AN INTRODUCTION TO
ST PETER’S CHURCH,
WHITSTABLE

St Peter’s church, Sydenham Street, Whitstable, is one of six churches in the Whitstable Team Ministry (Church of England).

It was built over a period of time from the beginning of the twentieth century. The foundation stone was laid in 1902, the chancel, choir and lady chapel were built in 1903, and the huge nave and transepts were built from 1924 to 1925. The porch was then completed in 1936. It is a beautiful building, even more from the inside, and well worth a visit.

Over the years it has served the community in this part of Whitstable well, being in the tradition of Anglo-Catholic worship with vestments, incense, hymns, liturgy and servers.

St Peter’s has a small but committed congregation who are known for their warmth and friendliness.

The church has a website with a great deal of information about it – www.stpeterswhitstable.org.uk

Our public garden is part of the world wide Quiet Garden Trust and is a green space open for all to enjoy. www.quietgarden.org. You are always most welcome to visit the garden.
WHEN DO WE WORSHIP?

The church services times are as follows:

Sundays – 10.45am Sung Eucharist and 6.30pm Sung Evensong with Solemn Evensong and Benediction on the first Sunday of each month

Tuesdays – 10am Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel followed by tea and coffee

Sunday School takes place just a few minutes’ walk from the church at St Peter’s Church Hall, opposite Westmeads school in Cromwell Road, meeting at 9.30am nearly every week of the year.

Enquiries are most welcome for Sunday School - call Peter on 01227 770087 for more details

For general information about our church please call Barry Toogood our churchwarden on 01227 276422.

If you have a particular request for a Baptism, Wedding, or a pastoral need of some sort, please contact the Vicar, Rev Fr Simon Tillotson on 01227 272308 or email him at tillotsons@gmail.com
WHO ARE WE AND WHAT SORT OF CHURCH ARE WE?

A number of clergy serve St Peter’s including Canon Fr Chris Morgan-Jones, (top left of photos), who was the vicar of All Saints Maidstone for over twenty years, and Rev Fr Simon Tillotson, (centre left of photos) who is Team Vicar of St Peter’s and also All Saints churches in the Whitstable Team. We also have the help of Rev Dr Julie Hopkins, Dr David Wright and a number of retired clergy who assist us with our services on a regular basis.

Our theology is open and inclusive. None of us have arrived on our Christian journey. We are all seeking truth in the light of a complex and confusing world. Therefore, if you are not completely sure about the Christian faith, you will be just as welcome at our services as if you have reached a point of certainty.

Although our congregation is not large, the services provide space for reflection, contemplation and entering into the mystery of an encounter with God through the Holy Spirit. Why not come along? You may be pleasantly surprised!

Alternatively, if worship is not for you, why not consider attending one of our Saturday markets which take place throughout the year at St Peter’s Church Hall on Saturday mornings? Please contact us for the dates of these.
WHAT ABOUT THE POST OFFICE?

From the summer of 2016, St Peter’s is hosting the Whitstable Post Office for a period of up to one year. This is after it moved from a portacabin on Gladstone Road (see photo above) where it took up eight car park spaces, causing much inconvenience to the general public, who had to queue outside in all weathers. Meanwhile, the staff had to work inside a portacabin which could be very hot in the summer.

We hope that by providing our church as a space for the Post Office to function, we will be able to provide somewhere comfortable to queue, with more counters available to the public, as plans continue for a permanent location for the Post Office on premises where the former sorting office is on Cromwell Road.

We are sensitive to our neighbours and are encouraging members of the public to park at Gorrell Tank and Victoria Street car park through our press releases. We note that Gladstone Road was just as difficult area to park, and that the portacabin took up eight car park spaces, so this is a problem that is common to the whole of central Whitstable.

We do need to find dual uses for the church when the Post Office moves out, to keep the church and building at the heart of the community into the future, so please let us know if you have any ideas about how the building could be used once the Post Office has moved out. Thank you.