

UNITY UPDATE



December 2016

The Monthly Newsletter from the Whitstable Team Ministry



The Advent Adventure

Rachel Webbley writes:

The upheavals of this year may leave many of us feeling unsettled, or even uprooted from a world that we are familiar with.

This is a gift that takes us closer to the experience of the holy family, and brings empathy with so many who are displaced and dis-located today. God's people carry the memory of wilderness, exile and

occupation. Being 'on the right side' of power in a comfortable time of peace is only a small part of our Biblical tradition.

Christians are called to trust God and to love and care for the vulnerable and the stranger whatever the fortunes that surround us. Let's 'keep awake' and make sure our heads are turned neither by the glitter of consumerism, nor the drama of politics. When Christ comes in our busy lives, will we be ready to respond at any cost?

'Advent Adventure' by Frances Copsey

*Adventure is scary and exciting,
a journey into the unknown.
What dangers, what discoveries await us,
wrapped in the folds of the future,
we do not know.*

*This Advent adventure is different.
Something comes towards us
through the darkness;
our candles are tokens
of unimaginable light.*

Taken from 'Candles and Conifers' Ruth Burgess (ed.) Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, 2005

Details of Christmas Services and events at your Local Church

ALL SAINTS



Church Street
Revd Simon
Tillotson
01227 272308

Regular Sunday Services:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Family
Communion on 2nd Sunday
6.30pm Choral Evensong (last Sunday)

Regular Weekday Service:

Thursdays 10.00am - Eucharist with healing
prayer

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



Swalecliffe Court
Drive
Revd David Vannerley
07510 838123

Regular Sunday Services:

- 9.00am Holy Communion - CW Order 2
(3rd Sun)
10.30am Parish Eucharist
(1st, 2nd, 4th Sun)
Morning Praise (3rd Sun)
4.00pm Café Church - Church Centre
(1st Sun)
6.30pm Evening Prayer
(1st, 3rd & 5th Suns)
6.30pm Village Praise in St John the
Baptist Church Centre
(2nd Sun)
6.30pm Village Praise - Chestfield WI
(4th Sun) (3rd in December)
6:30pm Joint worship with SFC.
(5th Sun)

Regular Weekday Services:

The Eucharist is celebrated each Wednesday
at 10.00am in the Church Centre (Healing
Ministry 1st)

ST PETER



Sydenham Street
Revd Simon
Tillotson
01227 272308

Regular Sunday Services:

- 9:30am Sunday School, Church House
10.45am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Sung Evensong. (Benediction
with anointing and laying-on of
hands with prayer for healing on
1st Sunday of the month).

Regular Weekday Service:

Tuesday 10am Said Eucharist.
Wednesday Quiet Hour 1pm - 2pm.

ST ALPHEGE, WHITSTABLE



High Street
Revd Rachel Webbley
01227 273329

Regular Sunday Services:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Family Communion & Junior
Church (Family Service 3rd Sun)
Laying on of hands for healing in
chapel afterwards on 1st Sunday
4.30pm Evensong (1st Sun)

Regular Weekday Service:

Wed 10.00am Holy Communion

ST ALPHEGE, SEASALTER



Faversham Road
Revd Canon Steve
Coneys
01227 276795

Regular Sunday Services:

- 8.45am Holy Communion
In Seasalter Christian Centre
10.10am Lighthouse (short all-age
service)
In Seasalter Christian Centre
11.00am All Age Worship
In Seasalter Christian Centre
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP) 1st Sun
In Old Church, Church Lane

Regular Weekday Services:

Tue 9.15am Morning Prayer
Wed 9.15am Holy Communion
Fri 9.15am Morning Prayer
All in the Old Church

ST ANDREW



Grimshill Road
Georgina Hedley-Smith
georgina@stalphegeseasalter.org

Regular Sunday Services:
6.30pm 'Y' Youth Service

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Saturday	26 th	10:30am: Advent Family Craft and Games at St John's Swalecliffe
Thursday	1 st	11am: Mothers Union Advent Service at Canterbury Cathedral
Saturday	3 rd	9am - 2pm: Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning at St Alphege, Whitstable
Sunday	4th	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	4 th	4pm - 5pm: Cafe Church at St John's, Swalecliffe
Tuesday	6 th	10am: Mothers Union Meditations for Advent - Followed by coffee and Mince Pies at Seasalter Christian Centre
Sunday	11th	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	11 th	3:30pm: Screening of Family Film 'Elf' at at St Alphege, Seasalter - Free entry
Sunday	11 th	10am: Brunch Club Christmas Party at St John's, Swalecliffe
Thursday	15 th	2:30pm: Mothers Union Christmas Past - reflecting on memorabilia of previous Christmas celebrations - at All Saints Church
Sunday	18th	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Friday	23 rd	10am - 12pm: Family Fun Morning at St Alphege, Seasalter following with a Christingle Service at 12pm
Sunday	25th	Christmas Day
Monday	26 th	Boxing Day Lunch at St Alphege, Seasalter. Please contact Yvonne if you would like to attend (yvonne@buzzntali.com)
Thursday	29 th	12pm: Mothers Union Prayer Time at Canterbury Cathedral
Friday	30 th	2:30pm - 5:00pm: Family Games Afternoon at St Alphege, Seasalter - Games for those aged 0 - 100!

In addition to the individual events and activities above, the following take place every week:

St Alphege Whitstable

The Cafe is open every day except Sunday between 9:00am - 12:00pm, with lunches being served on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12:00pm - 2:00pm.

St Alphege Seasalter

Thursdays at 10.30 am: Open Door

Fridays at 6:15pm: Prayerpoint

Fridays at 8:00pm (30 minutes). Silent Prayer of the Heart

All Saints

Mondays at 2:00pm: CAMEO (Come and meet each other)

Thursdays at 11:00am: Film Club

Team Prayer:

Monday's at 5.00pm at St Andrew's

Evening Prayer and prayers for the Team. 

Mothers Union Fellowship:

All are welcome at our meetings, you do not have to be a member, and lifts are always available. Tel. Margaret Lakin-Hall (leader) 01227 262471.

THE LABYRINTH AT ALL SAINTS

It is Advent, a special time and the start of a new exploration of our spiritual relationship with our loving God.

Do come and explore, experience walking the Labyrinth for yourself, at your own pace in your own time.

Saturday 10th December
12:00pm - 3pm.

Family activities at St Alphege Seasalter

Sunday 11 December

3:30pm: Family Film - 'Elf'

Friday 23rd December

10am: Family Craft Morning
for those under 10 years old

Friday 30th December

2:30pm: An afternoon of
Family Games
for those aged 0 - 100!



ST. ALPHEGE CHURCH

RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER

Christmas Concert

SATURDAY, 3RD DECEMBER

Join us

**Whitstable Brass Band
& Hernhill Primary School Choir**

to raise the roof with a chorus of traditional carols

TICKETS £5

Please contact Sheila Holness
01227 266 843
Free entry to under 12s

FOOD & DRINK

Mulled wine, mince pies
and refreshments
will be available

Join us this Christmas

Carol Singing

- Wed 14th at 7:00pm: Carol Singing under the
Yew Trees at All Saints
- Thur 15th at 8:00pm: Carol Singing outside St
Josephs, Chestfield Road.
- Wed 21st at 6:30pm: Carols in the Car Park at
St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 18th December

- 10:30am The Christmas Nativity
at St Alphege, Seasalter
- 4:00pm Carols by Candlelight
at The Old Church, Seasalter.
- 4:30pm: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
at St Alphege, Whitstable

Christingle Services

- 27th Nov: 4:00pm at St John's
- Sat 17th: 4:00pm at All Saints
- Sat 17th: 4:30pm at St Andrews, Grimshill Rd
- Sun 18th: 9:30am at St Alphege, Whitstable
- Sun 18th: 3:30pm at St Peter's
- Fri 23rd: 12pm at St Alphege Seasalter

Christmas Eve Services

- 10:00am Christmas Eve Communion at
St John's Church Centre

Christmas Eve Crib Services

- 3:00pm Crib Service at St John's
- 3:00pm Crib Service at All Saints
- 4:00pm Crib Service at St Alphege, Seasalter
- 4:00pm Nativity Service at St Alphege,
Whitstable
- 4:15pm Crib Service at All Saints
- 4:30pm Crib Service at St John's

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion

- 11:15pm Midnight Communion at All Saints
- 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion at
St Alphege, Seasalter
- 11:30pm First Christmas Eucharist, St John's
- 11:30pm Midnight Mass at St Alphege, Whitstable
- 11:30pm Midnight Mass at St Peter's

Christmas Day Services

- 8:00am Christmas Day Communion at
St Alphege, Whitstable
- 8:00am Holy Communion at All Saints
- 10:00am Holy Communion at All Saints
- 10:00am Holy Communion for Everyone,
St Alphege, Seasalter
- 10:00am Christmas Day Communion at
St Alphege, Whitstable.
- 10:45am Christmas Day Said Eucharist
at St Peter's
- 10:30am Family Holy Communion at St John's

Prayer @ the heart of our community...

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your
birth.... may we begin to see the world in the light of
the understanding you give us, and worship you with
humility in our own heart. Amen

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Wishing you a very
Happy Christmas and
Peaceful New Year

