



All Saints Whitstable

Sacred Space – please bring torch
Monday 24th February
8pm to 9pm

The Zone - Youth Club for years 7-9. Contact Elena Markova for more details 07719 983363 . Mondays 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Alpha course – option of either Thursday evening or Friday morning – contact Simon for info.

MOTHERS UNION February

Tuesday 4th
10.am. Seasalter Christian Centre - Mrs Ruth Smith will talk about her life and travels in Africa

Thursday 20th
2pm Thorpe Room, All Saints' Hall
Still to be arranged

Thursday 27th
12noon MU Cathedral Prayer time.

UNITY UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2020

Rev Paulette Stubbings writes: Best Laid Plans

Now we've reached February I hope this year is going well for you. Are things working out as planned?

We adjust and re-adjust our plans all the time – our hopes, dreams and expectations for the future – whether these are short-term or smaller goals, or bigger things like a partner, a family or maybe a particular career. We might be successful in reaching our goals. But quite often, the unpredictable things in life get in the way. Sometimes we are knocked off course temporarily – maybe an illness we recover from, a redundancy, a failed exam. But sometimes life seems to deal such a cruel body blow that we can't just bounce back and pick up where we left off. We are left disorientated, bewildered – even devastated - and now we need a whole new plan.

Challenges in life happen to all of us. Bad things happen to good people, good things happen to bad people and vice versa. Some seem to get far more than an equal share of pain, suffering and loss. I don't think our lives are some kind of bizarre human experiment that God set up and now tinkers with from time to time,

throwing in obstacles and challenges just to see what we make of it. I believe God sent us evidence, in the person of Jesus Christ, that we have a loving creator who cares very deeply indeed about what happens to us and will walk with us and guide us through the heartaches and the joys of life if we will only allow. And while things may not always go the way we want, I've noticed in my own life that God typically brings some unexpectedly good things even out of the worst situations. In my experience and the experience of many others I know, God is relentlessly sowing hope, and shining light into dark places – even when we have long given up.

I'll leave you with some words from the Bible the prophet Jeremiah heard God say for a group of people having a very tough time;

'I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future'.

Well, Amen to that - especially if you are someone who is finding life very hard right now. Paulette

StArs Community Café in St Andrews has blasted into life with a weekly attendance of over 20 with a good mix of ages but we are desperately short of people to help and enable us to build good relationships with those coming. If you have a heart and a passion for this community there are several things we need!

1. Pray for us, pray for the St Andrews community and pray for more volunteers to come forward.
2. Consider if you can offer any help. StArs meets on Wednesdays from 3 til 5.30pm during term time. Help can be regular or as and when, I'm grateful for all offers
3. Do you have a skill or hobby you could share with a group at StArs some time?
4. Talk about StArs to your friends, encourage people to come along or even help !

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FEATHERS & FRINGES

1920'S THRIFT BALL

COMPLIMENTARY DRINK ON ARRIVAL



ENJOY A NIGHT OF MUSIC & DANCE WITH BAND "PROJECT F"

AND DJ BOB 7TH FEB 2020

TICKETS £12.50

7.30-11PM
UMBRELLA CENTRE
BYO + RAFFLE

byo drink and glasses (keeping it green by avoiding single use plastic)

IN AID OF ST ALPHEGE CHURCH WHITSTABLE

Sun 2nd Feb
4.30pm Cafe
Church at St
Andrew's

St Peter's Whitstable

Coffee Morning and Mini Market. Saturday, February 15th 9.30am to 12 noon Church House, Cromwell Road

Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes. Wednesday, February 26th 10am.

St Alphege Seasalter

Couples Night Come with your partner for an evening of Fun, Faith and Food Saturday 15th February 2020 7-10pm Seasalter Christian Centre For more information contact: Tobi – 07588604556 Georgina – 07590068398

Community Lunch Friday 21st February 2020 From 1pm at Seasalter Christian Centre. If you would like to book please ring Becky – 01227 276923



Lent begins on February 26th with Ash Wednesday. Please check your own church notices for details of services on Ash Wednesday

WHITSTABLE TEAM MINISTRY SUNDAY SERVICES

St Alphege Whitstable www.stalphege.org.uk
8am Quiet Communion (1st Sunday in each month and also Easter Day and Christmas Day)

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 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
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St Peter's Whitstable www.stpeterswhitstable.org.uk
10.45am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening service
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