

Final call!

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019 led by
Rev Simon Tillotson
More at
www.holylandpilgrim2019.com

Events at St Alphege Whitstable in September

Sun 2nd Sep 9.30am Blessing the School Bags.

Thursdays in term time: 9.15 - 11am. Little Lights baby & toddler group,
Starting 6th Sep

Sun 9th Sep 4.30pm at St Andrew's Cafe Church

Mon 10th Sep 7.45 - 9.15pm Emmaus 'nurture' course starts for
adults to refresh or explore Christianity (Contact Rev Rachel for more info)

Wed 12th Sep 3.30 - 5pm StArs homework club re-starts at St
Andrew's, all primary school children welcome.

Sun 16th Sep 4.30pm. Simple evensong at St Alphege

Sat 22nd Sep Rochester Cathedral - prayer festival. (See below). Travelling
by Train, contact Rev Rachel.

Events at St Alphege Seasalter in September

Tuesday 11th Third Age Tea Dance 2.30pm

Friday 14th Community Lunch

Monday 17th Pulse After School club restarts. For children in Yr 1 to Yr 5,
drop off straight from school, pick up at 5.

Tuesday 18th Sparklers, new group for bumps, babies, toddlers and pre-
schoolers groups starts. From 10 til 11.30

Events at All Saints Whitstable in September

Cameo takes place every Monday from 2pm to 3.30pm in the Church hall
(Come And Meet Each Other). A new group called "Tiny Singers" for parents
and toddlers, starts on Wednesday morning from 9am. Singing for Fun and
Health takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 2.30pm to 4pm.

Film Club resumes on Thursdays on September 13th at 11.15am with the
1958 version of the film "Dunkirk". Holyballoo – children and parent
afterschool club – continues throughout September at 3.15pm to 4.15pm on
Thursday afternoons. Junior choir takes place the same day from 5.20pm.

Church open every Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon for visiting

UNITY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2018

Two levels.....and living bread



Rev Simon Tillotson writes...

I am writing this in the middle of August and have noted that the bible readings at the moment focus quite a lot on Jesus being the Bread of Life. It's rather nostalgic for me as I remember my first ever sermon series being on this topic some years ago now. I do love it when these readings come along.

It has made me think about "two levels" on which we operate. There is the surface level of direct interaction with the world around us. Then there is the interior world of our thoughts, prayers, reflections, and inner consciousness. What I have noticed recently is the frequency of reports in the media about continuing problems with mental health, particularly among the young but affecting older people too. One of the reasons for this, I have read in a number of different places, is that more and more people are almost trapped on the surface level of continually reacting to the immediate and not having time to reflect and pause for thought and process events, or develop a spirituality.

Smart phones and social media are the number one cause for this addiction to the surface of life.

I saw this recently when some wedding guests before a wedding seemed unable to sit and reflect but were constantly on their smart phones.

I have to be honest and say this addiction has affected me at times too. I remember a year or two ago going on a retreat where I could get no wifi or data signal. I hated it at first, feeling cut off from everyone, but after a few days it felt like a liberation. It enabled me to enter that deeper second level, where I encountered Jesus the Bread of Life in a new way.

As we start September, let us reflect how we balance these two levels, exterior and interior, and seek the living Bread that makes us complete. Amen.

RIDE + STRIDES
for Churches
Saturday 8th September.
Contact your local church rep for
sponsorship form and details.

WHITSTABLE TEAM MINISTRY SUNDAY SERVICES

All Saints Whitstable www.allsaintswhitstable.com

8am Holy Communion (BCP) and 10am Sung Holy Communion with 10am Family Communion on Second Sunday of each month
Occasional evening services – see website

www.allsaintswhitstable.com

Team Vicar – Rev Simon Tillotson -01227 275947
tillotsons@gmail.com

St Alphege Seasalter www.stalphegeseasalter.org

8.45am Holy Communion , 10.10 Lighthouse service and 11am All-Age worship 6pm to 8pm Y congregation
Sunday service at the Old Church is 11.15am on first Sunday of the month only

Church Centre phone number 01227 276923
office@stalphegeseasalter.org

St Alphege Whitstable www.stalphege.org.uk

8am Quiet Communion and 9.30am Morning service usually with Holy Communion

4.30pm 1st Sunday in each month Café church at St Andrews
3rd Sunday in month 4.30pm Evensong at St Alphege
Team Rector – Rev Rachel Webbley 01227 273329

rachelwebbley@yahoo.co.uk

Team Curate – Rev Rob Tugwell - rtugwell@junior-kings.co.uk

St John's Swalecliffe www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk

10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Services (see website for details)

Team Vicar – Fr David Vannerley 07510 383 123
vannerley@aol.com

St Peter's Whitstable www.stpeterswhitstable.org.uk

10.45am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening service
Team Vicar – Rev Simon Tillotson – 01227 275947
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MOTHERS UNION IN SEPTEMBER

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Tuesday 4th
Sept. 10am Seasalter
Christian Centre

Thursday 20th September
2.30pm Thorpe Room rear
of All Saints Church Hall

Thursday 27th September
12noon Cathedral Prayer

Reflection afternoons on "Creation in Celtic Christianity" at St Peter's Whitstable - Exploring the theme with Celtic music, poetry and stories of the Saints. To join the group on Fridays 7th & 14th September 2 –4 pm please contact Dr Julie Hopkins via St Peter's postbox Sydenham Street, Whitstable or email the vicar Simon at tillotsons@gmail.com and he will pass the message on to Julie

EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S SWALECLIFFE IN SEPTEMBER

CHATTERBOX BABY & TODDLER GROUP - Resumes on 7th September. Every Friday (term-time), 9.30-11.30am, St John's Centre. £1 per adult, 50p per child (includes drinks and healthy snacks). All very welcome.

CHURCH OPEN DAY - Saturday 8th September, 10am - 6pm. Refreshments available. (This event coincides with Ride & Stride)



Saturday Market

On the 1st Saturday of every month
9.00am - 11.00am
at
St John's Centre Swalecliffe



Bric-a-brac, Cakes & Preserves,
Jewellery, Clothing, Linens, Toys, Books,
DVDs, Raffle, Plants, etc.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Saturday, September 15th, St Peter's Market and Coffee Morning, 9.30am to 12 noon, Church House, Cromwell Road

All Saints Open Afternoon
Saturday 29th September 2018 from 2pm to 4pm. Over 20 different groups from the church and community who use the church and church hall will be displaying their activities. Visit www.allsaintswhitstable.com and click on Autumn newsletter for more information. All welcome.