

All Saints Whitstable

Sacred Space – Monday 4th March – 8pm

Shrove Tuesday 5th March – 7pm Burning of Palm Crosses

Ash Wednesday 6th March – 7.30pm Solemn Eucharist and imposition of Ashes (**morning eucharists are being held in other team churches with ashing if evenings are difficult**)

PILGRIM COURSE

Running Thursday evenings and Friday mornings (do choose which you prefer) Simon will be running a Lent course at the Vicarage looking at Module 8 of the Pilgrim Course “Church and Kingdom”. You do not need to have attended any of the modules before. Contact him at tillotsons@gmail.com or phone 01227 272308 for more information. Thursdays from 7th March 7.45pm to 9.15pm (coffee and tea served from 7.30pm) Fridays from 8th March 10am to 11.30pm (coffee and tea served from 9.45am)

A Christian Aid Quiz Saturday 16 March Seasalter Christian Centre 7pm for 7.30pm start Cost £5.00 and bring your own food and drink to share around To book a place or table of 8 please phone either Gordon 01227 275179 David and Jean 01227 271230.

St Alphege Seasalter

A Concert with Chloe Reynolds

Friday 29th March 2019

Tickets will be available from Seasalter Christian Centre

SCC Office on 01227 276923

or seasalterchristiancentre.yahoo.co.uk

Inner Space – Saturday 30th March 2019

Contact details Mark Fagg 07870 500158

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Lent 2019 – An introduction to contemplative prayer

For 5 weeks starting from Thursday 7th March 2019

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UNITY UPDATE

The Whitstable Team Ministry

MARCH 2019

Rev Rob Tugwell, Curate in the Whitstable Team, writes:

As I write this it is January, clear skies but cold. Murmurs continue, speculating ‘Will it snow?!’

However, as you read this, it will be March and, hopefully, Spring will have taken hold of the world. This year Easter is late and March is dominated by Lent. Is there any other season in the church year which divides opinions so greatly and instigates so many mixed responses?! Is Lent a time of puritan abstinence? Is it a time of holiness and piety? Do you still tell the stories of the year you gave up coffee AND chocolate and almost didn’t make it through?!

I am reminded of a splendid old poem by Robert Herrick, exploring the meaning of Lent. It reads like this:

*Is this a Fast, to keep
the larder leane?
and cleane,
from fat of veales and sheep?*

*Is it to quit the dish
of flesh, yet still
to fill
the platter high with fish?*



**Robert
Herrick**

*No: ‘tis a fast, to dole
thy sheaf of wheat
and meat
unto the hungry soule.*

*It is to fast from strife,
from old debate,
and hate:
to cleanse thy life.*

*To shew a heart grief-rent;
to starve thy sin,
not bin;
and that’s to keep thy Lent.*

Put simply, as we journey into Lent, let us aim to resist sorrowful expressions and maybe look beyond dietary exclusions. Let us adopt a posture of charity and reconciliation and, in a special way, let us look to journey closely with our Lord.

St Peter's Whitstable
Wednesday, March 6th Ash Wednesday
Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes 10am

Sunday, March 10th
Bread and Cheese Lunch 12.30pm Church House, Cromwell Road
All proceeds to Christian Aid

Spirituality and mindfulness: Community and practice
Panel Discussion at St Peter's Church, Whitstable, 2.30 - 4pm,
Saturday 23rd March 2019.
The afternoon will include presentations from local mindfulness and yoga practitioners and visiting guest speakers Prof Peter Tyler, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Spirituality, St Mary's University, Twickenham and Andrea Campanale from Sacred Space, Kingston, a project that uses the arts to explore spirituality.

All welcome – free of charge
For any inquiries about this event please contact Geoff Court at
[**PioneerMinister@gmail.com**](mailto:PioneerMinister@gmail.com)

Thursday, March 28th Taize Service 7pm

An introduction to contemplative prayer

What is Christian Meditation?
What is Centering Prayer?
How do I pray with icons?
What does 'lectio divina' mean?
How can I use my body in prayer?

Thursdays 7.30pm to 9.00pm (latest)
Seasalter Christian Centre

7, 14, 21, 28 March
and 4 April 2019

**Lent
2019**

For details, contact Mark (mark.fagg@me.com, 07870 500158)

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 Whitstable

Café church 4.30pm Sunday 3rd March St Andrew's church
Wednesday 6th 10am Holy Communion will be a traditional ashing
service.

2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th March all church run Saturday café.
23rd March – Latin Link coffee morning

MOTHERS UNION

March 5th 10am Seasalter Christian Centre Shrove Tuesday -
Pancakes

March 18th - Monday 11.20am Wave of Prayer meeting in
St. Alphege Town Church Chapel for short service praying for the world-
wide work of the Mothers' Union especially our link dioceses in Africa

Thursday 21st 2.15pm Thorpe Room All Saints Church Hall - Lenten
readings

Sunday 24th 2.00 - 2.30pm Seasalter Christian Centre - Marriage
Preparation Course. - MU to provide cakes, scones etc. for a Tea.