

# Welcome<sup>2</sup> St Alphege, Seasalter at Seasalter Christian Centre

Your name(s)

Children's names and dates of birth

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

Today's date



St Alphege, Seasalter

Tear from this leaflet and pass to a member of the Welcome Team Thank you



Name of Welcomer:

Service attended	
Please tick:	
08.45	
10.10	
11.00	
11.15	

Editor: Paula Dean, email: deaneves@msn.com Deadline is Midnight Tuesday

## Prayer at the Heart



Angela.

Terry Chapman, being treated for prostate cancer.

Tess Canavan.

David Harwood, to continue to make good progress after his hip replacement.

Dennis Spinner and family.

Andrea Harte.

During April we will be praying for those living in Norview Road, Swallow Avenue and Linnet Avenue.

**Prayer Needs:** (Immediate needs – 2-4 weeks, long term needs – 3 months.)

Please contact: Joan Moss 275522 or j.moss370@btinternet; Rev. Ann Moreton 277140;

Carol Judge 277752; David and Lynda Kemp 272470, or Rev. Steve Coneys 276795.



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## Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter Sunday 16 April 2017

Easter Sunday

Today's Readings: Acts 10.33 - 43; Matthew 28.1 - 10

## Empty yet full

We can feel **empty** for all kinds of reasons – from unrequited love to significant loss, from sheer boredom to deep despair. Sometimes we just feel a bit disconnected, or low – empty **rather than full**.

A long time ago, someone **emptied himself out** (Philippians 2.7) so that we should never be truly empty again.

First he **emptied** himself by giving up his life on a cross, for you and for me. Then his tomb was **emptied** when Jesus Christ rose again and walked right out.

The **empty tomb** means that Jesus is alive. It is the source of our fullness. Jesus will come to all who know themselves to be empty without God. *Because Jesus emptied himself on the cross, and because his tomb is now empty, we can all be **filled with his presence**.*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ – the Good News which we celebrate today on the **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Seasalter Christian Centre**. SCC has rarely been empty since then and we, God's family, have been blessed with the fullness of 'every spiritual blessing in Christ'. (Ephesians 1.3)

May we all know **'the fullness of him** who fills everything in every way'. (Ephesians 1.23)

With gratitude for all of you, and with love in the Risen Lord.

Steve



## ADCM, Annual Meeting

Thank you to all who came and contributed to our lively Annual Meeting on Monday evening. There was a great note of gratitude and thanksgiving as we shared thoughts and prayed for the outreach to Lucerne Drive, the work of Abbot House Nursery, and the life of Christ here at Seasalter.

The following were elected to serve:

**Churchwardens:** Yvonne Champion and Lynda Kemp

**Deputy Churchwardens:** Alison Fuller and Elaine Oakley

**Deanery Synod:** Rosalind Drewitt, David Clippingdale, David Kemp and Lynda Kemp

**PCC:** Helen Prettyjohn and Margaret Tyce-Butcher

**DCC:** Malcolm Heron, Steve Charman and Paula Dean

**The Archdeacon's Visitation** is on Thursday 18 May 7.30 pm at the Cathedral. The new Archdeacon of Canterbury, Jo Kelly-Moore, will admit Yvonne and Lynda to their Office as Churchwardens, and we will pray for everyone else – all are warmly invited.



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## Confirmation 2017

The Deanery Confirmation is in Herne Bay on Saturday 20 May 6 pm, St Bartholomew, Herne Bay. Let Steve or Fabian know if you would like to be Confirmed.

## Christian Aid in Whitstable 2017



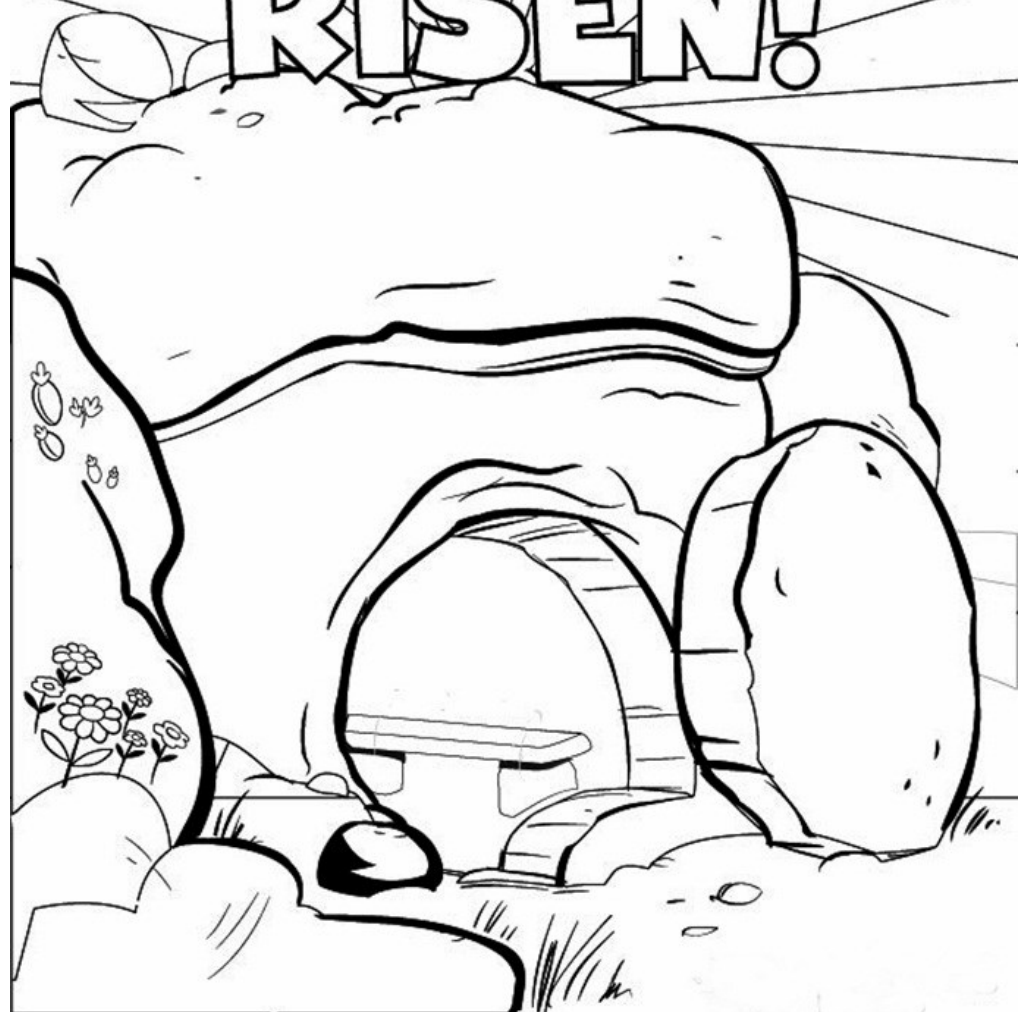
Christian Aid Week is Sunday 14 May – Saturday 20 May. The opening Service is at Seasalter Christian Centre at 6 pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. All Christians and people concerned with hunger in the world are invited.

Can your church put on one or more events in the coming year to raise money for Christian Aid? A quiz evening can raise up to £700 and a coffee morning £200.

If you are imaginative and would like to be part of Christian Aid planning in Whitstable, please contact Keith McNicol [keithmcnicol2@gmail.com](mailto:keithmcnicol2@gmail.com)

# Colour me in

## HE HAS RISEN!



Visit our website at [www.stalphegeasalter.org](http://www.stalphegeasalter.org)



Whitstable's premier community choir

# Oyster Singers Spring Concert

## Sunday 14 May 2017 at 3pm

Led by Victoria Rowcroft and accompanied by Adrian Bawtree, organist at Canterbury Cathedral, with guest soloist musicians.  
The programme includes world music, gospel, traditional and The Lion King.  
Concert proceeds go to Demelza Children's Hospice.

**Colyer-Fergusson Hall**

(Adjacent to the Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema)  
University of Kent, Canterbury, CT2 7NZ

Tickets £8, students and under 18s £5

Available from The Gulbenkian, 01227 769075 [www.thegulbenkian.co.uk](http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk)

For further information contact Gillian on 01227 657297

[www.oystersingers.webeden.co.uk](http://www.oystersingers.webeden.co.uk)



Photo: Mally Holman, University of Kent



The Old Church Gift Day is today, Easter Day.  
Thank you for any contributions, which can be made today or as soon as you can following.



See the plans at: <https://portal.lee-evans.co.uk:443/sharing/eq5uy5INi>

The Old Church is a precious resource. We believe we are called in our generation to reorder the inside of the building for these two purposes:

### Renewal

The vision is to renew the Old Church as a place of **prayer** and **encounter with God**. Our vision is for the church to be a resource, not just for us at Seasalter, but for the area and region – *a place of retreat, a place of prayer, worship and rest*.

### Restoration

Dating from 1140, the building is a chancel – the part of a church originally reserved for the clergy and the Communion Table. In our time the church has been much loved, but also cluttered and in some ways not fit for purpose. It is cramped for traditional style worship and inflexible for more informal Bible study, prayer and reflection. The reordering will restore a sense of the Old Church's simple beauty as a place offered to God and all who seek him.

### Gift Day

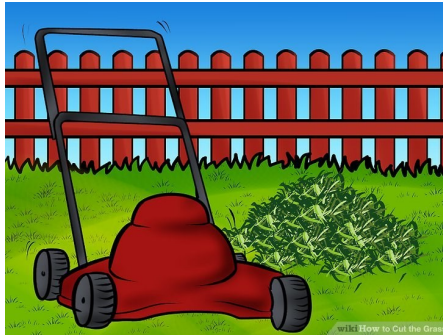
We invite the church family prayerfully to support Renew and Restore so that the church can be reordered during 2017. If you'd like to see what is planned have a word with Lynda Kemp.



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## Hi Everyone

I'm looking for work to help fund a trip to a Conservation Project in Borneo that I'd like to go on in the summer of 2018. I'm happy to do any gardening like mowing, digging, cutting back; or dog walking or any odd jobs you have that I could help with. Payment is by donation, you pay what you think I've earned! I'm happy to work in the afternoons after school, at weekends or in the holidays. Speak to me or mum in church or call us at home on 01227 770257. Thank you.  
Ollie Myhill



### The Whitstable Team Ministry's Annual Meeting (APCM)

A time to celebrate and give thanks for the life of Christ in the churches of the Whitstable Team Ministry.

Refreshments provided.

**Monday 24 April, 7.30 pm**

**St John's Church Centre, Swalecliffe**

All welcome



### St Peter's Contemporary Theology Group

St Peter's Methodist Church, High Street, Canterbury.

We start at 7-45 and finish promptly at 9-15.

**Wednesday 19 April**

**Robert Willis** – Dean of Canterbury, Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, accomplished pianist and opera enthusiast and writer of several hymns

In this the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's ninety-five theses

**Is the Church in Need of a New Reformation?**

Following meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May: Ilan Pappe, The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine

## ASHBURNHAM 2017

**Church Weekend 10 – 12 November**

All Room Prices Reduced - by up to £15!



Ann Morisy has been confirmed as the Speaker. Ann is a community theologian and the author of the best-selling books *Beyond the Good Samaritan*, *Journeying Out* and *Bothered and Bewildered*. She lectures widely and leads workshops, both in the UK and abroad. She writes about issues in a way that people 'find hard to put down', and in a manner that enables them to incorporate the ideas into their practice.

Booking Forms now available in Church or by email from [keith.berry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:keith.berry@yahoo.co.uk)

### Evening Praise

**St. Bartholomew's, Herne Bay**



**Sunday 23 April at 6.30pm**

***Be Strong In The Lord***

**Speaker: Tony McClure**

All welcome.

For more information contact:

Simon 01227 360948; Ken 01227 375708

### What's on during the week ...

At the **Old Church** at 9.15 am, Morning Prayer on Tuesday and Friday, Holy Communion on Wednesday. Sunday Services at the Old Church are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 11.15 am (BCP Holy Communion).

**Team Evening Prayer** - at Seasalter Old Church during April.

**Open Door** Thursdays from 10.00 am to 11.45 am at SCC.

**Social Games Afternoon** Friday 2 - 4 pm at SCC. If you have a favourite board or card game please bring it along. Refreshments available.

**Prayerpoint** on Fridays - join us for intercessory prayer, 6 pm - 7pm at SCC. *When prayer is at the heart we see God moving. All welcome, please come ...*

**Silent Prayer of the Heart** on Fridays at 8 pm for 30 minutes

Next week's services: 0845 Holy Communion, 1010 Lighthouse Holy Communion and 1100 All-age. Next week's readings: Acts 2.14a and 22 - 32; John 20.10 - end