Welcome² St Alphege, Seasalter at Seasalter Christian Centre

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Children's names and dates of birth

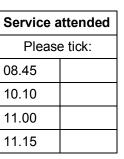
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St Alphege, Seasalter

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

Name of Welcomer

What's on during the week ...

Morning Prayer - in the chapel at SCC, Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.15 am.

Holy Communion - Wednesdays at 9.15 am at SCC.

Team Evening Prayer

Open Door Thursdays from 10.00 am to 11.30 am at SCC.

Prayers Sunday 7 - 8 am (followed by toast and coffee); **Wednesday 7 - 8 am 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.

While the Old Church is closed the Book of Common Prayer Communion service on the first Sunday of the month will be held in the Christian Centre at 3pm.

Next week's services: 0845 Holy Communion, 1010 Lighthouse, 1100 All-age service. Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 8-24; John 21:1-13.

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

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

Editor:



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter Sunday 3 February 2019 Candlemas/Presentation of Christ/5th before Lent

Today's readings: Micah 5: 1 - 4; Luke 4: 22 - 40

alongside on

continues today

Gift Days

I'm delighted to announce the results of the Gift Day held back in October for the Youth Ministry and for the ongoing refurbishment project at the Old Church. Through God's generous provision and the great generosity of the church family reflecting that, in pledges and in gifts, the following totals were raised:

Youth ministry: £19,226
Old Church Refurbishment £15,496

As we address the ongoing financial issues we have (along with most other churches, it seems), the DCC are working over the first part of this year to find helpful ways to communicate about this process to the whole church family, so that we can work through the challenges as a body.

<u>Thank you so much</u> for your willingness to give so abundantly. Please continue to pray in faith as we lean on God for his guidance and provision and as we begin the whole-church work of seeking vision this year - we have seen God do amazing things when we do this!

Paulette

Reminder: The next Third Age event is Singing for Fun and Wellbeing which will be on Wednesday 6 February at 2.30 pm.

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

Laying the groundwork in prayer - Seeking God's vision for Seasalter

We know what we're meant to be up to as Church - Jesus makes that clear in Matthew 28:18-20.

Seeking God's vision is about praying and asking God to show us the what, the where and the how we do what we need to do to best live this out through our particular church community.

We will do this seeking and discerning work together, and it must be rooted in prayer. So would you please pray for God to speak to us as a church about how we are to grow together in our shared journey of faith and move out to reach others who don't yet know Jesus?

If through prayer and reflection you do feel God is saying something to you about this, then please do email me: seasaltervicar@gmail.com, or write me a note! We believe God wants us to know his will, and will speak clearly to guide us if we ask.

Please also pray especially for:

- •The DCC, MLT and Staff Team away day on 16 February when we will be focusing on this
- •Friday 8 March Half-Night of Prayer for the whole church (PLEASE PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY!)

<u>And can I also encourage you to continue praying for wisdom and grace for the DCC and leadership and particularly for:</u>

- Abbot House Nursery staff and those involved with finding a solution for continued Nursery provision from the site.
- •A way forward through the financial challenges that we face as a church, across the Ministry and the Deanery.

(Ephesians 3: 20-21) 'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'



Prayer at the Heart

Immediate needs

Beryl (Clark) and family on the death of her brother Harold.

John Franklin for full restoration of sight to his left eye following emergency surgery for a detached retina and lens replacement. The family of Margaret "Meg" Hudson (widow of the Revd Gerald Hudson) who has died this week. Joan Moss, recovering at home. Tess, recovering at home. Annette and her family on the death (from cancer) of her niece Janine. Gill, battling one of her winter lung infections, and currently on intravenous antibiotics. Cyril (Carol Crocombe's brother-in-law). Janine (Frances Crocker's daughter) recovering at home following an operation. Sheila Pearse, following a fall has damaged her leg and shoulders.. Ann Moreton, recovering from a hip operation. During January we will be praying for those in Sherwood Drive, Sunset Close and Sheppey View.

Long term needs

Alan, following the death of his wife, Eileen, from cancer. Pat Andreae, for full restoration of movement in her upper arm after shoulder replacement surgery. Marian's granddaughters, Laila and Martha, both very poorly with Cystic Fibrosis. Dennis Spinner, please pray for him to get strong and stay free from illness. Diane (Beryl Davies' daughter). Hannah Evans' father-in-law, Roger, diagnosed with heart failure.

Prayer Needs: (Immediate needs – 2-4 weeks, long term needs – 3 months.) Please contact: Joan Moss 275522 or j.moss370@btinternet; Carol Judge 277752; or David and Lynda Kemp 272470

Thank you for praying for Jane, Vince and Gill's eldest, who got the all clear for her breast lump removal

Forgiveness as a journey of Healing A Christian Healing Day



How can I forgive? How can I be forgiven? A day of teaching, worship and an opportunity to receive prayer

Led by Reverend Canon Sarah Chapman

Chaplain to The Living Well and Diocesan Advisor in Healing and Wholeness

Saturday 2nd March 2019

10 am— 4 pm

Seasalter Christian Centre, Faversham Road Seasalter, CT5 4AX

Entry and lunch provided by donation. For more information & to book please contact Diana High on 01227 262495

www.the-living-well.org.uk

Registered Charity No.: 1123792

Do you want to know more about contemplative prayer? Are you interested in allowing silence to bring you closer to God? Have you heard of Christian

meditation but don't know what it is?

We will be running an "Introduction to Contemplative Prayer " course in Lent, starting in the first week of March. More details to follow.



Contact Mark Fagg (<u>mark.fagg@me.com</u>) if you would like more information.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

The Electoral Roll is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Every six years a new Electoral Roll has to be prepared and everyone who wishes to have his/her name entered on the new roll must apply for enrolment by completing the application form.

These forms are available today and subsequently from Elaine Oakley - Electoral Roll Officer - or either of the Churchwardens.

Completed application forms MUST be received by Sunday 17 March 2019.



CHANGE OF DATE

please put in your diary

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

will be held at the Christian Centre

on Monday 1st April 2019

at 7.30pm

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Traditional Sri Lankan food Meet Bishop Keerthi of Kurunegala

Photos and stories from Rev Alex

Sunday 17th February at 7pm in the Narthex

Ring, text or email by Thurs 14th to book a place Lesley: 07747 026943 lesley0752@aol.com Isobel: 07767 278738 isobel@stalphege.org.uk

Suggested donation £10 to support church work in Sri Lanka

Tuesday 19th February 2019





A fun session for all the family!

10 am-mid day



Toys, Games, Craft Activities and refreshments Children over 3 years £2



Whitstable Community Wardrobe

will also be available



You can receive these Notices before Sunday (and in colour!) if you request the email version! If you would like to be added to the mailing list, let me know on deaneves@msn.com. *Paula*

When: Tuesday 5 March
Time: 10.00 am - 12.30 pm
Where: Seasalter Christian Centre



BLACK MOLLIES

Jo Jenner's dad has kept tropical fish for many years but the Black Mollies appear to be breeding a little too much (!) and so he is looking for anyone who has a tropical fish tank and would like some Black Mollies. Anyone interested can get in touch with Jo via joanna.jenner@sky.com or she is usually at Lighthouse, work shifts allowing.





Easter Eggs......they've been in the supermarkets since 1 January and soon they will be available here!

Once again, we will be selling Fairtrade Real Easter Eggs for £4 – these are great for Godchildren or non churched children because as well as being a tasty Easter egg they also contain a book telling you about the true meaning of Easter.

They are for sale at just £4 – ask Jane, Becky or any of the Churchwardens.



Save the date!

29 March 2019 at 7.30 pm Seasalter Christian Centre Watch this space!





Tickets will be on sale from next week. Please speak to Rachel, Shola or Katy for any info or questions answered. Of course we would love to have some gents to serve on this morning so please do let us know if you can serve. For those doing the healing hub day do come for breakfast and leave as you need to to start this.

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