

ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR

### STRAWBERRY TEA

20TH JULY I 2PM-4PM



ST JOHN'S CENTRE, 11 ST JOHN'S ROAD, SWALECLIFFE

All Saints Film Club continues in July

> 11.15am Thursdays.

All Saints church

To see our programme come along at I Iam.

£10 for a year

£1 a week for refreshments

# TWO SPECIAL SERVICES TO CELEBRATE OUR UNIQUE MINISTRY AS COASTAL CHURCHES

July 4th Blessing of the Waters,
Organised by the Association of the
Men of Kent and Kentish Men –
Reeves Beach 6.45pm or process
from the church at 6.15pm. Choirs
and anyone else from other
churches warmly invited.

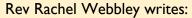
21st July Sea Sunday 9.30am - we need 20 stewards for this event in the town. Please contact Rev Rachel



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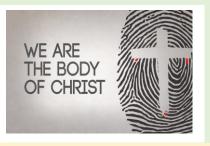
**JULY 2019** 





You probably already know that I am no athlete! I know that exercise is necessary for my body to stay healthy, but it's not my favourite thing. In I Corinthians I2:12 Paul uses the metaphor of the body to describe the early church.

As members of this parish we must ask ourselves – how healthy are we as a body? Are there any recurring pains or problems that we ignore, hoping they will go away? Are we fit for God's work in this time and place? One very healthy sign is our unity in diversity, with a genuine respect for each other's traditions and worship styles. We are transparent and accountable with our (God's) resources, and have shown that we are resilient enough to cope with change and uncertainty.



We now need to limber up and get fit for another challenge coming our way – the vacancy at St John's from June 2020, and the knock-on effect across the whole of our body.

Part of our training regime is the routine and discipline of prayer, and exercising with our colleagues at the hub of the Diocese. To be really fit and effective as the body of Christ, we may need to accept that God's asking us to give things up.

Still, if that all sounds rather energetic, rest assured that this is all for the love of the One whose yoke is easy, whose burden is light. Now that sounds like my kind of coach.

#### WHITSTABLE TEAM MOTHERS' UNION

Tuesday 2nd July 10am meet at Seasalter Christian Centre for outing to Prospect Field (weather permitting) if not coffee, prayers and meeting in the Christian centre.

Thursday 18th July 2.15pm Outing to Whitstable Castle for tea and cakes (if lift is required please phone 01227 262471)

Thursday 25th 12 noon Cathedral Prayer time St Alphege Whitstable

#### **Events at St Alphege Whitstable**

Vacancy for a Foundation governor at the Endowed CE Junior School. For further information please contact Rev Rachel or Diane Clements at St Peter's.

Cafe church at St Andrew's 4.30pm Sun 7th July - All welcome! Simple evensong 4.30pm Sun 21st July at St Alphege Whitstable St Alphege CE Infant School summer fair - Sat 6th July 11 - 2pm St Alphege Church Summer fair - Sat 27th July 10 - 2pm

#### WIDER EVENTS FOR THE TEAM

**Team Sunday - Sun 14th July** - where possible, we would like a couple of people to visit each other church in the parish to take our greetings and represent the wider parish. Please liaise with your vicar to co-ordinate this (we don't want everyone to vanish!)

**Sun 21st July Big Picnic!** From 12.30pm on Tankerton Beach by the Hotel Continental - all welcome, especially children of all ages!

Tue 23rd July Finance Roadshow for Reculver Deanery with input from Senior staff and the chance to ask questions. All welcome.

ALSO PLEASE SEE OVER FOR TEAM SERVICES RELATED TO OUR MINISTRY AS COASTAL CHURCHES

#### **Events at St Alphege Seasalter**

Pulse – Children's group from 3.15pm until 5pm Age from Reception to Year 5 Primary School On Monday's term time Monday 1st, 8th, and 15th July 2019

Sparklers – Toddlers group from 10am until 11.30pm
Age from new born to starting school age.
On Tuesday's term time
Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th July 2019

Third Age – Singing for fun and wellbeing – 2.30pm until 4pm Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Third Age – Strawberry Tea and a Sing-a-Long – 2pm until 4pm Wednesday 26th July 2019

Community Lunch – Friday 12th July 2019 – from 1pm until 3pm

Children Family Ministry
Thursday 25th July 2019
Midday until 3pm ish
Silly Sports Afternoon
Bring your own picnic, join in or watch lots of silly sports, races and activities.

Come Alive Conference Ladies Event Seasalter Christian Centre Saturday 13th July 2019 12 noon until 4.30pm All welcome!

#### **Events at St Peter's Whitstable**

July 6th Coffee Morning and Mini Market 9.30am to 12 noon Church
House Cromwell Road
July 11th Taize Service 7pm