

TEAM EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Sun 24th November - Team Sunday

Mon 25th November - Parish Finance meeting

Sat 30th November - Bishop Rose's installation at Canterbury Cathedral

Volunteer for the Lambeth Conference!?

The Lambeth Conference is a once-a-decade event, held in Canterbury. Convened by Archbishop Justin, this international conference is a significant and historic event in the life of the Anglican Communion. Over 1000 active bishops and their spouses are invited from across 165 countries of the Communion for prayer, Bible study, worship and spiritual reflection. Volunteers have been integral to the delivery of the Conference over the years and as Canterbury prepares to host the conference in the summer of 2020, the role of volunteers is really important. Could you get involved?

A recent weekly Diocesan news email from Anna Drew at the Diocese contains information on how to volunteer. Do contact your own church leadership if you do not receive this email already.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Whitstable Christian Aid Committee is looking for someone willing to take on the very light task of chairing a group that does the following:

- enables collections at Christian Aid week in May
- gets people to arrange money raising events for Christian Aid - especially quizzes.
- generally keeps an open eye on Christian Aid fund raising locally

Please ring Rev Keith McNicol if you are interested in this post – 01227 264592

UNITY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2019

Rev Rachel Webbley writes:

St Augustine wrote 'Patience is the companion of wisdom'.

One of my favourite verses is from the end of Psalm 27: 'Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord.' It explicitly recommends patience, yet concedes that waiting can also be active and constructive, not just passive.

We are soon to be entering the wonderful season of Advent, where we are called to wait, yet to wait actively. It is a time to clear away the distractions that get between us and God, preparing our hearts and homes for Emmanuel the Christ to dwell with us afresh and lead us into the truth.

Ecclesiastes 3 articulates the creative tension of life between waiting and action: 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under the sun.' Our Diocese has been waiting to welcome Bishop Rose, and the wait is nearly over as we look forward to her installation on 30th November.



Canon Rose Hudson-Wilkin - soon to be our Bishop

On Remembrance Sunday we will recall times when our country took action at great cost, particularly in 1939 after waiting for peace for thousands who were being oppressed.

Today's climate emergency means we can no longer wait to make changes in our own lives and our society. Alongside our prayers for patience and God's help, our discipleship surely leads us to constructive action to ward off the devastating climate disaster we are facing. And so, let us pray, God, grant us patience to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

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.stalphegesesalter.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 275947

tillotsons@gmail.com



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 NOVEMBER

Tuesday 5th 10am for 10.30am Autumn Members Meeting in St. Paul's Canterbury. Speaker on the Clewer Initiative Modern Slavery Human Trafficking

Thursday 21st 2.00pm Thorpe Room, All Saints Hall. Remembrance Time - a D.I.Y. time to bring your ideas and contribute some of your experiences.

Thursday 28th 12noon Cathedral MU Prayer Time.

Events at St Alphege Whitstable in November

Saturday 9th November 10am - 12, St Alphege CE Infant School Open Day
Christmas Fair - Sat 30th Nov 9 - 2pm

Events at St Peter's Whitstable in November

November 2nd at 10am Eucharist for All Souls Saturday,
Saturday, November 23rd 9.30am - 12 noon Christmas Market and Coffee Morning Church House Cromwell Road

Events at All Saints Whitstable in November

Saturday 9th November 10am to 4pm. Peace Day. Church is open for prayer and reflection especially focussing this year on our common life as a nation but also praying for other countries in the world.
Saturday 23rd Open Afternoon – Church and hall are open from 2pm to 4pm where many church and secular groups that use our premises will be giving out information of their groups
Saturday 30th November 10am to 1.30pm Christmas Fair