

Whitstable Team Ministry and Churches Together in Whitstable Present

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Fun events for children throughout the Summer.

St Andrews, Grimshill Rd

Thursday 16th August
Friday 17th August

Contact Sarah:

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St Peters, Sydenham St

Thursday 30th August
Friday 31st August

Contact Geoff:

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Seasalter Christian Centre

Monday 13th August
Tuesday 14th August
Wednesday 15th August

Contact Jane:

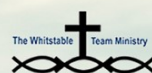
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Places must be booked in
advance.

10am - 12.30pm

Each day is £3 per child

Max. £9 per family each day.
If affordability is an issue please contact
us confidentially.



UNITY UPDATE

Where is our hope?

Rev Simon Tillotson writes..



Dear Friends,
Right the way through the winter months I look forward to the arrival of British Summer Time. In my memory is etched, through those dark, cold winter days, memories of late spring evenings with the sunlight and smell of fresh spring flowers coming through the window.

This April, though, is so far turning out to be rather different. It reminds me of the April I spent in 2013 on my sabbatical studying here at the Vicarage with the heating on nearly as often as it had been in the winter months, peering out at rain filled clouds...

This has all come as a stark reminder that the hope we often place in our worldly expectations does not always find fulfilment. Of course, sometimes, God does bless us with something significant to give thanks for. Other times, we are left feeling let down and disappointed. However, knowing that reality can actually be quite important for the welfare of our mental health, because if we expect things to always go well we will live in a frequent state of disappointment. Something of our consumer culture creates those idealistic expectations. We need to be aware of them, and can actually be happier if we are aware of them. That's not to say we shouldn't hope for a great amount of happiness in this life. Of course we should! But mindful realism is also important. Making an idol out of our expectations is dangerous.

The month of May sees the arrival of Pentecost, amongst other festivals. This gives us a great opportunity to review where our primary spiritual and emotional focus is. Is it on God, or is it on the unreliable things of this world? If it is the latter, and not God, we may well never enter into the fulness of life Jesus promises us. The reality of the imperfection of life therefore makes it all the more important to place our hope not in the world around us but in God, in whom all joy and fulfilment can ultimately be found.

**Sat 5th May 10am – 2pm - St Alphege Whitstable -
Cake sale & Car wash** to support our young people on their weekend residential in June at a Christian activity centre. Do bring your car and enjoy tea & cakes while it's being washed!



Concert

*By Canterbury Christ Church
University Chapel Choir*

In aid of our Children and Families work

*Friday 11th May 7.30pm
St John's Parish Church, Swalecliffe
Tickets £7.50 including refreshments*

Thursday 3rd May

Community Wardrobe

First Meeting 7pm @

Seasalter Christian
Centre

If you'd like to help get
this project off the
ground or just interested
and want to know more,
do come along.

More information from
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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 IN MAY

Tuesday 1st
10 am Seasalter Christian
Centre Talk on St.Philip and
St.James by Revd David
Vannerley

Tuesday 15th
10 0am Corporate
Communion - St.Peter's
Church, Whitstable.

Thursday 17th
2.30 pm All Saints' Thorpe
Room - Talk on 'Julian of
Norwich' by Revd Joyce Outen

Thursday 31st
12 noon Cathedral Prayer
Time



Whitstable Team Ministry

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Thursday 10th May

7.30 pm

in St John's Church,
Swalecliffe Court Drive
CT5 2NH

(use car park at the end of Long Rock)

Saturday 19th May

A Right Royal Do –
come and celebrate
the Royal Wedding
with us from 10.30am
@ Seasalter Christian
Centre BBQ, Bouncy
Castle, Face Painting,
just a time to have fun
together, all ages
welcome

CAFE CHURCH @ST ANDREW'S – SUN 6TH MAY 4.30PM

Informal and friendly worship for
all ages, with pizza &
refreshments. All welcome. No
charge.



Deanery of Reculver Confirmation

By Rt Rev Trevor Willmott,
Bishop of Dover

Will take place on Saturday
12th May at 6pm at Seasalter
Christian Centre

Please pray for all those from
our Deanery and our own
churches who are being
confirmed at this service.