St John's market on 1st Saturday in month (next one April 7th. Our hours are from 9am till 11am)

St Peter's Church April 21st 9.30am-12 noon Coffee Morning and Saturday market Church House, Cromwell Road

Friday 13th April 2018

Spring Family Fun

12 noon until 2.30pm
~ note the time change !!

Seasalter Christian Centre

A fun session for all the family !
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Toys, Games, Craft Activities and refreshments
Children over 3 years £2
Children under 3 years 50p
Adults £1

There will be light lunches available to purchase or feel free to bring a picnic lunch.

The Choral Scholars of Canterbury Christ Church University are to give a concert in St John's Church on Friday, 11th May. Tickets are expected to cost around £8 per person. Further details in May edition of Unity Update.

UNITY UPDATE

April 2018

GOD'S EASTER PEOPLE

Rev Rachel Webbley writes..

What does it mean to be God's Easter people? Perhaps that will mean a very early start on Easter day to welcome the dawn, lighting an early fire on Duncan Downs beacon. We are welcoming not just the actual morning, and remembering the first Easter day when Mary met the risen Jesus. We are also opening ourselves again to the resurrection life that heals and brings hope of new life, even beyond what we think is possible or practical or reasonable or acceptable. We dare to venture out of our own tombs into the bright light of a new day. We can be quite comfortable with the familiarity of our 'tombs' – they are quite safe places, and don't demand the effort of change that Jesus' life in all its fullness offers us.

Sometimes others have placed all kinds of fears and barriers at the doors of our 'tombs', so we are afraid to open ourselves in new ways to God's Spirit. Easter people are able to ask the questions that start to open new pathways, trusting in God's surprising answers. Easter people don't give up on their vision when things don't work to our timetable. Easter people take God seriously, and take the suffering of the vulnerable seriously, but are too full of joy to take themselves too seriously. Easter people don't deny the reality of sorrow in our world. Instead, we proclaim that death does not have the last word and that joy comes in the morning. Alleluia!

Holy Week and Easter Services that were not included in March edition of Unity Update

St Alphege Whitstable
Holy Saturday (31st March) Easter Vigil and renewal of baptism vows: 7pm
Easter Day
6am Easter Fire on Duncan Downs at the Beacon Hill, followed by breakfast at St Andrew's
8am Traditional Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion for all

St Alphege Seasalter
Maundy Thursday, 29 March Pesach: the Maundy Meal, 6.30 – 9.00 pm. Bring and share hot dishes followed by cheese/fruit
Good Friday The Last Hour 2 – 3 pm at the Old Church
A quiet service with music as we 'wait with Christ' – Mark Fagg
Easter Day 1 April The Service of Light 7 am at Seasalter Beach (where Faversham Road turns left along the seafront) Lead by Fabian Followed by breakfast back at the Christian Centre Lead by Jane and David M.
He is Risen!
0845 am Holy Communion, 1010 am Lighthouse (30 minutes for young families) and 1100 am Communion for all ages at the Christian Centre, with 11.15 am traditional Holy Communion at the Old Church

St John's Annual District Church Meeting
Tuesday 24th April –7.00 pm in St John's Centre

SACRED SPACE IN FEBRUARY IS ON MONDAY 23rd APRIL AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHURCH STREET, CT5 1PG

8pm to 9pm. Please remember to bring a torch. The church is in near darkness. Taize music, silence, reflection. Come late, and leave early if you wish.

The St Alphege Town Church café is open every morning Monday to Friday (not just Tuesday and Thursdays!)
Usual opening hours are:
Monday: 9 – 12 tea & biscuits
Tuesday: 9 – 1:30 cakes and lunches
Wednesday: 9-12 tea & biscuits
Thursday: 9 – 1:30 cakes and lunches
Friday: 9:30 -12 crumpets & teacakes

MOTHERS UNION IN APRIL

Tuesday 3rd April 10am Seasalter Christian Centre Celebration for Wendy.

Thursday 19th Visit to Elham Valley Vinyard for afternoon Tea - aim to be there at 2.30pm - lifts available.

ALPHA COURSE Starting 10th April and to run on Tuesday evenings. Using the new videos from HTB showing on site interviews with historians and other experts. 7.30pm at the Vicarage, Church Street. Contact Simon at 272308 or tillotsons@gmail.com for more information

ST ALPHEGE WHITSTABLE
Julian Meeting - monthly contemplative prayer group
Thur 12th April 9.45am in chapel - all welcome.
Sun 15th April 4.30pm. Simple sung evensong - all welcome.
Sat 21st April 9am - 2pm Spring Fair

ST ALPHEGE SEASALTER

Tuesday 10 April 10 am - 3pm Fun Day for Third Agers. Contact Rev Chris Skingley

Friday 13th April See Over

Sunday 29th April Move up Sunday for all the oldest children in our Sunday groups.

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The Whitstable Team Annual Parochial Church meeting takes place at Seasalter Christian Centre on Monday 30th April at 7.30pm.

Please continue to pray for the process leading to the appointment of a future lead Minister for St Alphege Seasalter and Team Rector for the Whitstable Team Ministry.