

Get ready for advent with us.

Sunday 26th November

4-5pm

**St John's Church,
Swalecliffe Court Drive**



At our Christingle, we raise money for



**Saint Alphege
Whitstable
Afternoon Club
Wednesday 22nd
November 2pm
Art Talk – Images
of Christ – Baby to
Man**

UNITY UPDATE

November 2017

Rev Rachel Webbley writes:

From All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Bonfire night and Remembrance Sunday, this month is all about memories. The dying year echoes these liturgical and secular themes of death and decay. Our memories shape us, both collectively and as individuals. In our country our most recent shared memory of war has been World War II, while we still remember to pray regularly for the people in our armed forces who are still in active service. The English civil war is a distant memory from history lessons, with what seem quaint distinctions between Roundheads and Cavaliers.

For the people of Spain, however, there is a much closer living memory of civil war from the '30s, and even more recent experience of the oppressive regime of General Franco that grew out of that, who died in the year that I was born, 1975. In the face of on-going uncertainty, each Sunday we remember Christ's actions, and that remembering shapes us as a people set apart for God. We are not set apart for complacency however, but to model radical love, and faithful prayer for those who live under the shadow of violence and fear.

Let us pray that the memories of division and violence in Spain help both sides value peace for all the men women and children in that country. Let us also remember to pray for mutual flourishing within our own church, both locally and nationally.



*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.**

**Congratulations to the
Whitstable and Seasalter
Endowed school, following
their earlier Outstanding
Ofsted report, for seconding
this with an Outstanding
Siams (worship and
Christian ethos) report in
October 2017!**

**SACRED SPACE
ALL SAINTS WHITSTABLE
TUESDAY 14th
NOVEMBER 2017
8pm to 9pm
Please bring a torch**

OTHER EVENTS SENT TO THE EDITOR

SWALECLIFFE REMEMBERS Saturday 11th November at 11 o'clock: two minutes silence outside the Church Centre, St John's Road.

Sunday 12th November at 10.30 am:- Remembrance Sunday Service in St John's Church, with placing of wreaths by the Village First World War Memorial (which is inside the Church)

PILGRIMAGE TALK

Sunday 12th November 3.30pm Rev Simon Tillotson talks about the recent Pilgrimage he led to Holy Island and Iona. At All Saints Church hall. Refreshments provided and donations welcome.

Sat 25th Nov 10.30 am Advent Craft and Games for all ages in the St John's Church Centre. Contact 07730 433668. naomismith14@outlook.com. Until 12.30 pm

Sun 26th Nov 4.00 pm Christingle Service in St John's Swalecliffe Church

Sat 2nd Dec 9.00 am Christmas Market in the St John's Church Centre. Until 11.00 am

WHITSTABLE TEAM DIRECTORY

Needing information of service times or contact information?

A full list of churches, church service times, contact details, and clergy contact information details will be published each January and June in Unity Update. To free up space for other matters, it will not be printed each month. Therefore, if you need any of this information outside of these months please contact a member of any of the Whitstable Team Churches and they will pass your information on to a clergy or churchwarden who will get back to you with the information you require. Alternatively, contact the editor Rev Simon Tillotson on 01227 272308 or tillotsons@gmail.com if you have some particular enquiry and he will point you in the right direction.

Also, please bear in mind that this publication only prints what the editor receives. If your church event was missing, please recognise this and please ensure that in future your events are sent to Rev Simon Tillotson in time for publication. The deadline for the December edition will be November 15th.



- When?** Mondays from school until 5pm
Where? Seasalter Christian Centre
Cost? £1 each
Who can come? Anyone from school years R to year 5 is welcome
What will we do? Each week is different but may include

UniHoc
 Dodgeball
 Cooking
 Craft
 Table football
 Table Tennis
 Snooker or Pool
 Dvds, Music
 Popcorn
 Football
 Board Games
 Time to chill and chat with friends

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
 Christian care for families



Tuesday 7th Nov.
 10.00am Seasalter Christian Centre –
 Prayer Shawl Ministry - Sue Smith will share the story of how and why the group produces their wonderful gifts.

Wednesday 8th Nov.
 10am Corporate Communion at St.John's Christian Centre

Thursday 16th Nov.
 2.30pm All Saints' Thorpe Room - Quiet Time with Rev Joyce Outen.

Thursday 30th Nov.
 12 noon Cathedral Prayer time - St.Gabriel's Chapel.

Saturday 2nd December | 2pm-5pm | Seasalter Christian Centre

Ladies Christmas Shopping Event

A chance to find extra special Christmas gifts from local sellers.

- Live Jazz Band - Mulled Wine -
- Mince Pies - Sweet Treats -
- Textiles - Foreshore Arts - Cards -
- Lotus Therapies - Usborne Books -
- Jewellery - Preserves - Decorations -
- Kites & Things - Clippity Clop -
- Gifts & Presents - Moth Therapies -
- Wooden Decorations - Neal's Yard -

† St Alphege, Seasalter

www.stalphege-seasalter.org

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 25th November we have our All Saints Christmas Fair from 10am to 1.30pm at All Saints church hall. Come and join the fun. Books, crafts, cakes, raffle, tombola, and lots more. Why not visit Santa in his grotto?