### **Events at St Alphege Seasalter in October**

The Community Lunch Friday 11th October Ipm until 3.30pm Need to book your place a week before the lunch. Telephone No: 01227 276923 Leave a message for Becky

> The 3rd Age Singing for Fun and Wellbeing Each first Wednesday of the month At 2.30pm All welcome.

#### **Events at All Saints Whitstable in October**

Sacred Space – Monday 30th September 8pm to 9pm

Sunday 13th October – Harvest Family Service at 10am

"10" course Thursday evening 7.30pm from 17<sup>th</sup> October OR if you prefer the morning option Friday mornings from 10.30am from 18<sup>th</sup> October
"10" a look at the Ten Commandments with DVD talks by J John – entertaining, spiritually challenging, at the Vicarage. All welcome. Free of charge. Email Simon at <u>tillotsons@gmail.com</u> or call 01227 272308 for more information

#### SPECIAL CONCERT Music of Light and Shadows Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019

6.30pm St Paul's Church Church Street Canterbury CTI INH City of Canterbury Chamber Choir Ed Kemp-Luck - Accompanist Dr Edward-Rhys Harry - Music Director £10 entry – free entry for under 16s. tickets@canterburychamberchoir.org.uk phone - 07843 050327

# **UNITY UPDATE**

# OCTOBER 2019

## Rev Simon Tillotson writes: Dear Friends

We live at a time of huge political turmoil. Nobody knows where the political landscape will be in 24 hours time, let alone by the time this edition is printed.

I am wary of making too many political statements as a minister but I do think that a General Election will be a good thing for us a nation. There has been so much disagreement and unpleasantness in our country growing in recent years and so many accusations from either side of the debate that "the people are only on their side of the debate" that it is time to see where the land truly lies.

I feel that the debate has become like a dangerous concoction which if it is not vented properly through the bottle head at the top will explode and send glass in hundreds of different directions. However, I think it is important that we do need to pray. Because we know that although General Elections can help show us where the land lies – and there is certain to be one in either October or November from what I understand – they also can raise people's emotions

even more while they are running, even

though their final effect may be helpful.

On October 2nd I will be celebrating 25 years since I was first ordained and you are welcome to join me for a glass of wine at about 11.15am to midday in All Saints church hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October if it does not interfere with your own worshipping pattern. As I look back on these 25 years with much gratitude I cannot however remember our country being so bitterly divided.

I consider it a huge honour to be part of the Whitstable team as it shows us how we as Christians can work together for the sake of the greater whole. Under Rachel's careful and wise leadership I do believe we are moving forward to closer unity. However, I am not so optimistic about our country. Now is the time to pray! May God deliver this country from an embittered selfcentredness and spirit of hostility. Come Holy Spirit!

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 272308 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 11.15am first Sunday of the month at The Old Church. 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 272308 tillotsons@gmail.com

#### **IMPORTANT TEAM DATES** Mon 7th Oct 7.30pm PCC at St Alphege Whitstable

Sat 12th October 7pm for 7.30pm Christian Aid Quiz night at Seasalter Christian Centre with Fish and Chips

> £8 per person. Tickets 01227 275179 Or 01227 271230

Sun 13th Oct 4.30pm Churches Together in Whitstable gather to worship, Riverside Church

Mon 14th Oct 7pm Deanery Open meeting, Hampton St Andrew's Looking to the Future with the Ven lo Kelly-Moore our Archdeacon

# **MOTHERS UNION IN OCTOBER**

Tuesday 1st October 10am Seasalter Christian Centre -Caroline Roy will give us a talk on the facilities available at "Age Concern" Saturday 12th 10.30am -2.00pm Annual Market at St. Paul's, Canterbury Thursday 17th 2.00pm Thorpe Room, All Saint's Church - an afternoon tea to be organised Thursday 31st 12noon **Cathedral Prayer Time** 

#### **Events at St Alphege Whitstable in October**

Sunday 6th October 4.30pm Cafe Church at St Andrew's Wed 16th October 2pm Sat 19th October

Art Talk: Illuminating Manuscripts 9am - 2pm Harvest Fair

#### Events at St Peter's Whitstable in October

Friday 4th October 7.30pm A Buddhist Christian dialogue between Rev Simon Tillotson and Pema Deki, well known local Buddhist author and writer. Free of charge with a chance for questions afterwards. Donations to Pema's charity

Saturday 5th October 2019 from 11am until 4pm You are invited to WITH OPEN HANDS Quiet Day at St Peter's Whitstable. A day of prayer and reflection for body, mind and spirit to be led by Rachel Michael, therapist and teacher of embodied prayer at St Peter's Church of England Church, Sydenham Street, Whitstable CT5 1HL A light lunch will be provided. Coffees and teas will be served from 10.30 am and at 4 pm. There is no charge but donations towards the costs of the day will be welcome. If you wish to come, or have any questions about the day, please contact Christopher or Kitty Morgan-Jones on 01227-271172 Email cmorganjones l@gmail.com