

## MOTHERS UNION EVENTS IN APRIL 2019

Tuesday 2nd 10am Seasalter Christian Centre -  
Mothering Sunday/Lady Day Rev David Vannerley  
will give us his wisdom on the subjects.

Thursday 18th 2.15pm All Saints Thorpe Room -  
Maundy Thursday - meditation led by David Sims

27th 11am Festival Celebration - service in  
Canterbury Cathedral to welcome the Trustees and  
Officers for the new Triennium and to say farewell to  
Bishop Trevor

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WHITSTABLE

Good Friday - 19th April Churches Together in  
Whitstable's Walk of Witness - begins at St John's  
Church at 9.30am with a short service and ends in St  
Alphege in the High Street about 11am to 11.30am

**Two important events this Spring. Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April is our  
Deanery Confirmation service at St Martin, Herne at 5pm  
Then Bishop Trevor's Diocesan farewell will be on Saturday 11  
May after Evensong in the Cathedral, which starts at 4pm.**

**All welcome**

Cleaner  
St Alphege Church Whitstable is looking to employ  
A cleaner  
3 hours per week.  
£8:50 per hour

Application by CV including 2 references to  
Email to [jayne.bale@hotmail.com](mailto:jayne.bale@hotmail.com) or  
place in B pigeon hole in the main church

**Closing date 14th April 2019**

**ALL SAINTS SACRED SPACE IN APRIL IS ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
8pm to 9pm. Please remember to bring a torch.**

# UNITY UPDATE

*The Whitstable Team Ministry*

**APRIL 2019**

**Rev Paulette Stubbings writes:**

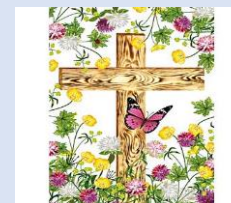
## Empty Promise..

Have you ever put your trust in  
someone only to be let down so  
completely and unexpectedly that it  
shakes your whole existence?

Almost 2000 years ago, the shock  
discovery by women, of an empty tomb  
where they expected to find a dead  
body to anoint and mourn over, threw  
them into chaos.

If that tomb was empty because  
someone stole the body – if that is  
really all that took place – a criminal's  
death and an ordinary burial, then hope  
died with Jesus on the cross. Just an  
epic and life-shattering let-down.

This month Christians everywhere will  
greet the Easter dawn with the shout  
'He is Risen!' Because beyond all  
expectation, hope did not stay dead.  
The impossible happened that first  
Easter day. It blows our western,  
rational minds to even think it and it  
blew the minds of the first disciples too.  
They took some convincing - they had  
to touch Jesus and see him eat to  
believe it.



Over 2 billion people in the  
world today know hold the  
hope that stems from that first  
shock discovery. God's not  
dead. He is alive – and because  
of Jesus any human being on  
this planet can know what it is  
to be loved by God. Some of  
the first followers and friends  
of Jesus went to their deaths  
for that incredible claim, but  
they wouldn't retract it.

The tomb is empty, but if you  
really are seeking the risen  
Jesus, you will find him and  
discover a hope that is death-  
proof. Find that, and life will  
never be the same.

**Whitstable Team Annual  
Parochial Church Meeting  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm  
St Alphege Whitstable.  
All welcome.**

### **St Alphege Whitstable**

April 8th ADCM

April 13th concert by Kent Soul Choir

April 18th Maundy Thursday – 7:30pm  
Communion & Watch service

April 19th Good Friday – 2pm Last Hour service

April 20th Holy Saturday 7:30pm Easter Vigil  
service

April 27th Church Spring Fair

### **St Peter's**

April 14th Palm Sunday 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

April 18th Maundy Thursday 8pm Sung Eucharist, Stripping of the  
Altar and Watch until midnight.

April 19th Good Friday 6am to noon Watch at the Altar of Repose  
12 noon Liturgy of the Cross

April 20th Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil

Saturday April 27th 9.30am to 12 noon Coffee Morning and Mini  
Market Church House, Cromwell Road

### **All Saints**

Palm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Family Communion with drama

Maundy Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm Agape supper and footwashing followed by  
stripping of altar

Good Friday 12 noon to 3pm – Three hours at the cross (come and go at the top of  
each hour if you wish)

Easter Day 5.45am Easter Sunrise service on promenade below Marine Hotel

8am Holy Communion

10am Sung Holy Communion and Easter Egg Hunt

### **St Alphege Seasalter**

Spring Family Fun – Tuesday 9th April 2019 – 10am until midday

Easter Family Fun – Wednesday 17th April 2019 – 10am until midday

Third Age – Afternoon Tea and crafts – Friday 26th April 2019

Community Lunch – Friday 12th April 2019 at 1pm

Thursday 18th April 2019 – Maundy Thursday Meal and Encounter

Friday 19th April 2019 – Good Friday – 2-3pm The Old Church – Last  
Hour at the cross

Easter Day – Sunday 21st April 2019 – 7am on the beach then  
breakfast. 8.45am communion service, 10.30 – All age service.

### **St John's Swalecliffe**

Palm Sunday - 14th April Parish Eucharist, 10.30am at St  
John's Church

Maundy Thursday - 18th April Maundy Eucharist with  
footwashing and stripping of the altar

Good Friday -

In His Steps - a quiet and reflective pilgrimage, beginning in the  
Scout Hall and ending before the cross in St John's Church

Easter Detectives Trail & Egg Hunt - booking essential via  
[www.swalecliffestjohns@gmail.com](mailto:www.swalecliffestjohns@gmail.com)

Easter Eve Service - 4pm, St John's Centre - readings and  
prayer, ending with the lighting of the New Light

Easter Day - 10am, St John's Centre - carrying the Easter light  
to church

Easter Day - 10.30am Easter Eucharist

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

**For Good Friday Walk of  
Witness see back cover**