

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Donald, for a complete recovery from his recent operation.
- Gill (Campbell) has started on a new drug as well as a cardioversion on her heart.
- Marcea Evans, for complete recovery following an operation.
- We continue to pray for Lee, for strength and recovery as he battles severe anxiety and depression and for Trudy, his wife, as she supports him.
- Ann (Shuttle's) sister, Joan, whose health is deteriorating.

During April we will be praying for those living in The Grange, Chanctonbury Chase and St. Margaret's Close..

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Janice and Graeme Allott.
- Dave (Remon), suffering from Parkinson's.
- Frances Crocker.
- Stella (Masters) for a full recovery following an operation.
- Ted North, awaiting an operation following a hip dislocation.
- Graham Goldstraw, for his health to continue to improve.
- Brian Evans, whose condition continues to deteriorate and for Jane and their family.
- Ruth, (Bob Simmons daughter).
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Audrey, Bob, Denise, Dennis, Emma, Katherine, Katy, Lise, Pat Wade and Rosalind.

*If you would like someone to be added to the prayer needs,
Please contact: Carol Judge 277752
or David & Lynda Kemp 272470*

Message from Phil

Dear all

I would like to thank you all for the valuable and encouraging prayers that you sent up for me following my recent health problem. I have been discharged from hospital so hopefully normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

God bless you everyone
Phil Farnham



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 31 March 2024

Easter Day!

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43 & John 20: 1-18

UNCOVER THE EASTER MYSTERY

7 Stops, 1 Amazing Story - An interactive and immersive 'walk through' event for all ages followed by refreshments.

Monday 1st April
11am - 4pm

At Seasalter Christian Centre

Booking is essential to be a part of this epic exploration!

Head to church suite to book in!



BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON

with tea & cake!

Sunday 14th April 3.30 - 5.30pm

Friday Connect Group invite you to join them for an afternoon of fun and games - Uno, Scrabble, Cluedo, Monopoly etc or bring your favourite!

ALL WELCOME



ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING

The church's Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 15th April at 7.30pm at SCC. *Please note that this is an in-person only meeting and there will not be a Zoom link as in previous years.* Please do try and attend this important meeting where we shall give thanks to the Lord for all that has happened over the last extraordinary year and a bit and also think and pray about the people we need to represent us on various bodies.

One of the important tasks of the Annual Meeting is to elect those who will guide or represent the church over the next year. This year we need to elect to the Deanery Synod one representative. There are the usual three vacancies for our District Church Council (DCC) and two places on the Team Council (PCC) - if you are a member of the Deanery Synod or PCC you are automatically a member of the DCC too. We also elect the two Churchwardens and two Deputy Wardens. If you would like to serve in any of these ways or know of someone who would be suitable for one of these roles (please talk to the person before nominating them!) please complete a nomination form available from the Churchwardens or the office. If you would like any further information about any of the roles or the Annual Meeting, please speak to Paulette, Andrew or Ali. Copies of the Annual Report Booklet will be available shortly.

Christian Aid Spring Quiz

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Spring Christian Aid Quiz on 16 March which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by everybody, including the fish and chips!

Also, many thanks for your generosity, raising a much needed £816 for Christian Aid.

Gordon Williams

Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

Celebrating:

- We give thanks for all that Jesus has done for us, as we have travelled through Holy Week and arrived at Easter Day - Hallelujah!
- We are thankful and grateful that several members of our church community have recently been through surgery/procedures and are recovering safely and well the other side..

Praying for:

- We pray for those coming to the 'Uncover the Mystery' Easter event on Monday, that the experience would be thought-provoking and bring people closer to God.
- Praying for all who are bereaved or who feel alone or isolated.



Upcoming Services and Key Church Events

Please read the fuller notices for groups and other activities.

Easter Monday 1 April

Uncover the Easter Mystery: book in 11 - 4pm at SCC, see separate notice

Wednesday 3 April

2.30 pm Midweek Holy Communion at SCC

Sunday 7 April

8.45 Holy Communion Service at SCC#10.30 All-Age service with everyone in together and accessible worship for all ages.

11.15 Traditional Holy Communion Service at the Old Church

6.30 pm RUNWAY at SCC



2nd August – 7th August 2024

This Summer we will be taking some of our young people away to a summer event called SATELLITES!

It is a five – day gathering designed to inspire teenagers to live with God at the centre of their lives for the other 360 days of the year! This specific trip is open to any young person who is currently in Year 8 – Year 13!

We would love for all our young people to go and so if you have anyone who would like to come please speak to Hannah as there is a deadline in securing tickets. We are so in need of a Male volunteer to be part of the support team for the trip. If this is something that you could consider offering to do then again please speak to Hannah.

Reminder
 Singing for Fun and Wellbeing,
 Monday 8 April at 2.30 pm at SCC

Personal information - the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The GDPR sets out how organisations must act when dealing with the personal data of individuals. Personal data includes such information as name, address, telephone number, financial information, health records etc etc.

The church holds information/data about all its members, and we are committed to handling it legally, responsibly and carefully. For most members the church holds name, address, telephone number and email address and does not hold more sensitive information about bank accounts or health. Members will appreciate that these days information is held not only in paper files, but also on computers and phones. Most information is held under the legal basis of *legitimate interest*, i.e. the church has a legitimate interest in holding the data, and virtually all the data has been freely provided by the members themselves.

If you have any questions about your data, what is held and how it is held please look at the Privacy Notice on the church website or talk to Russell Wyles on 07526 978 080.

Message from Donald

What a lovely Church Family you are. It was great to be back with many of you last Sunday and to receive such a warm welcome.

The purpose of this message however is first and foremost to thank you for all your prayers, which undoubtedly have resulted in my not only coming through my recent operation but also the rapid healing which has followed it. Thanks too for the few of you who made the journey either to Margate or Deal Hospitals to visit me over the three weeks. Not only is that greatly appreciated but so are the meals many of you have prepared, cooked and delivered to me and the visits from visitors with cakes, sweets, biscuits since I returned home. No wonder I look so healthy as many of you have pointed out. I shall be keeping to read over and over again the cards and letters I have received wishing me well. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

May the Lord Jesus Christ always bless you in your time of need as He has blessed me in mine.

Donald

Safeguarding

We at SCC and as a Christian family take safeguarding very seriously (*Safeguarding* is working to protect children and adults from harm, abuse, and neglect.)

There are on-line courses available on the Diocesan safeguarding website which we encourage all members of the Church family to undertake.

If you are interested please contact:-

Hilary Poulton - Safeguarding Lead
 poultonhilary62@gmail.com
 07740631434 - or any member of the safeguarding team.

Vanessa, Paulette, Hannah, Lise and Hilary (Safeguarding Team)

I am looking to run a basic Alpha course, that would suit people exploring faith, those new to faith and those with a faith and Jesus, but seeking to equip themselves with sound teachings from the Bible.

I need a group of volunteers to support this and be there to head up and guide table discussions that will take place.

I am planning to run Alpha on Sundays from 4pm—5:30pm.

Training will be given. If this is something you have done before or would like to do, please contact me.
01227 657877
claudette.gayle@stalphegeseasalter.org.



ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and indicates that you would like to be formally seen as a member of this church. Every year the Electoral Roll has to be revised by adding or deleting names as necessary. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please complete an application form available today and subsequently from Elaine Oakley - Electoral Roll Officer, or a Churchwarden. Completed forms MUST be received by **Sunday 31st March 2024**.

PLEASE NOTE: *If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to do anything* .

Money

Managing your money doesn't have to be a pain. Learn the skills to make it simple at The Harbour Church Whitstable. Best bit? It's totally free.

Next course is on Wednesdays 10.30am to 12 midday
17 & 24 April + 1 and 8 May 2024

You will need to attend all four days in order to complete the course.

Give Joyce a call to find out more.
Book your free place, contact: 07599 281586
capuk.org/trymoneycoaching



Confirmation? Baptism?

Are you growing in your faith and connection with God? Would you like to recognise that in a special way?

Confirmation

On 6 June, 7 pm at St Mary's Reculver, a number of people from the churches in our Deanery will be Confirmed. Confirmation is an opportunity for people who were baptised/Christened as a young child or baby to affirm for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf by parents and godparents. It can be a significant step on the journey of faith. At this special service, the bishop lays hands on your head and asks God's Holy Spirit to strengthen you as you commit to live God's way. ***If you are interested in being confirmed please talk to Claude or Paulette as soon as possible.***

Baptism

Being baptised is an important step on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ. It's a wonderful experience and there's no age limit. At Seasalter, you can choose to be baptised with poured or sprinkled water from a bowl or font, or even have your baptism in the sea! If you were baptised as a child or in a different Christian tradition, or if you would just like to recommit your life and faith journey

Church Notices

Please note that the deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday.
Paula
Email: notices@stalphegeseasalter.org

Please Note We livestream our 8.45 service and occasionally other services, uploading these to our church YouTube channel. The camera is focussed on the stage area (please be aware of this if you go up onto the stage during the service), and we don't film during the distribution of Holy Communion. Some backs of heads will appear in camera view. Please speak to a Church Warden when you arrive if you wish to avoid being in camera view.