

Welcome² 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	

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: See page 3.

Next Sunday's readings: Luke 1.26-38; 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16



St Alphege, Seasalter ~ making disciples of Christ, growing the church of God



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter Sunday 17 December 2017

Advent 3

Today's Readings: John 1.6-8, 19-28; Isaiah 6.1 1-4, 8-end

Today's Sermon: John 1.6-8, 19-28

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"

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!

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

SUPPORT

In January **Dan Hedley-Smith** (Georgina's son) is flying out to Lesotho to serve alongside a project called the Durham-Lesotho Link. Thousands of children in Lesotho are being orphaned as a result of the AIDS pandemic. The LINK provides respite breaks for some of these young carers from rural areas, giving them to the chance to be children again for a weekend whilst the staff look after their little brothers and sisters. The young carers are also given basic life skills, training and practical support on their return home.



If you want to support this wonderful initiative, go to justgiving at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lesotho-rockuk>
All the money raised will go integrally to the project.

Thanks for your generosity.



Christmas

The Christian Bookshop serving our town and located at the Harbour church is open Thursdays from 10 am - 2pm. You can find a selection of Christmas cards, CDs and gifts as well as the usual stock of Bibles and other books.

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



Churches Together in Whitstable

Sacred Space

Tuesday 19 December

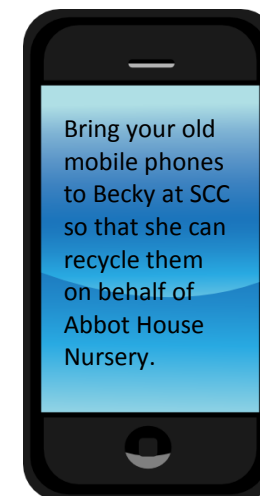
From 8pm to 9pm

All Saints' Whitstable

Please bring a torch

Silent prayer 8 pm to 8.45 pm

Said prayer from 8.45 pm to 9pm



Prayer at the Heart



Immediate needs

Althea. Dennis Spinner, home again but still recuperating. 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.com; **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 or
272508.



The Champions have FINALLY moved to Warwickshire!
Thanks so much for your support and prayers over our delayed house move.
From now on our address really will be:

12 Springhill Close
Shipston on Stour
Warwickshire
CV36 4PU

You are MOST welcome to visit if
you are in the area - we'd love to
see you and the guest room is
ready.

Yvonne and Emily



WE'VE
MOVED!



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.

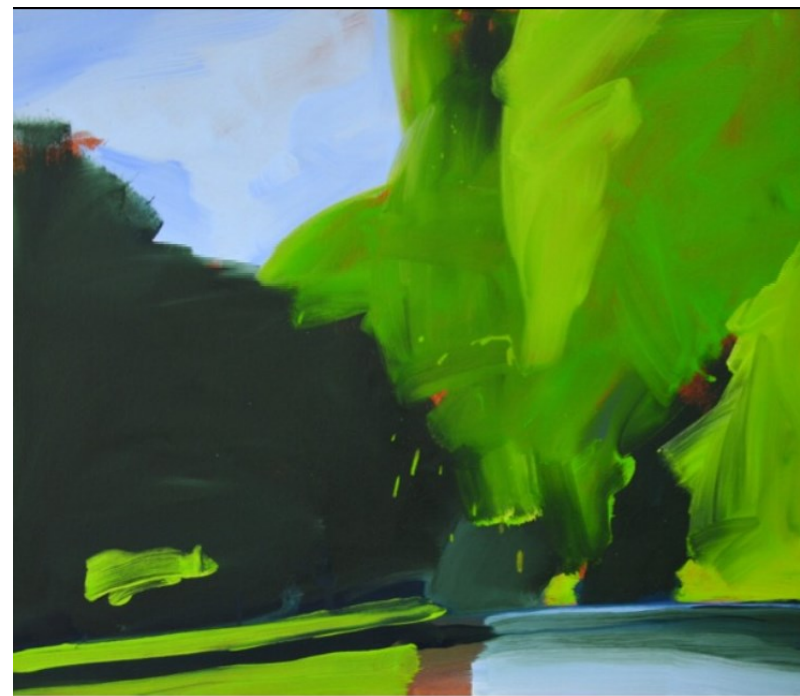
"THE THREE GENERATIONS"

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

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



From Steve and Vicky:

This is the painting we bought with the church
family's gift to us. It's by Nick Bodimeade, one of
his B Roads series, in which he depicts the
impression you get when riding a bike on a bright
day, with patches of form and colour. We both love
this vibrant painting and it reminds us of our vibrant
and colourful church family, for whom we are
praying. It's hanging in our sitting room. Thanks
and love to everyone.

*Note from editor: if you are seeing this in black and white, sorry! You
won't be able to appreciate Steve and Vicky's words.*