

UNITY UPDATE

May 2017

The Monthly Newsletter from the Whitstable Team Ministry



helped the disciples to believe Jesus really is alive!

Yet of course, how quickly life seems to go back to normal. The undertakers call about a tragic death on Easter Monday, deadlines must be met, this year we returned straight back to the school run... The Easter 'high' can be followed, for a time, by a post-Easter 'low'.

The relief of completing part of a big project brings with it tiredness as the adrenalin ebbs away. The 'what next?' question is on the horizon. At these times we turn to prayer and,

in whatever ways we can manage, retreat with God to listen.

Our Week of Accompanied prayer, the Ascension to Pentecost 'Novena', and then our Quiet Day, will I trust, give us space to 'be still and know that I am God.' The rhythm of a healthy Christian journey includes not just rest, but space for God to speak, which rarely happens with an overloaded diary.

The Easter joy is shocking and life-changing, and through God's grace, becomes embedded as a healing and transforming reality. For a time, St Alphege will be encased in scaffolding. It will emerge in September the same but transformed - a new roof to shelter the year-long Easter witness and good news ministry that goes on from under the roof.

Witness under the roof

Rachel Webbley writes:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!... He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The joy of Easter is a 'high point' for many of us, bringing a tangible sense of relief after the drama of Holy Week where many of us have the luxury of immersing ourselves in Christ's passion.

In the town, we had further celebrations on St Alphege Day (19th May) as our finance team met and concluded that (including the value of our bespoke Keith Brymer-Jones mugs) we have reached the target for our 'Raise the roof' campaign.

Meeting with our contractors to discuss actual dates and handing over a key for their access helped us to realise it was true - perhaps as the breakfast on the beach

Details of Services and events at your Local Church

REGULAR SERVICES

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 PETERS



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, 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 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
(Not 3rd Sun)
10.30am Morning Praise in Church Centre
(3rd Sun)
4.00pm Café Church - Church Centre
(1st Sun)
6.30pm Evening Prayer
(1st & 3rd 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 Swalecliffe
Free Church (5th Sun)

Regular Weekday Services:

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

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 ANDREWS



Grimshill Road
Georgina Hedley-Smith
georgina@stalphegeseasalter.org

Regular Sunday Services:

First service for 2017 is on 8th
January at 6.30pm

Noisy Church!



11.30am-12.15pm - Bring your lunch

Every other **Friday** after Chatterbox

starting 28th April

St John's Church Centre, 11 St John's Road,
Swalecliffe



Bring lunch along for after Chatterbox and enjoy a time to have a Bible story, a child-friendly song and some prayers. No quietness necessary!



The following activities 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:

Mondays at 5.00pm at St John's

Evening Prayer and prayers for the Team. 

Holy Communion on Ascension Day

Thursday 25 May 2017, 7.30pm.

St Peter's, Whitstable

Come to celebrate one of the great days
in the Christian Year

Singers are invited to join the combined
Whitstable Team Choir



A Prayer for the General Election

Lord, we give thanks for the privileges and responsibilities of living in a democratic society. Give us wisdom to play our part at election time. Protect us from the sins of despair and cynicism, guard us against the idols of false utopias and strengthen us to make politics a noble calling that serves the common good of all. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



You are invited to
The Christian Aid
Opening Service

Seasalter Christian Centre
Sunday 14 May 6.00pm

If you are imaginative and would like to be part of Christian Aid planning in Whitstable please contact Keith McNicol
 keithmcnicol2@gmail.com

Spirituality Of
The In-Between Spaces

SATURDAY 27TH MAY 2017

2.00pm to 4.00pm

All Saints Church

However much we may desire life to be a smooth, harmonious continuity the reality is very different. Our lives include those 'in-between' times when the past and a possible future meet in a present space.

This reflective time will use the Novena 2017 Prayer Booklet "Conversations In The In-Between" as a starting point for reflection, prayer and stillness, including a meditation using a Holding Cross.

If you would like further information please contact
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WE FINISH AT 4.00 PM WITH TEA AND HOMEMADE CAKES

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