

WHITSTABLE LITERARY FESTIVAL

8-19 MAY 2019

ALL SAINTS VICARAGE GARDENS & HALL



LYNDA LA PLANTE TERRY WAITE LORD DAVID OWEN
KILLING EVE'S, LUKE JENNINGS ALAN JOHNSON
GRANTCHESTER'S JAMES RUNCIE COUNTDOWN'S SUSIE DENT

PLUS MANY LOCAL AUTHORS

CHURCHILL AND CHARTWELL EVENTS:

KATHERINE CARTER - COLLECTIONS MANAGER CHARTWELL
SONIA PURNELL - CLEMENTINE CHURCHILL
ANNE DE COURCY - JENNY JEROME, CHURCHILL'S MOTHER
DAVID LOUGH - 'NO MORE CHAMPAGNE' AND 'DARLING WINSTON'
DAVID COHEN - CHURCHILL & ATLEE
JILL ROSE - NURSING CHURCHILL



TICKETS & INFORMATION: WHITLIT.CO.UK



UNITY UPDATE

MAY 2019

Going away to be nearer to us

by Rev Simon Tillotson



"It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." John 16 v 7.

Towards the end of this month of May we join together at Seasalter Christian Centre to celebrate the Ascension of Christ. This was the occasion when Christ ascended to the right hand of the Father, so that He could become even closer to us by being with us by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

This paradox, of departing in order to become even closer to us, lies at the heart of the relationship between the Ascension and Pentecost. The time between Ascension and Pentecost is often referred to as Ascensiontide but also has taken on a new lease of life recently in the form of a Novena – nine concentrated days of prayer and reflection. As we reflect on the fact that Christ has to depart in order to come closer to us, we reflect that

the past presence of Christ in bodily form at a certain time became less of a focus to the spirituality of the early church than the belief that the risen Christ was with them in an even fuller way through the power of the Spirit all of their present time. Our challenge today is to make that reality as true for us as it was for them, for the spiritual parameters are just the same. By departing, Christ is able to come even closer, for He lives amongst us by His Spirit. Too often we think of Jesus and his presence by the Spirit in historical terms than as a present reality. When we focus on his presence with us now our spirituality can be given a huge uplift!

A joyous Eastertide and Ascensiontide to you!

WHITSTABLE TEAM MINISTRY SUNDAY SERVICES

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

vicar@stalphege.org.uk

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

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

Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at 3pm on first Sunday of the month in Seasalter Christian Centre.

Team Vicar: Rev Paulette Stubbings - seasaltervicar@gmail.com

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 MAY

Tuesday 7th 10.00am
Seasalter Christian Centre
"The Red Balloon" - Film
show by David Welford

Thursday 16th 2.15pm All
Saints Thorpe Room -
Readings and discussion on
Corpus Christi

Thursday 21st 10.00am
Corporate Communion - St.
Peter's Church - near
Whitstable Harbour

Thursday 30th
Ascension Day and
Cathedral Prayer at noon.

Canterbury Christ Church University Chapel Choir Concert

*In aid of our Children and Families
work*



*Saturday 4th May 7.30pm
St John's Parish Church, Swalecliffe
£7.50 including refreshments*

Events at St Alphege Seasalter in May

The 3rd Age Singing Club 2.30pm until 4pm

Wednesday 1st May 2019

Fun day – 10am until 3pm

Community Lunch – Friday 10th May 2019 – 1pm until 3pm

Sparklers – 7th, 14th, 21st, May

Open Door – Tea and coffee morning 9th, 16th, May

Events at St Peter's Whitstable in May

May 16th 7pm Taize Service

Whitstable Team Ascension Day Holy Communion service
Thursday 30th May at 7.30pm at Seasalter Christian Centre
All Warmly Welcome to this combined church service