

# UNITY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2019



*Rev Paulette Stubbings*

*writes:*

The end of August and beginning of September is a time of year when I am particularly aware of things on the cusp of change - maybe more so than at any other time. In my household we're still very much tied into the school year - so there is the annual flurry of uniform refurbishment, school shoe buying and the odd pep-talk before the new term/new school kicks in.

For others of us, it's a time of business slowing a little after the tourist season, or of tidying up the garden after the lush growth of summer.

Many will have taken a holiday and enjoyed precious down-time with loved ones and hopefully a sense of rest and renewal before shouldering the load of work and routine commitments again. For some, life will have continued much at its usual pace, but the world around whispers of change; leaves on the turn, conkers beginning to ripen, days gradually shortening.

It's like a pause for a moment, an intake of breath in our lives and community before activity and busyness springs up everywhere again.

I wonder if it's because we function best as humans when we work with these seasons in our lives rather than resist them - the natural seasons, but also those pauses that seem to come at times of change in life; the opportunities to re-orientate ourselves and re-focus before we re-launch. I think the cycle of rest and work is hard-wired into nature and into us from the very beginning by a God who loves us and fully knows our needs and limitations. Psalm 23 says God is like a shepherd wanting to lead us beside still waters, to restore our souls.

Perhaps September is a good a time as any to resolve to build in those pause moments that will stop us from overloading and overdoing it, as we throw ourselves back into work or school and all the other routine commitments.

Deep breath, and off we GO!

**St Alphege Youth Choir.**

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm,  
Every Thursday  
@ ST Alphege Church  
Whitstable

Contact Amanda Manning - amanda-manning@sky.com

SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE

IN AID OF HISTORIC  
CHURCHES & CHAPELS

**RIDE + STRIDE**  
for Churches

This year taking place on  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

All welcome. Contact  
your church rep for more  
information (or David  
Sims at  
yukiotani5@gmail.com  
who has information)



**Quiz Night** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October

7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Seasalter Christian Centre

£8.00 per person including

**FISH AND CHIPS**

Feel free to bring your own drinks

To book your own place or a table of eight ring

Gordon Williams 01227 275179 or

Jeannie or David Harwood 01227 271230

By Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, if possible, please



## WHITSTABLE TEAM MINISTRY SUNDAY SERVICES

St Alphege Whitstable [www.stalphege.org.uk](http://www.stalphege.org.uk)

8am Quiet Communion and 9.30am Morning service usually with Holy Communion

4.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in each month Café church at St Andrews

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month 4.30pm Evensong at St Alphege

Team Rector – Rev Rachel Webbley 01227 273329

[vicar@stalphege.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stalphege.org.uk)

Team Curate – Rev Rob Tugwell - [rtugwell@junior-kings.co.uk](mailto:rtugwell@junior-kings.co.uk)

All Saints Whitstable [www.allsaintswhitstable.com](http://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](http://www.allsaintswhitstable.com)

Team Vicar – Rev Simon Tillotson -01227 275947

[tillotsons@gmail.com](mailto:tillotsons@gmail.com)

St Alphege Seasalter [www.stalphegeseasalter.org](http://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 11.15am first Sunday of the month at The Old Church.

Team Vicar: Rev Paulette Stubbings - [seasaltervicar@gmail.com](mailto:seasaltervicar@gmail.com)

St John's Swalecliffe [www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk](http://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](mailto:vannerley@aol.com)

St Peter's Whitstable [www.stpeterswhitstable.org.uk](http://www.stpeterswhitstable.org.uk)

10.45am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening service

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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

## MOTHERS UNION IN SEPTEMBER

September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday 10.00am Seasalter  
Christian Centre  
Social gathering to begin the next year.

September 11th Wednesday.  
10.00am Corporate  
Communion St. Alphege  
Town Church

September 19th Thursday  
2.15pm Meet in All Saints -  
Thorpe Room - Outing to  
Brogdale Faversham for Tea

## Events at St Alphege Whitstable in September

**New Youth Choir** – see over for details

**StArs+ Cafe at St Andrew's CT5 4LH**

Relaunching Wed 11th September 3.30 - 5pm

Relaxed and supportive cafe for parents and children.

**Sat 21st September - Anniversary of St Alphege Whitstable Bells.**

Day of ringing and celebration

Thanksgiving Service 4.30pm

## Events at St Peter's Whitstable in September

September 7th 9.30am to 12 noon. **Coffee Morning and Mini Market.**

Church House, Cromwell Road.

September 12th 7pm **Taize Service**

## Events at All Saints Whitstable in September

**Sacred Space** with Incense Mondays September 2<sup>nd</sup> and without incense on

September 30<sup>th</sup> 8pm to 9pm in the church – bring a torch please

**All Saints Film Club** resumes Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 11.15am "Kind Hearts and Coronets". Membership £5 till end of year £1 a week for refreshments

**Singing for Fun and Health** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2.30-4pm