

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

Service attended	
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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 regularly ...

At the **Old Church** on the 1st Sunday of the month at 11.15 am (BCP Holy Communion).

Morning Prayer - at the Old Church, Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.15 am.

Holy Communion - Wednesdays at 9.15 am at the Old Church.

Team Evening Prayer - at St. John's during December.

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 **7.15 pm** for 30 minutes.

Next week's services: 0845 Holy Communion, 1010 Lighthouse, 1100 All Age Service

Readings: Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

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



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



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter Sunday 1 December 2019

Advent Sunday

Canterbury Christian Schools Work Trust

Today's readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 24: 36-44

Worship and Prayer Evening—Beginning Advent Wednesday 4 December, SCC, 7.30—8.30

An hour of sacred music interspersed with spaces and silence to worship, pray, reflect and soak in the presence of God as we begin Advent.

Peace, space and food for the soul before things get busy.



Christmas Flyer Distribution WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

Part of our Vision is to become 'Closer to our Community'. This Christmas we are going to reach out and invite as many people as possible in our Community to our Christmas Services.

Our Christmas flyers are now available and have been bundled into roads for distribution. If you are physically able, please can you take a bundle (or two or more) and deliver the flyers between 30th November and 14th December. If you are not physically able to distribute leaflets, please pray for those that are and that every home in our Community receives details of our Christmas Services. One of our values is 'All Involved'. Let as many of us as possible become involved in taking a part in reaching out to our Community this Christmas. Thank you.

New name for our weekly groups!

After much discussion, consultation and voting across the congregations, it can now be confirmed that from when we officially re-launch in January, our mid-week groups formerly known as Cell Groups will be called **Connect**



Groups because we want to walk more closely with God, one another and our community through Christ, that's exactly what we're doing—making meaningful and life-giving connections in all those different ways. The re-launch is being planned for the end of January, there will be plenty more information to follow. Please pray as we prepare to re-launch and expand—we want as many as possible to benefit from being part of this.

Love Paulette

Reverse Advent



Christmas is fast-approaching and as in previous years we are doing Reverse Advent. This is where we gather together some food, gifts and Christmas treats for some of those in our local community for whom Christmas can be particularly challenging for their finances. We are looking for any donations which could be a meal of pasta and sauce, mince pies, sweets, chocolates or gifts and toiletries. It could be one item or a whole box. Everything is greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

We will be collecting them in at SCC on Sunday 15 December so that they can be distributed during the early part of that week. If you need to have them collected or have any questions then please have a chat with Andy or Georgina.

Thank You

Just a quick note to my Church family to thank you all for all your support these last few years.

You have been amazing, so many have stepped in to help, we are extremely grateful.

Beryl and Ray Clarke

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me.

Thank you also for the lovely dinners!

Jane Evans

Joan Moss

Joan is looking well and is having physio to help with walking she is in Harbledown ward Kent and Canterbury hospital, visiting is from 11.30 every day (please phone to check she is still there before setting out).

Prayer at the Heart



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Pat Martin and her family following the death of Pat's mum. Melissa and Isaac Clackett. Joan Moss. Praise the lord for healing Jane Evans following her stroke. Simonne (Andrea's daughter) suffering with Lupus. During December we will be praying for those living in Borstal Hill (including Windmill Court) and Vulcan Close.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Ian Drewitt, Rosalind's former husband and father to Tania and Jenny, diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. Joan Moss, following her operation for skin cancer. Dorothy Vener. Beryl (Clarke). Andrea. Tess. Dennis Spinner, please pray for him to get strong and stay free from illness. Lise Jennings, for relief from pain. Niamh, age 17 with a rare teenage sarcoma (Niamh is the niece of Carolyn who is a friend of Rosalind) and her family. Frances Crocker's friend, Julia, who has a recurrence of cancer.

Prayer Needs

Please contact: Carol Judge 277752; or David and Lynda Kemp 272470

A prayer for the Children's Minister Vacancy

God of life and light,
We long for children in our church and community to
grow in faith and understanding of your great love for them
Please help us fill this vacancy so that we do this work well
and in step with the Holy Spirit
for the sake of your kingdom and the transformation of lives.
Amen



St Alphege, Seasalter

Children's Minister

28 hours p/w (4 days) Salary up to £14,851 per annum

We are a large, warm and welcoming church community of all ages and stages in life. We long to see Seasalter, our town and its people transformed through the power of God's love in Jesus Christ, and we want to grow closer to God, to one another and to our community in all we do.

We're looking for someone to help us focus on how we can engage with and nurture the faith of children in the church and in our local community as they grow and discover how God is at work in the world and in them.

You'll be part of a small staff team and your role, which builds on the ministry of the previous post-holder, will in part be strategic and include developing and supporting the teams of people who lead the groups and activities for children.

For an application pack and full details of the post, please email office@stalphegeseasalter.org or call 01227 276923 (office hours are 9am to 1 pm Monday to Friday). Alternatively, you can download the pack from our website: www.stalphegeseasalter.org – scroll down home page to the Latest News section.

We will consider job-share applications for this post.

Closing date for applications: 5 December 2019, Interviews will take place Saturday 14 December 2019.

The Whitstable Team Ministry



Monday 25 November was White Ribbon Day.

White Ribbon UK was founded in 2005, and is part of the global movement to end male violence against women. On Monday alongside our partners in Rochester, Canterbury Diocese officially signed up to promote the cause and raise awareness of the issue.

The Archdeacon of Canterbury, The Venerable Jo Kelly-Moore, joined Bishop Simon in Chatham to pledge support to the White Ribbon campaign.

Every week two women are killed by their partners or ex-partners and 7 out of 8 victims of domestic violence are women.

The campaign recognises that violence/abuse takes place from women to men and in same sex couples etc and therefore also signposts to organisations that support in these areas.

To find out more and to make the promise visit whiteribbon.org.uk/promise

Note from Editor: You might also be interested to see page 5—Oyster Singers supporting <http://www.risingsunkent.com/>

Please note

Tom needs your AV for a Sunday service by 7pm on Friday latest. Thank you.



Catching Lives Christmas Concert

3.30pm, Sunday 15th December 2019
St Peter's Anglican Church, Canterbury, CT1 2BQ



City of Canterbury Chamber Choir
Dr Edward-Rhys Harry, conductor – Ed Kemp-Luck, accompanist
Christmas music, readings and traditional carols to raise money
for the homeless and vulnerable of Canterbury and East Kent

Tickets - £10 or £5 for 16s and under

www.ticketsource.co.uk/canterburychamberchoir
07843 050327 | tickets@canterburychamberchoir.org.uk

Toilet Twinning



*The church is flushed with success! We were aiming to raise £60 to twin the Old Church toilet with one in a developing country. But God (aided by the church family's sweet tooth) decided that £60 wasn't enough ... so when we counted up we had actually raised **£240!!!** That's enough to twin with an entire toilet block in a community where good sanitation will change lives. Thank you, everyone, for your support. God is good! All the time!*

The Friday Night Cell



*Note from Editor:
Those supporting Rising Sun Domestic Abuse would possibly be interested in White Ribbon—see page 3.*

Whitstable Oyster Singers invite you to their Charity Concert

Sunday 8 December 2019

3.15 pm

Seasalter Christian Centre
Faversham Road, Whitstable, CT5 4AX

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS - YES ALREADY!!

The programme will include Christmas carols & songs with audience participation.

Tickets £5 (under 14s free) in advance or on the door
"Father Christmas" is coming—not to give out presents but to receive them
You are invited to bring along a suitable unwrapped Christmas gift for an adult or child of any age to be passed on and given to victims of violence and abuse at a Christmas party being held for them

For more information contact Gillian 01227 657297, visit our website www.oystersingers.webden.co.uk or pick up one of our flyers



Boxing Day Lunch people on their own of any age are welcome to this Thursday 26 December at 12.30 pm

At Seasalter Christian Centre, CT5 4AX



To reserve a place (places are limited)
please phone 276923 or email
seasalterchristiancentre@yahoo.co.uk

Do you know of anyone who will be on his/her own over Christmas? Perhaps a neighbour, friend, etc. They don't have to be a church-goer. If so, do please let them know about the Boxing Day Lunch.

Contact Ann Skingley for more information, tel.272508
ann.skingley@btinternet.com

Team **BOXING DAY LUNCH** is to be held at the Christian Centre In Seasalter on 26 December at 12.30 pm

You can help with this important outreach to the community.

We need your help. Here are some examples:

- To lay tables and generally prepare the area
- To provide transport to and from the centre for our guests
- To be there and look after them as they arrive—host/ess and server
- To provide the vegetables (raw)
- To provide Christmas puddings and sherry
- To wash up and clear away after the meal

Please see the sign-up sheet in church or

contact Ann Skingley
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