

**THANET**  
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**All change**  
Hello Ligaments!

“All change, all change” says the train conductor as we pull into our local station of Ramsgate and it’s a very apt way of describing our ministry here in Thanet - both in the past year and also in the coming months!



Church Army has changed its logo and branding (we hope you like the new style newsletter), our emails have changed, our colleague Capt. Stuart Budden has transferred to Church Army’s Dundee Centre of Mission, our Regional Development Officer has changed, our line manager has changed, our Area Dean and Archdeacon has changed and to top it off, Peter is due to finish his work with Church Army as he gets ordained and becomes the curate at St. Laurence’s Church, Thanet! This will mean that instead of us both sharing the role part time, I (Lynne) will be taking on the job of Lead Evangelist in Thanet’s Centre of Mission full time, starting in July - and on a positive note, as Pete’s new parish is just up the road, we don’t need to move house.

Personally also, Mary has just completed her first year at university studying Film Studies and with Charlie already having flown the nest to live nearer to his work at the National Grid on the Isle of Grain, our home has undergone big change too. One thing that hasn’t changed is our youngest daughter Anne’s sunny disposition who at the age of 9, keeps us on our toes and all routed together as a family during this time!

One of the reasons we haven’t been in touch with you all recently has been that we wanted to wait until we had news of a new appointment for someone to come and join our centre of mission and all that we’ve been doing here, but this is still an ongoing issue for which we would really value your prayers. As well as being a beautiful place, Thanet has many missional needs and social concerns and while the harvest is plentiful, we can only scratch the surface being one person within this large and very diverse Deanery.

We have been well supported locally and this continues to be the case, there are conversations and discussions happening at the moment as we discern what my focus in ministry could be and how I can build on and strengthen all that we have done so far. God is indeed Great, and in His hands under His guidance, we travel on!

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of you who faithfully support us, both prayerfully and financially and look forward to journeying together in this new chapter of our lives.



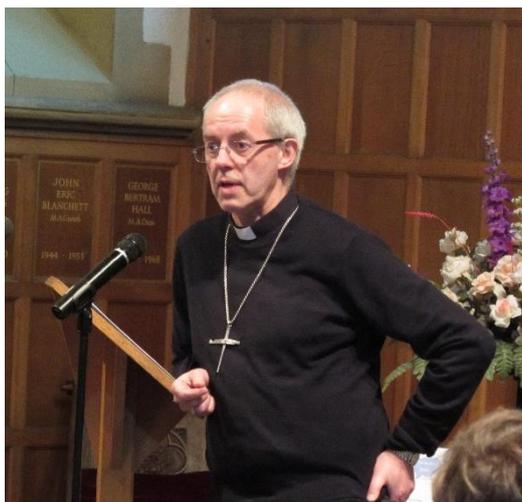
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## Highlights from Thanet so far...

The Dream Team continues to be a great way for all of the churches and local Christians to get together dreaming dreams for their churches and wider communities. Our aim is to “enthuse the pews” in mission and evangelism and Church Army’s D.A.R.E Strategy (Doing, Advocating, Resourcing, Enabling Evangelism) underpins all that the Dream Team does. We share ideas, resources and our gifts and each time we meet there is teaching, examples of local mission to inspire us, worship, prayer - and heaps of enthusiasm and encouragement!



Recently, the Dream Team was joined by Archbishop Justin and members of the Community of St. Anselm and we spent a fantastic evening celebrating all of the dreams that had come true in the last 2 years and looking at how far other dreams had moved towards becoming a reality. It was a real encouragement and in summing up, Archbishop Justin said, *“God loves the fact that you dream. So please, for the sake of the whole church, just go on dreaming. Because it pleases God when you sit down with Him and say, ‘Can I dream with you a bit?’ It’s amazing what You will do...and what He’ll do through you, so thank you”*

## St George’s Project

The St George’s Project was launched just over 2 years ago to feed and create a sense of community in the heart of Ramsgate town centre. St George’s was the original Victorian Soup Kitchen and so it is apt that once again it serves the locals in similar fashion.

It started as a partnership between St Paul’s church and Church Army and Pete has been involved with it since its opening - first as a volunteer and then jointly running it. It is not merely social action, Christian music plays and a large wooden cross at the front is there for folk to hang prayer request cards on. After the food and fun there is an offer to explore the basics of Christian faith in a small group setting upstairs. This has been remarkable for one person who has since visibly changed his life around as he reads the Bible and unpacks what it means for him.

On Pete’s final evening there were 52 people sharing food and enjoying the quiz - everyone likes a quiz! There are over 150 people on the books and during the winter months it is incorporated into the Thanet Winter Shelter rota to help support homeless people.



St. George’s Project



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## Prayer Warriors!

**Prayer Warriors!** is our young people's group that supports and prays for the Dream Team, our churches and local area in all sorts of fun and interactive ways- it is a real joy to see the difference prayer makes in their lives and how their confidence is growing too. They were invited to share their thoughts about praying at an event during Thy Kingdom Come in Canterbury Cathedral and they were amazing as they stood up in front of the meeting and told stories!

## Men's film and chippy nights

These have been set up in two churches and run once a month. The type of film can be on any subject but the conversation after the film draws out the big and small questions based around faith and the world we live in. The concept is simply that men from the congregation invite a friend who would not usually go inside a church. The night starts with food from the chippy and mingling. Folk then settle into comfy chairs or sofas and watch a film.

Typically this is a projected image with quality sound to give a cinema feel. When the lights go on, tea and coffee are on offer as the chat begins. Every three months there is also a trip to the cinema and pub. In the future, both churches will be invited to the cinema together creating a bigger group that may be more attractive to the non-church goer. This is still in the pipeline and is something I would like to continue and also introduce to St Laurence's as I go into my curacy.

## Faith Pictures

Church Army's **Faith Pictures course** is a real favourite here and we are currently running it for the 7<sup>th</sup> time, with another church already lined up for September! Please pray for everyone who comes to these sessions - that they are enabled and encouraged as they explore ways of sharing their faith in everyday conversations with those around them.



[www.faithpictures.org](http://www.faithpictures.org)



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# Prayers

## Thank you...

- Give thanks for the Dream Team and all the opportunities there are to serve.
- Thank God for the opportunities to minister to so many people in so many different ways.

## Please...

- Pray for Pete as he begins his curacy.
- Pray for Lynne as she discerns the way forward.
- Pray for the right support for our centre of mission and good relationships to be built following the changes in the team and management.
- Pray for all the people we have shared Faith Pictures with, that they would be encouraged and empowered to share their faith with others.

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Thank you!

With much love and blessings, from The Bones xxxxx



With Archbishop Justin



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