

# UNITY UPDATE

The monthly newsletter of the Whitstable Team  
Ministry (Church of England)

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## Working with Difference

A course about how to deal with differences between us in a better way in an increasingly divided world – drawing on Karl Jung and others and focussing on interpersonal relationships, starting with the home setting. Led by Kitty Morgan-Jones PhD and taking place at St Peter's church on three Saturday afternoons in October. See [www.workingwithdifference.co.uk](http://www.workingwithdifference.co.uk) or call Kitty for more information on (01227) 271172

Rev Simon Tillotson is currently standing in as editor of this publication while we look for a permanent replacement. Please email him info by 5<sup>th</sup> September for the October edition at [tillotsons@gmail.com](mailto:tillotsons@gmail.com). Please note early deadline!

### St Alphege Whitstable

Sun 3 Sep 9.30am Healing prayer during communion  
4.30pm Simple sung evensong  
Wed 13th Sep StArs homework club restarts!

Sun 17th Sep 9.30am Education Sunday service - celebrating and supporting our schools.

### St Peter's Whitstable

Coffee Morning in Church House on Saturday September 16th from 9.30am till noon

### All Saints Whitstable

Holyballoo (children's after school club with Christian teaching) takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September from 3.15pm. Film Club takes place the same two days from 11.15am.

## FRIENDS of KENT CHURCHES

Many of the town's churches will be open during the day for the Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact your local organiser to take part in this event or to help staff the churches.



*Rev Simon Tillotson writes:*

We seem to be living in a more and more dangerous world. As I write, the terrorist attack in Barcelona took place just two days ago. The stand-off over North Korea continues to be a major potential flashpoint. Thousands of refugees and migrants continue to make their perilous way on makeshift rafts and boats across the Mediterranean. The USA seems to be becoming a more and more fractured society in terms of racial tensions. Here in the UK we have been shocked by terrorist attacks at various times in the last six months. I could continue... and have been reflecting on these issues over the last few weeks. What should our Christian response be?

Looking at the bible, we see issues such as wars and conflict as an almost constant backdrop in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, all the events are within the context of a Roman Occupation which was deeply disliked by the Jewish population and by other national groups of the time. So the fact is that political and global insecurity was a fact of life then as it is now.

Therefore our present day troubles should not be a surprise to us. Indeed, our whole Christian journey is one where we make a transition from trusting in the world to trusting in God, and the trials we encounter have the result of helping us in this process, even though they are often very unpleasant things in themselves.

Whatever may happen, says the writer of Psalm 46, we should still proclaim that "God is our Hope and Strength". My prayer is that whatever challenges we face, especially as a new school year begins, each of us will be able to draw on that Psalm and come closer to our Heavenly Father and find our strength in Him.



# REGULAR SERVICES

## ALL SAINTS



**Church Street**  
**Revd Simon**  
**Tillotson**  
**01227 272308**

### Regular Sunday Services:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Family  
Communion on 2nd Sunday  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (last Sunday)

### Regular Weekday Service:

Thursdays 10.00am - Eucharist with healing prayer

## ST PETERS



**Sydenham Street**  
**Revd Simon**  
**Tillotson**  
**01227 272308**

### Regular Sunday Services:

9.30am Sunday School, Church House  
10.45am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm Sung Evensong. (Benediction with anointing and laying-on of hands with prayer for healing on 1st Sunday of the month).

### Regular Weekday Service:

Tuesday 10am Said Eucharist.  
Wednesday Quiet Hour 1pm - 2pm.

## ST ALPHEGE, SEASALTER



**Faversham Road**  
**Revd Canon Steve**  
**Coneys**  
**01227 276795**

### Regular Sunday Services:

8.45am Holy Communion  
In Seasalter Christian Centre  
10.10am Lighthouse (short all-age service)  
In Seasalter Christian Centre  
11.00am All Age Worship  
In Seasalter Christian Centre  
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP) 1st Sun  
In Old Church, Church Lane

### Regular Weekday Services:

Tue 9.15am Morning Prayer  
Wed 9.15am Holy Communion  
Fri 9.15am Morning Prayer  
All in the Old Church

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



**Swalecliffe Court**  
**Drive**  
**Revd David Vannerley**  
**07510 838123**

### Regular Sunday Services:

9.00am Holy Communion - CW Order 2 (3rd Sun)  
10.30am Parish Eucharist (Not 3rd Sun)  
10.30am Morning Praise in Church Centre (3rd Sun)  
4.00pm Café Church - Church Centre (1st Sun)  
6.30pm Evening Prayer (1st & 3rd Suns)  
6.30pm Village Praise in St John the Baptist Church Centre (2nd Sun)  
6.30pm Village Praise - Chestfield WI (4th Sun) (3rd in December)  
6.30pm Joint worship with Swalecliffe Free Church (5th Sun)

### Regular Weekday Services:

The Eucharist is celebrated each Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Centre (Healing Ministry 1st)

## ST ALPHEGE, WHITSTABLE



**High Street**  
**Revd Rachel Webbley**  
**01227 273329**

### Regular Sunday Services:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Family Communion & Junior Church (Family Service 3rd Sun)  
Laying on of hands for healing in chapel afterwards on 1st Sunday  
4.30pm Evensong (1st Sun)

### Regular Weekday Service:

Wed 10.00am Holy Communion

## YOUTH SERVICE



**Contact**  
**Georgina Hedley-Smith**  
[georgina@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:georgina@stalphegeseasalter.org)

**Regular Sunday Services:**  
6.30pm 'Y' Youth Service  
Seasalter Christian Centre.

## The following activities take place every week

### St Alphege Seasalter

Thursdays at 10.30 am: Open Door  
Fridays at 6.15 pm: Prayerpoint  
Fridays at 8.00pm (30 minutes). Silent Prayer of the Heart

### All Saints

Mondays at 2:00pm CAMEO (Come and meet each other)

### St John's

Tuesdays at 10.00 am (until 12 noon) Coffee Break in the Church Centre.

### Team Prayer

Mondays at 5.00 pm at St John's Swalecliffe in September

*A Prayer for the Vacancy at Seasalter and in the Team*

God our Father, you call us to be the body of Christ here.  
Send your Holy Spirit at this time of change;  
fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer.

May this vacancy be a time of deeper love and fellowship, as you guide us with your heavenly wisdom.

Help us to choose the one who will share with us in your perfect plans, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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:**  
Mon 9.00 am - 12 noon  
Tues 9.00 am - 1.30 pm  
Weds 9.00 am - 12 noon  
Thurs 9.00 am - 1.30 pm  
Fri 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

## MOTHER'S UNION IN SEPTEMBER



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 10am  
Seasalter Christian Centre - General get together - what have you been up to lately - can we share?

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 2.30pm  
Thorpe Room  
All Saints Church Hall  
- Speaker to be arranged.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon  
Cathedral Prayer time  
- St.Gabriel's Chapel

**On Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** All Saints will be hosting the **Canterbury Cathedral's boys choir** for a concert to raise money for the churchyard paths appeal. Tickets are £10 per adult, £7 under 16s.

**TICKET INFORMATION**  
Self-addressed stamped envelopes and cheques payable to All Saints Whitstable DCC can be sent to the Church Office, Church Street, Whitstable, CT5 1PG or you can buy them online at [www.allsaintswhitstable.com](http://www.allsaintswhitstable.com). Or purchase on the door