

*Services at St Margaret's Underriver
September 2008*



Sunday	7 Sept	11:15 16:00	Family Service Young People's Confirmation Group (at the Vicarage)	
Sunday	14 Sept	08:00 18:00	Holy Communion (said) Evensong (with hymns)	BCP BCP
Sunday	21 Sept	10:30 11:15	Sunday Club meets in the Village Hall Family Service with Holy Baptism	
Sunday	28 Sept	11:15	Parish Communion (with hymns)	CW
Sunday	5 Oct	11:15 12:15	Harvest Festival St Margaret's Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall	

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**Services at The Church of St Lawrence Seal Chart
September 2008**



Monday	1 Sept	First Session of Adults' Confirmation Group At The White House, Bitchet Green	
Friday	5 Sept	Organ Recital by Alex Breedon at St Margaret's, Underriver [see page 5]	
Sunday	7 Sept	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 08:00 Holy Communion (said) BCP Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20 09:45 All Age/Family Service (with children in church) Matthew 18: 15-20 16:00 First Session of Young People's Confirmation Group At the Vicarage	
Tuesday	9 Sept	Prayer Time for Both Parishes (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) At The White House, Bitchet Green	
Saturday	13 Sept	Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride & Walk 10:00 to 18:00	
Sunday	14 Sept	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 09:45 Family Communion (with hymns) CW Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	
Sunday	21 Sept	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 08:00 Holy Communion (said) CW 2 Cor. 4: 1-6 Matthew 9: 9-13 09:45 All Age/Family Service (with Sunday School) 1 Kings 19: 15-21 Matthew 9: 9-13	
Friday	26 Sept	Prayer Time for Both Parishes (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) At Garden Cottage, Bitchet Green	
Sunday	28 Sept	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity 09:45 Morning Prayer (with hymns) BCP Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 Matthew 21: 23-32	
Saturday	4 Oct	St Lawrence Harvest Supper 19:00 In The Village Hall	
Sunday	5 Oct	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 08:00 Holy Communion (said) BCP Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-46 33-46 09:45 Harvest Festival Psalm 65: Luke 12: 16-21	

BCP = Book of Common Prayer - a service using traditional (17th C) language and form
CW = Common Worship - a service using contemporary (21st C) language and form

	Flower Rota for	
Church		Memorial
Jean Stirling	Sunday 7 Sept	Rosie Hobbs
Jean Stirling	Sunday 14 Sept	Rosie Hobbs
Pat Wilson/Sheila Jackson	Sunday 21 Sept	Rachel O'Keefe
Pat Wilson/Sheila Jackson	Sunday 28 Sept	Rachel O'Keefe
Bridget Stephens	Sunday 5 Oct	Liz Coates

	St Lawrence Sunday School	
* Thu 11 Sept Planning Meeting		At Hilary's
Sun 21 Sept Peter and Cornelius		Lesley & Hilary
Sun 05 Oct Harvest Festival		
* Please note change of date and venue		
Our Sunday School meets in St Lawrence School at 09:45 on the dates shown		
All children are welcome — Bring Mum or Dad as well!!!		
For further information, contact Hilary Darque (453929) or Beryl Storey (451510)		

**Sponsored Ride and Walk with Friends of Kent Churches
Saturday, 13 September (10am-6pm)**

Help to save churches in Kent. Bicycle or walk, with sponsorship money divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and the church or chapel of your choice. As usual St Lawrence's will have refreshments available in our porch for those who pass by. And if you are not riding or walking, could you think of sponsoring someone who would?

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Burrswood's Diamond Celebration: 5th October

To celebrate 60 years of healthcare and ministry at Burrswood Christian Hospital and Place of Healing there will be a Thanksgiving Service at Rochester Cathedral. The Revd David Flagg will be leading the service, with Bishop John Perry preaching. All are welcome to join in this special Evensong celebration. Refreshments will be served in the South Transept after the service.

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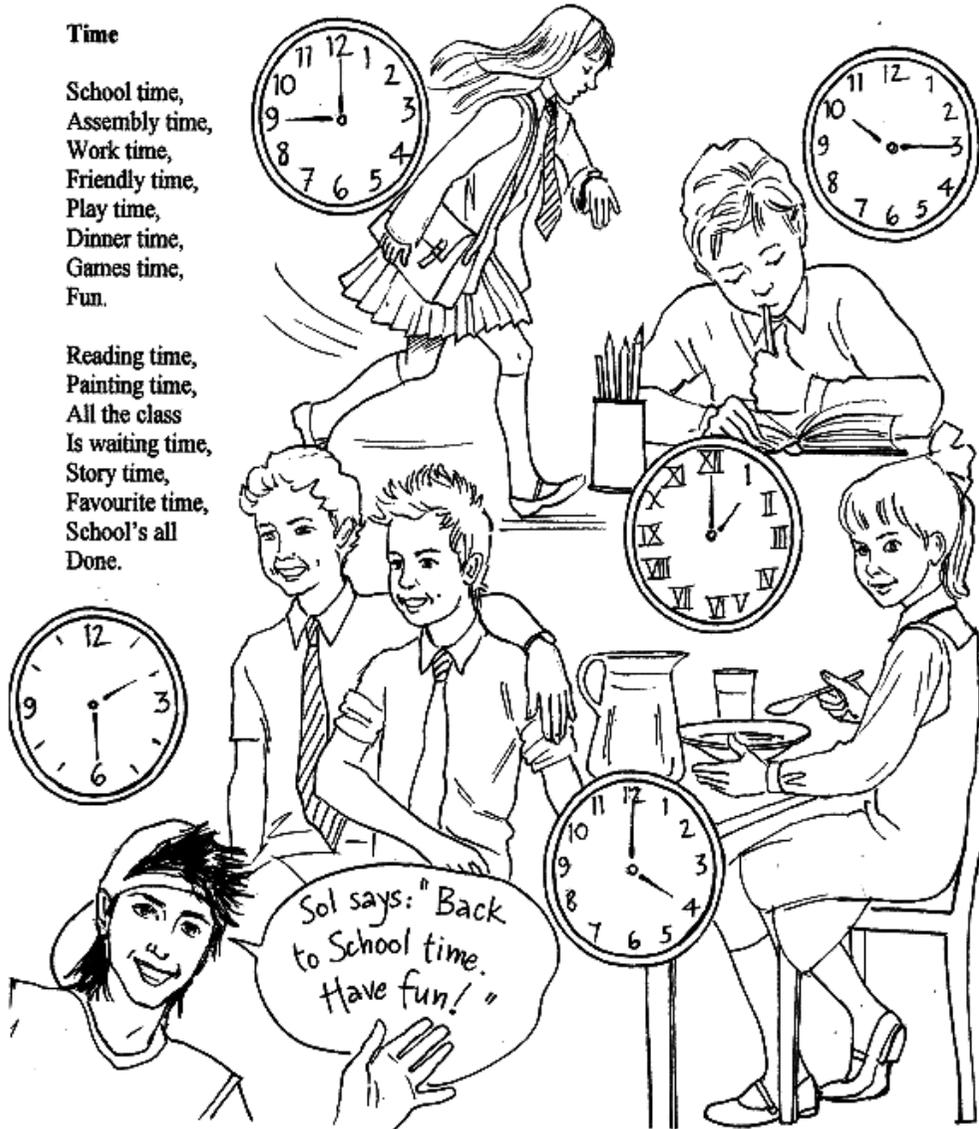
Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Time

School time,
Assembly time,
Work time,
Friendly time,
Play time,
Dinner time,
Games time,
Fun.

Reading time,
Painting time,
All the class
Is waiting time,
Story time,
Favourite time,
School's all
Done.



There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven.
(Ecclesiastes 3:15 NIV)

Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by

From the Vicar

“One of the many good things about studying for a degree when aged 50-plus is that my fellow students don’t discuss their latest health issue. They are at the age when, by-and-large, they think they are immortal!” So a fellow parishioner has told me – and how invigorating he has found it not to be hearing about cholesterol levels, scans for this, or vitamin supplements for that.

Of course, no one is naturally immortal – but I suspect that instead of physical health a young person’s preoccupation will more typically be with relationships – both inter-personal (and I am sure that there is a lot of that!), but also between themselves and society and the environment. Those of us who are a little older need the frisson which younger members foist on us. We may also need to be reminded that there is more to life than career and comfort. Exploration and travelling happen not only physically but emotionally – and when we stop doing either, then might one essential part of us have in effect already died?

But however much some people think they do, the different generations don’t live in parallel worlds. The young depend on the older for the world as they find it, and the older increasingly rely on the young for physical support.

And it is more than physical. The parent-child relationship is at the heart of our body and soul relationship with God, whom we are to call “Our Father”. (Actually, he’s not just for Christians - every family in heaven and earth takes its name from the one Father – see Ephesians 3:15) And if any of us are tempted to think they are more mature, let’s remember that characteristics of being a child are one requirement if we are to inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus’ life is clearly not the same as ours, but in a way also exemplifies this mutual dependence across different ages. As a baby and child he certainly needed older people; in later life his younger friends hung on his every word; at his death and afterwards he became dependent again on others; and now he relies on each new generation to be his hands and feet in the ever-new work of helping society move towards its right fulfilment.

Thinking also of the new beginnings implied in the start of a new school year, let’s all resolve afresh to rediscover this interdependence which is in fact part of the universal rule of life which God has shown and continues to show in Jesus.

With all blessings,

Michael

Pilgrim Places - Canterbury [cont]

Thomas Becket, the courtier turned priest, was a man of high principle and made it clear that his first loyalty was to God and not to Henry. In a moment of anger Henry expressed the wish that Becket should be silenced. Four knights took the king at his word, broke their way into the Cathedral and murdered the Archbishop on 29 December 1170.

Within months of his death Becket was hailed as a holy martyr and soon pilgrims began to arrive in Canterbury from across England and the Continent to pray at Becket's shrine. There have been many written accounts of Becket's death but none have been so powerful and dramatic as T S Eliot's 1935 work in verse, *Murder in the Cathedral*.

The visit of pilgrims to Canterbury in honour of Thomas Becket is the scene for one of the nation's most famous literary compositions, Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*. Chaucer began the work sometime in the 1380s and worked on it for at least ten years. There are sixteen Tales in all and a Prologue. The Tales are stories told by pilgrims walking from Southwark in London to Canterbury, and they are told by a range of people from many walks of life, including a knight, a miller, a merchant, a squire, a physician, a cook, a friar, a nun, etc.

When Henry V111 ordered the dissolution of the monasteries Becket's tomb in Canterbury was destroyed in 1540. The priory was dissolved and many of the monks formed the reconstituted cathedral foundation. These were turbulent times in the land. The Reformation begun by Martin Luther in Germany reached England in the 1520s and for two decades it was tightly controlled by Henry who wanted reform in the Church but not a Reformation.

The last Roman Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury was William Warham who died in 1532. Bishop Gregory of Rome had appointed Augustine as Canterbury's first Archbishop and for more than 900 years all Augustine's successors had acknowledged the Pope as Supreme Head of the Church. Now in the 1530s Reformation winds were blowing in England and on Warham's death, Henry appointed Thomas Cranmer as Canterbury's first Reformed Archbishop. In the 17th century England was embroiled in the Civil War between King and Parliament. Oliver Cromwell's parliamentary army smashed much of the Cathedral's stained glass.

In the 19th and 20th centuries the Anglican Church spread around the world and Canterbury Cathedral came to be recognised as the Mother Church of the worldwide Anglican communion. In 1867 a gathering of Anglican archbishops and bishops from many parts of the world met in London. The venue was Lambeth Palace, the London home of the Archbishops of Canterbury since the 1300s. These Lambeth Conferences meet every ten years and thirteen have

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Lock it or Lose it!!

Why sleeping with your cars keys under your pillow may be a good idea.

When car security gets too good to steal the car, what do you do? You steal the car keys!

Nowadays, thieves sneak into porches, halls and kitchens in broad daylight to grab keys hanging on hooks near doors. Handbags and pockets give easy opportunities, while keys left briefly on shop counters, on tables in bars or even in the ignition of vehicles are all clear invitations to the car thief.

As cars have become harder to steal with their sophisticated immobilisers and security systems, so thieves have concentrated on the easy option – taking the keys. When after one spate of burglaries in West Yorkshire, 720 cars were stolen, police suggested worried drivers take their car keys to bed with them.

That little piece of metal and plastic is often the only thing between the criminal and your investment. So here are some tips of how to hang on to it!

- * treat car keys the same as you would cash or credit cards
- * make sure keys are always in a secure place at home or work
- * keep house doors locked at all times – thieves can sneak in while you are in another room
- * ensure that car keys are not kept close to doors and windows
- * never leave keys in an unattended car – even if you are just paying for petrol
- * keep the car garaged and locked if possible
- * never leave any form of identification with your keys.

How do we care about St Lawrence Graveyard?

A Thank You, and a request for your views!

Firstly, **thank you** to everyone who helps to keep our churchyard tidy and fitting for those whom we have buried. In particular, thank you to Michelle Pierce who does the major part, week by week. Thank you too to those involved in the occasional working party – amongst their recent work they have trimmed the bushes beside the lychgate, provided light to the vestry by cutting back a hazel, tidied the graves of our founder family, and cleared the Eastern boundary. How we provide an area to honour those who have died is amongst the more important roles we have in life.

Secondly, could each of our readers **please help us!** As we are likely soon to have run out of space to bury the ashes of those who have been cremated, we have begun the process of applying for permission for a new area, over by the fence with Frankfield. But although the Diocesan Advisory Committee is happy with the proposed site and size, it considers inappropriate our proposal that we continue to allow the burial sites to be marked with small individual memorial stones laid flat. Instead the committee are suggesting a number of larger upright stones with multiple names on them, and no local designation. **If you have a view on whether the graves for ashes should be separately or communally identified, please let us know in writing**, as we may well appeal but would then need all the support we can show.

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Harvest Supper
Saturday 4th October at 7 pm
Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 5th October at 9.45 am

The Harvest Supper is always a very enjoyable community occasion and all are warmly invited to come. The supper will be held on Saturday 4th October at 7.00 pm in St Lawrence Village Hall.

Tickets (£8 adults, £4 children under 12) need to be bought in advance and can be obtained from Elspeth Cooke (761766) or Rosemary Cole (763107). Profits from the evening will be donated to FARM AFRICA.

The following day, Sunday, 5th October the **Harvest Festival Service** will be an All-age service at 9.45 am at St Lawrence Church. **Please do come!**

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convened since their beginning.

When the fourteenth Lambeth Conference met in July and August this year Archbishop Williams presided. The Anglican Communion around the world is deeply split on a number of theological and pastoral questions, not least its attitude to same-sex marriages.

So Canterbury remains, not the earliest Christian site in England but one of the earliest. From Augustine to Rowan Williams, Canterbury Cathedral has mirrored the highs and lows, the changes, turmoil, Reformation and agitations that have marked Christianity in England for 1400 years.

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Sevenoaks & District WEA

Workers Education Association courses of 10 or 20 weeks will start in the week beginning on 29 September 2008 or 12 January 2009. There will also be several day courses. You may find details of all these in our brochure, together with an advance booking form. These are available at your local library if you have not already received them by post. Remember our 'Try before You Buy' policy whereby you may attend the first session before committing yourself to enrolling for the full course. For further details ring Joyce Allen (01959 533915) or Dorothy Palmer (01959 522936)

Alexander Breedon, Scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge
(Organist at St Margaret's Underriver for a number of years)

will give an

ORGAN RECITAL

(Works by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, Guilmant and Duruflé)

in

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH UNDERRIVER

at

8:00 pm on Friday 5 September 2008

Tickets from Christopher Hurrion (01732 833169) or
e-mail churrion@aol.com

Tickets are free but there will be a retiring collection
with a suggested minimum donation of £10

All proceeds in aid of the church's nominated charity

The Scotts Project

Signs of Faith in Russia

On a trip to Moscow in August, we were taken to see the Cathedral of the Christ the Saviour. This was a magnificent structure complete with five domes in gleaming white encrusted with gold.



The interior was heavily decorated with mosaic panels, paintings of saints and various relics, which were being venerated by queues of Russians - young and old, the whole being dominated by a magnificent iconostasis - the Russian Orthodox altar.

Much to our surprise, our guide told us that as a child in the sixties, she swam in an open air pool on the site of this place of worship. She had no idea that the cathedral was blown up in 1933 by order of the authorities when the era of atheism was decreed. In the late 1990's when 'glasnost' was introduced, it was decided to rebuild the cathedral and the money was raised by public donation.

Moscow citizens were asked for any mementos that had been kept after that terrible week in '33. Thousands of small pieces of mosaic and building material materialised. These had been kept secretly and handed down in families till that day. They were invaluable in researching the true colours and materials of the interiors.

Pat Edghill

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Baptism and Confirmation preparation

Might it be right for you or for one of your children to become more involved with God? Or, more correctly, let him more into our lives?

The good news is that, at the time of writing, we have 5 adults and 5 young people who have expressed an interest in a Confirmation group ("Finding out more about Christian Belonging") – and separate sessions (each of 7 or 8 sessions, meeting weekly) will begin this September. If you think you might be interested in joining, do please have a word with one of us soon – there's no obligation implied by asking for more details.

Michael (761766) or Gretel (761534)

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Student essay: Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, but he mostly lived at Windsor with his merry wives. This is quite usual with actors.

Prayer Topics for this month

- The people of Georgia and of South Ossetia who continue to be affected by the aftermath of the war waged there.
- Thanks for the skills of body and mind shown by athletes at the Olympics
- Children who have started at a new school –and for the teachers
- Thanks for Burrswood's ministry of healing (*see page 11*)

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What kinda Tater are you?

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters."

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters."

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters."

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezza Taters."

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Immy Taters."

Then there are those who love and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They're called "Sweet Taters."

What kinda Tater are you?

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Recycling Ink Cartridges for Christian Aid

For the past year or so, there has been a box at the back of St Lawrence's to collect empty printer ink cartridges (either Ink Jet or Laser Jet). These are sent off in batches to be recycled and Christian Aid receives £1 per cartridge. Since we began collecting, I have sent off over 50 cartridges. If you have already been putting your used cartridges in the box, thank you very much – please continue to do so; if you have not, next time you finish a cartridge, please think of Christian Aid and pop it into the box when you're next passing the church.

Recycling cartridges is an environmentally friendly thing to do and through the charity scheme is doubly beneficial. Thank you for your support.

Elsbeth Cooke