cake Weight
Bric-a-Brac
Book Stall
Refreshments
Home Produce**

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

The Royal Kentish Camino Trail (23 miles)

The Royal Kentish Camino is a themed walking route, launched on the 27 April 2024, that has been developed as a joint initiative by the churches of St Martin, Canterbury, St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge and St Mary & St Eanswythe, Folkestone to celebrate the achievements of three powerful women from successive generations of the Kentish Royal Family in the 6th and 7th Centuries AD. This was a foundational time in the creation of England as a nation state, which ultimately led on to the formation of the United Kingdom we know today. The route offers a unique experience of pilgrimage in this country as it ends at the shrine of a saint whose relics are still preserved and venerated in the church she founded almost 1,400 years ago.

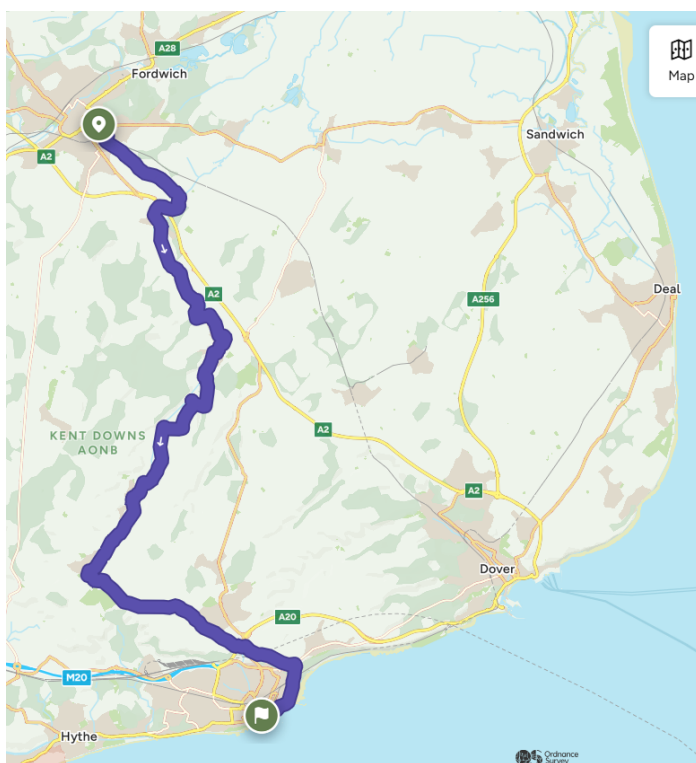
The route of just over 23 miles (37.7km) begins at the church of St Martin in Canterbury, part of the World Heritage Site that also contains Canterbury Cathedral and St Augustine's Abbey. It is the oldest church in the English-speaking world, used before the end of the 6th Century by Queen Bertha, who is thought to have encouraged her husband King Aethelberht to invite the Pope to send the Christian mission that led to the conversion of England. The route proceeds from Canterbury to Patricbourne where it turns south and heads down the Elham Valley towards Lyminge, where Bertha's daughter Ethelburga founded a church in the 630s, that was re-excavated and studied in detail in 2019. Ethelburga was Queen of Northumbria and began the conversion of the north of England to Christianity in 625. From Lyminge, the route climbs up onto the ridge of the North Downs and passes the ancient church at Paddlesworth.

This is dedicated to St Oswald, one of the first English saints, and may have been founded by Ethelburga's daughter Eanflæd. Having reached the coast above Folkestone, you descend the cliff to the harbour and then climb the opposite cliff where Bertha's granddaughter Eanswythe founded the first church in Folkestone around 660 and where her bones have been preserved ever since. Nowhere else in the British Isles is there a church preserving the relics of its founding saint, so St Eanswythe's shrine is in this sense unique.

In 1885, bones were discovered hidden in the wall of St Mary and St Eanswythe's church in Folkestone. In 2020, scientific tests showed these bones were of a young woman who died aged between 17 and 22 around the year 660 AD. This matches the few details of the life of St Eanswythe that we know, including that she was buried in the church she founded.

The most plausible explanation is that these are her bones, hidden when her shrine was destroyed on the orders of King Henry VIII. There is no other shrine in the British Isles still housing the relics of its original founding saint after almost 1,400 years. The Royal Kentish Camino may be a modern route, but importantly it does end at a shrine. This is a very ancient shrine, dating back to the earliest days of Christianity in England following the arrival of the mission of St Augustine. Visiting St Eanswythe's shrine in Folkestone is a unique experience.

Map showing trail from St Martin church Canterbury to St Mary and St Eanswythe's church in Folkestone (23 miles approx. 10 hours 30 mins to walk in one day).



Whilst I'm not sure I will complete the whole walk in a day(!) I'll certainly be visiting St Eanswythe's shrine in Folkestone, especially as it's the only shrine in the British Isles still housing the relics of its original founding saint.

Best wishes, Steve the 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 DECEMBER 2025 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 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

As this long and demanding term draws to a close I would like to extend my thanks to all the St Saviour's School staff for their dedication to the young people in their care. This is always a long and stressful term, particularly for new pupils as they adjust to the change in environment and for many of the older students as they progress up the school, facing ever more rigorous academic challenges and taking on new responsibilities.

It was a pleasure to see all pupils in church recently, to celebrate harvest and give thanks to God for his provision and for the work of the farmers who produce our food. During the services, which were led by the pupils, they showed sensitivity and compassion for those less fortunate than themselves, treated us to some wonderful singing and brought with them some very generous donations which they had collected for the local Food Bank. These gifts are especially appreciated in these straightened times when everyone is feeling the pinch of the constant rises in the cost of living.

We as leaders are currently preparing for our Church inspection, known as SIAMS. This is something every church school faces every 3-4 years alongside Ofsted. Since our last inspection the criteria have changed and this year we will be judged on our Christian Distinctiveness. We will be asked to describe how we live out our biblical vision which, for St Saviour's, is based on the Bible passage from Mark 4 where we read how Jesus calmed the storm. That vision is to foster a strong sense of community and belonging. To instill a sense of calmness within the school environment, just as Jesus calmed the storm, this we believe extends into the wider community. Our progressive curriculum exposes children to new experiences, which gives every child the opportunity to achieve their potential. Through these principles, we seek to create an inclusive and supportive space where all individuals feel valued and journey with us through the calm and storms of life. We will be required to show the Inspector how we create that sense of community and inclusion within a calm environment and how we encourage our young people to look beyond the school walls and become courageous advocates in the wider world. We will be challenged on our provision for daily collective worship and how every member of the school community is encouraged to explore their own spirituality. The youngsters are enabled to do this through 'Ow and Wow' moments. 'Wow' means allowing children to pause and observe some 'awe and wonder' moments around them.

'Ow' is about sharing and reflecting on the more uncomfortable or difficult situations we might face in life, providing the children with the tools to better process these, at times, confusing emotions.

Finally I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Headteacher, Mr Bonell and our Christian Distinctiveness Lead teacher Mr Bealing, who, together have been the driving force behind making sure we are up to date with all that SIAMS requires of us. They have both been very patient with me each time I have emailed or visited the school to check on and challenge them on this planning. On my last visit to the school I was thrilled to see some new art work displayed around the school vividly depicting Jesus as he calms the storm, thus reinforcing for the young people that their school is a place of calm and sanctuary, where all may feel safe and valued.

Please do remember them and the impending inspection in your prayers, and ask that God's light will shine in every corner of the School.

Ann Friedlos (Vice-chair of Governors)



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Walking in New Testament Sandals

Saturday 8th November 2025:

9.30am^(drinks) for a prompt 10.00am start - **3pm**^(latest)

Venue: Birchington Baptist church

31 Station Rd, Birchington CT7 9DJ

next to Miles and Barr

Close to bus stop, accessible access at the side



This will be an inter-active day of exploration,
new insights and FUN,
led by the Revd Dr Sue Woan

We'll see how the land itself helps us to read the Bible, and why we must have a Jewish mindset to understand so much of the gospels and letters.

**THE HIGHLIGHT! - A unique visit to
Churches Together in Rome**

Please bring a Bible and your own lunch, drinks provided..... sandals optional!

Cost: Free, but prior booking essential.

Contact Sue on 07710 869135

Or sue.woan1@gmail.com

Or look for a sign-up sheet in your church

An Alternative Recipe!

Ingredients

1 tin sweetcorn 400g
200ml coconut milk
3 eggs
225g caster sugar
3 tbsp plain flour (25g)
½ tsp baking powder

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180c, gas mark 4
2. Lightly grease 25cm x 30cm baking tray
3. Place sweetcorn, coconut milk, eggs and caster sugar into the food processor before adding the flour and baking powder into the mixture last
4. Blend together, then pour the mixture into the baking tray. Bake for 35/40 minutes
5. Serve warm or cold sliced into squares

A different approach!

Pam.



Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride 2025

This event was held in mid September on a day that started off very wet! Steve and Mel were representing our church and walked from Westgate to Birchington visiting seven churches in total. Thank you very much for braving the weather! Thanks also to everyone who sponsored them - remember that we always receive back for our funds half of the amount raised by our Riders and Striders.

We had 17 visitors throughout the day, mostly from Thanet but also one intrepid person who came from Gillingham. Our early morning visitors had an unwanted heavy shower between their previous church and us - we needed to provide a towel so one of them could dry his hands before signing the visitor sheet. Later in the day (and in sunshine) the peace was shattered by three lively small boys who rushed through the door shouting 'Are there any toys?' Their parents followed more sedately - the father was the Minister at Swalecliffe Free Church.

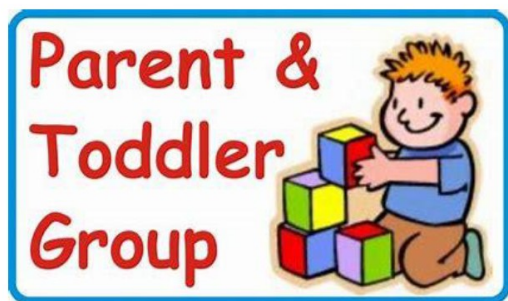
My thanks to Christine, Jane and Chris (Gibbs) for sitting with me during the day and helping the time to pass quickly. It is important that we do have the Church open for this event to welcome participants. A closed door with a sheet to sign is always a disappointing sight, a smiling face helps when you are nearing the end of a long walk or cycle ride.

José Gibbs



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



FROM BONFIRES TO 2 FRIED EGGS

November, November is the month to remember, on the 5th we celebrate a certain guy called Mr Fawkes. Bonfires rage all over the country, Fireworks wiz, bang & sparkle. Rockets zoom, crackers go crack and potatoes bake in the embers of bonfires. At least that is how I remember it from my childhood. The next day we would seek out the empty fireworks & pretend to refill them for future use!

It was in 1605 that Guy Fawkes put 20 barrels of gunpowder in a cellar beneath the Houses of Parliament. But before he could light the blue touch paper he & his fellow conspirators are caught & eventually executed. Nice try Guy!

Then on November 11th we remember the Fallen from the two World Wars. Sermons & speeches around memorials & in churches along with parades & the laying of wreaths. So many soldiers/civilians were lost during those conflicts. So far as I know my family got off lightly. Of my 2 grandads – one was a skilled engineer who worked in a Armaments factory in south east London, he never spoke very much about the war years but I vaguely remember him telling of how he had a few near misses cycling to work dodging bombs & doodlebugs! By contrast my other Grandad was in the Eighth Army out in the desert in Africa, he drove a big lorry. He didn't talk about the war very much unless his young grandson (me) pestered him! He did show me some little black & white photos of him with some army pals. Also photos of lorries including his which had 2 eggs frying on its mudguard. I wish I had that photo but sadly I don't. he said it would get so hot in daytime but the temperature would drop to almost freezing at night.

After all the trials & tribulations of the war years he then worked as a Sales Rep for a sweet manufacture (I think it was Cadbury) so I was lucky as I was given a treat now & then of a bar of chocolate or a bag of sweets! Along with my usual copy of the Beano comic.

Then moving on in years my MKII Brother in law came into our lives! it turns out that he was a sargeant in the RAF & spent time in the Far East. At the end of the war he bought a few items back

To Blighty including a genuine Samurai sword. He donated this with other war related items to Manston Air Museum. The sword still hangs in a glass case at the museum with his name attached to it. He also bought home a magnificently carved wooden trunk which I always admired. Unfortunately after he passed away my sister gave the trunk away as she never liked it! (drat).

My own Dad joined the Merchant Navy at the latter part of the war & fortunately the ships he travelled on never succumbed to U boat or air attacks (otherwise I would not be your scribe!). he stayed in the Navy for a short time after the war & enjoyed visiting America & Australia before returning to the UK to marry my Mum! Then along came my sister & a few years later Yours Truly. What had they let themselves in for ? – turn that noise (music) down!

Quickly returning to the subject of fires, we used to use the open fires indoors to heat or cook some things. Toast obviously or you could put a spud or sausages in foil in the grate of the glowing embers. They cooked well as I remember us sat in front of a nice warm fire on a winters evening. Of course it all came to an end when gas boilers took over.(I knew no good would come of it!)

Who fancies a crispy jacket spud?

Your scribe, Stephen (the Bruce), Steve 3



St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER

At 10.30am

With donations of new toys or gift
vouchers for

OASIS DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE
& BLESSING of the TRAVELLING CRIBS
for ST SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL



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/>

Diocese of Canterbury

Guidance on the Distribution of Holy Communion

March 2025

The normal practice for the distribution of the bread and wine of Holy Communion in the Church of England has, since the reformation, been for both bread and wine to be consumed by each communicant and for wine to be distributed from a common cup.

From time to time there have been situations in which advice or instruction has been given to suspend the use of the common cup in a health emergency and following public health advice. Two examples of this this century have been the outbreak of “Swine ‘Flu” in the 2000s and, more significantly, the COVID-19 pandemic in the early 2020s. Many churches across the Diocese of Canterbury have not resumed the normal practice of distributing Holy Communion after the pandemic.

Since 2022 there have been no restrictions on the use of the common cup and on communion in both kinds. The House of Bishops’ COVID-19 Recovery Group’s advice states that

*Holy Communion should be administered in both kinds unless there is a clear and objective reason why there would be a significant risk in doing so, such as local public health warnings relating to coronavirus levels in your area. It is important that no pressure is placed on members of the congregation to receive the sacrament if they feel unable to do so. **Because of ongoing potential risks to health, an individual communicant may choose to receive only in the form of bread even if consecrated wine is being distributed.***

Therefore, normal practice should now be considered to be for Holy Communion to be distributed in both kinds (bread and wine) and that the common cup be used. Incumbents and Parochial Church Councils of churches where the common cup has not been reintroduced are encouraged to consider its reintroduction and that the normative practice of the Church of England be resumed across the Diocese. The use of individual glasses or cups for individual communicants remains unlawful.

Public health and good hygiene remain important. Therefore

- Those who feel unable to receive the common cup may receive Holy Communion in one kind (bread) only.
- Individual communicants may not dip the bread into the wine (intinction) themselves.
- Care should continue to be taken by those presiding at Holy Communion to maintain high levels of hygiene, including hand washing.
- Those who show symptoms of illness should take steps to minimise their contact with others, including at Holy Communion.
- In cases of particular need, individual communicants may request the minister to dip the bread in the wine (intinction) before giving it to the communicant. **However, this is the exception rather than the norm.**
- PCCs may continue to make local arrangements for how any greeting is organised at the Peace in services of Holy Communion.

+Rose Dover

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 11.30am on the third Tuesday each month.

Friday Pop In 10.30am to 12 noon

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 .

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