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The Link

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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 7th June

AT 10.30am – 11.15am



ALL ARE WELCOME

World Cup Fever Hits Westgate (or Does It ?)

As always, I am pleased to be writing about current and past events that resonate during June. I imagine the headlines for the next month will be about the FIFA World Cup. From 11th June until the final on 19th July teams from 48 countries will be involved in 148 football matches across Canada, Mexico and USA. *

However, my research has revealed that June has also has many other events worth noting.

The first day of June is the 'Global Day of Parents' followed three days later by 'Hug your cat day', as if this is not enough 4th June, is also 'National Cheese Day'. The *Global Day of Parents* is a worthy commemoration of what parents do for their children set up by the United Nations in 2012.

Two other days that share a date -6th June- but otherwise have nothing in common, are the anniversary of D Day 1944 and 'National Fish and Chip Day'.

Some commemorative dates are obvious, but I wonder who it is that decides when special celebratory days happen and what noteworthy hurdle must be overcome to warrant a place in our calendar? Do we need excuses to eat tart and drink ale on 'Beer Day' (15th) or 'National Bakewell Tart Day'?

Obviously, the anniversary of D Day is meaningful, which like National Windrush Day on 22nd June we mark with extra poignancy as the people who were there get older and first-account memories fade. The Second World War Victory over Right-Wing Dictators and the Black British citizens who arrived on the boats like HMT Empire Windrush in 1948, to help out in organisations like the NHS and London Transport, both have a significant resonance for our world today.

One other event that has become embedded in our national culture happened 60 years ago, when England won the Football World Cup. I was there- well actually I was in my parents' back room as we focussed hard on the grainy black and white tv shouting at it 'Give the ball to Bobby!' We meant Bobby Charlton, but it was Geoff Hurst who scored the winning goal.

I am pleased to note that Channel 4 have commissioned a full colour broadcast of England football's finest hour which is due to be shown during the evening of 6 June 2026. The 1966 World Cup Final In Colour will air on TV and streaming in aid of Alzheimer's Society.

Comedian David Baddiel will be introducing the programme along with Sir Geoff Hurst, England's hattrick hero, who will be reflecting on that famous day and remembering his many teammates who developed dementia.

A good friend of mine will be watching with interest as he was at Wembley in 1966 in the stands cheering. He has a big regret however in that he can't find the official match day programme that he bought for 2 shillings and 6 pence (about 12p today). Whilst it's not the value, anything from £60-£300, it is the history and great recollections that it holds.

Regret is a powerful emotion that can unlock deep memories, and the Bible offers profound examples of this feeling. One involves Peter, who denies Jesus three times. When the rooster crows, he remembers Jesus told him this would happen and he regrets not having taking note of his Saviour's words. Peter weeps bitterly showing his remorse. (Luke 22:62). Yet we can learn how God can overcome our negative feelings, because it is this Peter who is rejuvenated by the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and who stands up in front of a crowd of pious Jewish people to tell them why they should place their faith in Jesus their Messiah.

I hope that any regrets you may have can like Peter's be resolved by God's power and time and prayer, but as always please do contact me if you wish to chat 07783 984070.

**You may wish to dip into June's feast of football. England and Scotland are both playing; Scotland is up first against Haiti on 14 June at 02:00 BST and is on BBC. England have their first match against Croatia on 17 June at 21:00 BST and it can be watched on ITV.*

Come on England... and Scotland!

Revd Jef Foulger



Services in June

Sunday 7th June All Age Service at 10.30am followed by refreshments

Sunday 14th June Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at 9.00am

Sung Eucharist at 10.30am followed by refreshments

Holy Baptism of Abigail at 12.30pm

Sunday 21st June Morning Prayer with banns and Holy Baptism of Martha at 10.30am followed by refreshments

Sunday 28th June Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at 9.00am

Sung Eucharist with banns at 10.30am followed by refreshments



FROM THE REGISTERS

For those Baptised

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

24th May Aziah

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”

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”

World War 2 Roll of Honour for this month

Royston Stringer 8th June 1940

Dennis Pell 13th June 1943

Norman Steers 19th June 1945

Fundraising Report

Raising money for the church is crucial, for those that came to the annual church meeting in April I was astounded by the monthly cost of just opening up each week from electricity to the church roof repairs costing thousands which is now done and the scaffolding has been removed.

St Saviours plays such a big part of life in Westgate on Sea, and the beautiful building stands proud in this wonderful town, with it's calming and comforting atmosphere which is important to a lot of people and to the town and I'm sure if it wasn't used people would be upset, so it's vital we keep open for all to visit, and raising money in a fun way making people smile and be part of this church family is essential.

The summer fayre preparations are coming together with many stalls outside weather permitting, as well as lots inside, having a cup of tea and a slice of cake singing along to the ukulele band, or grabbing some bargains it's fun for everyone. The Grumpy Goblin selling Pokémon cards have agreed to have a stall, and a bouncy castle for the under 12s will be in the garden. so lots of family fun. Donations towards the raffle, tombola or cake stall will be greatly appreciated. Books and bric a brac are needed too. Also if you are able to help on the day, please let one of the fundraising team know. Let's have a brilliant day!!

The 100 club is going well with a few numbers left to sell. For those that are unsure how it works there are a hundred numbers from one to one hundred each number costs one pound per month. All the numbers sold are put in a pot and one is pulled out after the family service which is the first Sunday of each month. The number pulled out wins half of the money raised. May's lucky number was number 65 which was Mrs Julie Parris a friend of St Saviour's and she won £36.50. (because 73 numbers were sold). The other half of the money is donated to the church.

Plant sale, we have been growing plants to sell at the back of the church. We are hopeful this will become a regular feature.

With love the fundraising team x



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

Monthly Draw

Numbers are available for £1 a month from members of the Fundraising Committee (Chris, Sue and Brian). The winning number is drawn after the service on the first Sunday of the month and money raised that month is divided equally between the winner and St Saviour's Church. The lucky winner of the draw after the May Family Service was Julie, one of the helpers at the summer fair.

Christian Aid Week 2026

The amount donated in the collecting pot and envelopes will be announced in church and next month's Link.

Date for your diary

By popular request, the Fusion Gospel Singers and Rock Band are making a return visit to St Saviour's on Sunday 21st June 2026 at 3pm. Donations on the day in aid of St Saviour's Church will be invited as admission is free. To book please email office@stsaviourswestgate.org.uk

"Ladies"

It's "Jewellery Box" time again.

Please have a really good sort through and let me have any pieces that you no longer wear for my usual Stall at our July Fair,

thank you all so much, Joy.



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)

Sunday 14th June 2026

6– 7.15pm

CHRISTCHURCH URC
54, Westgate Bay Av, Westgate, CT8 8SN



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

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 JULY 2026 “The Link” is
SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2026

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.

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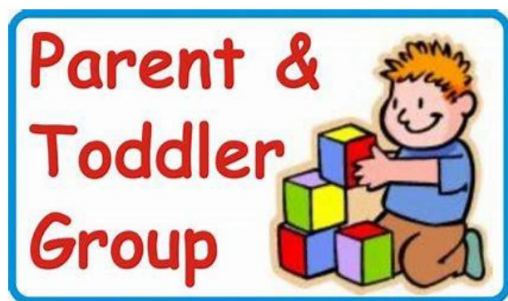
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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

TODDLER TIME



Meets

MONDAY MORNINGS

(Term time only)

9.15am to 11.30am

**For pre-school children
and carers**



Sweet Potato Brownies

Ingredients

2 sweet potatoes, about 400g, halved
125g almond butter
100g maple syrup
25g cocoa powder, sifted
50g plain flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
25g chopped almonds (optional)
100g dark chocolate roughly chopped

Method

1. Heat the oven to 180C fan and line a 20cm square baking tin with baking paper. Place the sweet potato halves in a separate tin and roast for 40 to 50 minutes until softened. Leave to cool then transfer to a food processor and blitz until smooth.
2. Reduce the oven to 160C. Tip the pureed sweet potatoes into a bowl and combine with the remaining ingredients except the almonds and 50g of the chocolate. Spoon the batter into the prepared tin. Scatter over the almonds if using them and bake for 30 to 40 minutes until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. Leave to cool.
3. Melt the chocolate in a heatproof bowl in the microwave for 30 seconds and stir until smooth. Drizzle over the Brownies and leave to cool, before cutting into Squares.

Pam x





MINSTER IN THANET OPEN GARDENS 2026

*Discover the hidden beauty of Minster's private and
community gardens*

Saturday 6th June

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday 7th June

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

- Explore stunning, lovingly-kept gardens
- Enjoy local refreshments and produce
- A perfect family day out

Tickets: £5 per person

Available from: The Old Schools Hall, The Recreation
Ground and the Open Gardens themselves

Under 14s go FREE
(with a paying adult)

Refreshments & Ploughman's Lunches

Available at The Old Schools Hall

**Free Parking -
Recreation Ground**
Postcode: CT12 4DE



Follow us on 

BASIC CHRISTIANITY

Join us for six Thursday evenings starting in June for a meal at 6.30pm followed by a short video and discussion. Aimed at anyone that wants to see what Christianity is all about.



THURSDAYS, 6.30-8.30PM, STARTING ON 4TH JUNE 2026,
AT ST NICHOLAS AT WADE CHURCH

PLEASE CALL REV JEF ON 07783 984070 OR EMAIL
INFO@WANTSUNCHURCHES.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION



EGGSHELLS, WATERPROOF WOOL, FLYING SHEEP

Brown or white eggshells? Which do you prefer? – when it comes to chicken eggs we are used to the brown colours but there seems to be a lot of white ones in the shops these days. I can't tell the difference after I've poached, scrambled or boiled an egg. According to what I read there isn't any change to the contents of the egg. There are breeds of chicken around the world that can lay various coloured eggs & part of this process can be affected by the food the chickens eat. In Australia there is a chicken that lays dark brown or black eggs! In Asia some chickens lay green eggs! The chickens we know today were bred from wildfowl from the Far East. In their native habitat they could live up to 30 years somewhat longer than today's domestic chicken. They say that birds of today especially the flightless bird like ostrich & emu are descended from the age of the dinosaurs. I've eaten chicken & chips but not ostrich & chips! Imagine a plate of T.Rex & chips?! you would need a big plate!

Sadly today's chickens get a pretty rough deal & if this fact is true I feel this act should be banned! Apparently in the commercial world a little yellow chick just bursting out of its shell can be fed in such a way that it can end up on somebody's dinner plate within 9 weeks of its life! On a lighter note there are some kind people who rescue commercial egg laying chickens once their egg production drops, so they can get a few years of freedom. A chicken can lay over 200 eggs a year & the record in 1 year is 309 eggs! That one deserves a rescue & rest.

Sheep! I like sheep, I don't know why exactly but I like seeing them in fields quite content to munch their way across a field of grass or some vegetables. They can look like a fluffy white cloud on a green sky! (imagination overload!) they spend most of the day munching & then later they regurgitate until the next day when they pass all they've eaten then they are off again!

I used to wonder how they didn't become soaking wet sponges on 4 legs stuck out in the pouring rain. Apparently they produce a sort of waterproof oil in their fleece which protects them from becoming waterlogged! Over 100's of years the wool trade was very important to Britain's economy. In fact in times of the War of the Roses & on off 100 years war with France money from the wool trade helped fund the military campaigns. Sadly for the sheep & lambs they provide meat, although I was given lamb or lamb chops at the family dinner table when I was younger. I would never eat such things today no more than I would eat a fish!

Sheep were valuable & in the year 1775 Halifax had the only guillotine to execute thieves of sheep. Others convicted of sheep stealing would be hung. The last person to be hung for stealing a sheep was in 1830 at Lincoln Castle.

In the year 1783 the first hot air balloon took flight, it rose to a height of 1600 feet (500 metres) & travelled for 2 miles. The passengers were not humans but a sheep with a duck & cockerel. The idea was that bird could at least flap their wings if disaster struck & the sheep would be protected by its nice soft woollen coat.

Fortunately the balloon made a gentle landing with no casualties. The cockerel had never been so high, the duck thought it a bit quackers while the sheep was happy to get back to munching.

So while I consider how big the plate be for an ostrich scrambled egg you can peruse the photo of something uncanny emerging from an eggshell.

Does anybody fancy an omelette?!

Your scribe, Stephen (the Bruce)





1st WESTGATE RAINBOWS

For Girls aged 4 to 7 years

Meets Fridays in term time

4.15 to 5.15pm

Westgate Community Centre

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

Any queries: westgaterainbows@outlook.com



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 As announced.

Friday Pop In 10.30am to 12 noon

St Saviour's Church has a Hearing Loop System

Large print Hymn Books 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