

All Welcome! Learning from disability - It's not just ramps and large print! An Inclusive Church event at St Stephen's Canterbury
Saturday 16th February 2019 Midday to 5 pm

God welcomes us all, whatever our strengths and weaknesses, our abilities and limitations and uses them to advance the Kingdom. Churches are not always so good at this, often unwittingly making people feel excluded. In this study afternoon the experts in this field – people who have various limitations – will share with us their experiences of being included and excluded in church. In this light we will discuss what we can do practically to make our churches more welcoming to all and how we can all benefit from the gifts people with disabilities have to offer. The day will start by sharing a light lunch and end by sharing the Eucharist. No charge but please book a place by emailing petertoon@aol.com for catering purposes

St Peter's Coffee Morning and Mini Market Saturday, February 9th
Church House, Cromwell Road 9.30am to 12 noon

GENERAL NOTICES

Team Evening Prayer Mondays 5 - 5.30pm. This month at St John's Church, Swalecliffe. All warmly welcome! Though do let us know if you are coming if you are not a regular just in case it has been cancelled due to some unforeseen reason.

While Rev Rachel is on sabbatical Contact churchwardens
sueparkerbowles@gmail.com and Jayne.bale@hotmail.com

Please note all St John's Sunday morning services are now held at St John's church

St Alphege Whitstable

Sun 3rd Feb 4.30pm at St Andrew's Church: Cafe Church. All ages welcome to this friendly, informal worship. Pizza and refreshments.

UNITY UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2019

Rev David Vannerley writes

Dear all,

I really enjoyed the fact that the Christmas hit was "We built this City on Sausage Rolls". It was good fun and the download fees all went to charity.

However, the song goes to the heart of an ethical struggle that all Christians have to take part in. In Scripture, city is an image that is used for culture, so in the letter to the Hebrews we are told that we have no abiding city here – Christians have their loyalty elsewhere: to the Heavenly City to which we are called. So the question is simple: where do your loyalties lie in the city, the culture, of modern Britain commercialised, consumerised, throw-away Britain ... or to the self-giving life of the City of God?

Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to build our ethical lives on firm foundations – on the rock of his teaching, which stands secure against all the storms of life ... or even a corrosive, undermining culture. We are called to live lives that prefer the needs of others, to be self-giving, to serve humanity (as well as our loving God).



Or, I guess, you can build your life on the sausage roll foundation of secular culture.

You see, the most telling point for me is that the download profits from the song were all donated to the Trussell Trust – the very charity that gives oversight to the local food banks that churches have set up all over the country. One of the richest countries in the world and we need food banks – what a condemnation of our present cultural settlement. So thank you Mark Hoyle for your humour and generosity.

Every Blessing

David



THE ST ALPHEGE sponsored Race

7.8m RUN or CYCLE SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY 11.30am

Registration from 11am at St Alphege Church
WHITSTABLE - CRAB & WINKLE - CANTERBURY

ENTRY & SPONSORSHIP - £10 donation or please aim to raise sponsorship by collecting cash, cheques (payable to 'St Alphege Church').
 Tickets and online donations at www.stalphege.org.uk
 Contact: Jayne Bale, Race Director at jayne.bale@hotmail.com

Family fun, raising funds!

Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Company

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

ST JOHN'S SWALECLIFFE

CHATTERBOX BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Every Friday morning (during term-time), 9.30am - 11.30am at St John's Centre, Swalecliffe. Lots of toys to play with, music and singing, a craft area, books, wooden shape sorters, etc. £1 per adult, 50p per child (includes hot and cold drinks and a snack for all).

Coffee Break, every Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00pm at St John's Centre, Swalecliffe. Lots of chatter over good coffee, tea and cake. No charge is made but small donations towards our costs are very welcome.

St Alphege Seasalter events

February 6th 2.30pm Singing for fun and well-being @ SCC

February 15th 1pm Community Lunch @ SCC

February 19th 10am to mid day Family Fun Morning and Whitstable Community Wardrobe available

Pulse after school club anytime from 3.15 until 5pm on February 4th, 11th and 25th
 Sparklers bumps, babies and toddler group 10 to 11.30am on Tuesdays 5th, 12th and 26th

All Saints Whitstable events

Cameo (Come and Meet Each Other) Mondays from 2pm to 3.30pm

Singing for Fun and Health, 3rd Wednesday from 2.30pm to 4pm

Film Club Thursdays from 11.15am to 1.30pm
 Tiny Singers parents and toddlers Wednesdays from 9.15am to 10.45am

Holyballoo children and parents after school club Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4.30pm

MOTHERS UNION IN FEBRUARY

Feb. 5th 10.00 am
 Seasalter Christian Centre
 Rev. Keith McNicol will talk about "Oasis of Peace"

Feb 21st 2.15pm All Saints' Thorpe Room
 Favourite CDs or Music - equipment provided and keyboard

Feb 28th 10am All Saints' Church for Corporate Communion