

# 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

Service attended	
Please tick:	
08.45	
10.10	
11.00	
11.15	



St Alphege, Seasalter

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



Name of Welcomer:

## 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 St Andrew's during December.

**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, 1030 All-age Nativity Service.

Next week's readings: John 1.6 - 8, 19 - 28; Isaiah 61.1 - 4, 8 - end



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# Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter Sunday 10 December 2017

Advent 2

Today's Readings: Mark 1.1 - 8; Acts 16.19 - 34

Today's Sermon: Acts 16.19 - 34



## Our Values

All involved  
Bearing witness  
Creating community  
Deepening discipleship

Encountering God  
Finding friendship: fun and food  
Giving generously

Everyone playing their part  
Telling the Christian story  
Loving and belonging  
Following Jesus, becoming like him  
Experiencing his presence  
Laughing and sharing  
Giving with gladness



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## Third Age Advent Reflection

Wednesday 6 December 10am-3pm in the Harbour Room at the Christian Centre.

A quiet day to consider some of the Christian themes about preparing for Christmas.

The themes we will look at are: listening; watching; waiting; and welcoming.

There will be a bring and share lunch.

All welcome.

Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to come.



Please take these notices home with you to read at your leisure!

## Bethlehem comes to Canterbury!

Because it has become increasingly difficult for Palestinian Christians in Bethlehem to sell their olive wood carvings locally, which is their livelihood, due to the diminishing number of tourists and pilgrims visiting the city, particularly since the building of the separation wall that now cuts off Bethlehem from Jerusalem .....  
... .. Freeman is coming, once again, from Bethlehem with olive wood carvings – Christmas cribs, crosses, statues, Christmas decorations, and the like – to sell them in the Canterbury Christmas Market during December



The stall will be in the High Street, from 2nd to 22nd December. Please come and look, and buy if there is something you like!



## Star Post .....is back this year!

Christmas cards for members of our church family can now be posted in our special star post box for a minimum donation of 10p per stamp and will be sorted and delivered on Sunday 17th December. Stamps can be purchased on Sundays or in the week from SCC office and all money raised will be donated to Closer to Home.

## Reverse Advent

Please could you bring your contributions on 17 December to the service (if that is a problem I can collect them early that week).

The boxes will go to local families by the middle of that week.

If you have any questions please speak to me.

Andy Hedley-Smith, tel. 01227 278591, email: ahs7873@gmail.com

**S - Strength**  
**E - Encounter**  
**T - Transformation**

## Get **Set** for 2018

**21 days of prayer and fasting for revival, renewing and to enable things to happen – our individual lives, community and nation.**

**Monday 8 January – Sunday 28 January 2018**  
(6am -7am Monday to Saturday, 7 -8am on Sunday)

**Key Scripture Daniel 10:1- 21 The Prayer of Daniel**

**Daniel prayed to the God of Israel, “A revelation was given to him”**

## Prayer at the Heart

### *Immediate needs*

Althea, back in hospital. Dennis Spinner, in St. Thomas' hospital.; Helen, Stuart and the family. Alan Carnell. Ann Shuttle, following the death of her husband, Jim, on 22 November. Angela (Stella's daughter) having continuing problems regarding her breast cancer. Vince, awaiting the results of a procedure on 29 November. Jamie Oakley (Elaine's son) who has now had his surgery but needs continued prayer as the doctors make further investigations.

### *Long term needs*

Cyril (Carol Crocombe's brother-in-law), ill. Rosemarie, following a major bowel operation. Rita Stuart, in a hospice and nearing the end of her life. Diane (Beryl Davies' daughter). Hannah Evans' father-in-law, Roger, diagnosed with heart failure. Jill Freeman.

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

**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; or David and Lynda Kemp 272470.



Friday 22nd December



# Christmas Family Fun

10.00 – 12 noon



~ followed by  
**Christingle Service at midday**



A festive fun session for children  
from birth to approx 10 years  
All children must be  
accompanied by an adult

Come and have some fun !  
Toys, Games, Craft Activities  
and refreshments  
Children over 3 years £2  
Children under 3 years 50p  
Adults £1



Or just join us at mid day for a  
short Christingle Service

## Christmas 2017 at St Alphege, Seasalter

All events at Seasalter Christian Centre unless indicated

### Sunday 17 December

Holy Communion 08.45 am

The Nativity 10.30 am

Never a dull moment as we retell the Christmas story –  
careful, you may end up in it!

Carols by Candlelight at the Old Church 4.00 pm

As traditional as Christmas lunch, in an historic church.

### Tuesday 19 December

Carols in the car park 6.30 pm

Come and enjoy singing with Whitstable Brass,  
followed by spiced drinks and mince pies.

### Friday 22 December

Family Fun Morning, 10.00 am – mid day

Festive craft and activities for children aged up to around 10 years of age.

We conclude with a short Christingle Service.

### Christmas Eve

Holy Communion 08.45 am

The beauty of his peace.

Worship for everyone 10.30am

Crib Service 4.00 pm

A magical half hour at the Stable - for all  
ages.

Midnight Holy Communion 11.30 pm

'Silent night holy night...' Midnight on  
Christmas Eve.

### Christmas Day

Holy Communion for everyone 10.00 am

Coffee and mince pies first. Just short of an hour,  
a chance to unwrap the Christmas Gift.

### Boxing Day Lunch

Great food, great company – don't eat alone today!

Contact Chris if you'd like to come: [chris.skingley@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.skingley@btinternet.com) or  
272508.



## Value G – Giving generously

Giving generously is one of the values which moulds our life together at St Alphege, Seasalter. In recent years we have raised and given away £90,000 to charities, locally, nationally and internationally, through the Closer To Home project. And each year we give away an amount equal to at least 10% of our normal income.

We also encourage individuals and families to give generously to the church's work. The biblical guideline is the tithe, 10% of income, but Jesus never mentioned a percentage, because it's the heart that counts.

If you would like to know more about regular giving through banker's order or weekly envelopes, or about Gift Aid, please talk to Ceri Charilaou, the Stewardship Secretary (tel: 274650 or email: [cericharilaou@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cericharilaou@hotmail.co.uk))



Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for our handmade advent calendar donated by Diana High. We raised £104! Also a big "Thank You" to everyone for supporting Abbot House Nursery this year. It is very much appreciated. From all of us at Nursery we hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

### "THE THREE GENERATIONS"

DONALD (DAD) • JOANNA (DAUGHTER) • JENNIFER (GRANDDAUGHTER)  
SPONSORED SWIM TO RAISE MONEY FOR "ASPIRE" CHARITY.

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Following the completion of this challenge some pledges remain outstanding. If you agreed to sponsor please could you pay up!

If you would like to support this challenge retrospectively 'The three generations' would be more than grateful

Please contact Donald Lugg in person, by phone 01227 770434,  
or by email [revdalugg@btinternet.com](mailto:revdalugg@btinternet.com)

## Whitstable Choral Society **Christmas Carol Concert**

St Alphege Whitstable  
Saturday 16 December at 7.30 pm

Tickets are available from Rosemary Simmonds (282163) and priced:  
Adults £8  
12- 18 year old £3  
Children free

Tickets are also available on the door on the night.



## **The Oyster Singers'** **Festive Concert** **Sunday** **10 December 3pm**

All Saints Church  
Church Street, Whitstable,  
CT5 1PG

The choir will sing a  
selection of music  
including Christmas songs

Admission £8 on the door

Price includes refreshments

Musical Director: Victoria Rowcroft  
Accompanist: Adrian Bawtree

For information and advance  
tickets please contact:  
Gillian 01227 657297



**Sweet Treat** is our discipleship course for children aged around 7 to 11. There are 6 sessions in each half and there is no obligation to do the second part if you don't want to. It explores what we believe, why we believe it and among other things we think a bit about the Bible and The Holy Spirit. It's all done through games,

simple discussion and of course sweets! We encourage the children to think for themselves and make up their own minds.

Actual day and time to be confirmed but for now please chat with Jane if you think your children may be interested. (07761 963971 or [jane.myhill@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.myhill@btinternet.com))