

## 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 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, 1030 Nativity Service.

Readings: James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

**[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 8 December 2019

2nd of Advent

Pointing to the coming of Jesus

Today's readings: Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

### 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.

### 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**

## 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*

## 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).

## Please note

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

## 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

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Ministry at Care Homes

Chris and Ann Skingley take a short service at St Martin's Care Home and Harrier Lodge once a month. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us. It is good to talk to the residents after the service. Volunteers needed commit themselves to every month. Please contact us if you are interested in helping in this ministry.

### Sunday Service Times for the next 3 weeks:

8.45 as usual then:



SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE

**10.30 AM**

**SUN 15/12**

**NATIVITY**

**SUN 22/12**

**CHRISTINGLE**

**ALL WELCOME**

**29/12 Sunday after Christmas: 10.30 Café Style with activities for children**

### Have Your Cake ....

Christmas comes but once a year and we all eat cake  
But Open Door comes every week and we all like to eat cake  
So why not make your Christmas pledge to do us all a favour  
And make some cakes that we can share with all our grateful people.  
If you are willing then it is easy to contact Marion Russell our organiser  
Who will gladly include you on our rota and wish you Christmas cheer  
Thanking you in advance for what we are about to receive for which we will be truly grateful.

*The Open Door team*



### Programme 2020

#### Community Lunches Friday 1pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Valentine's day)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

#### Singing for fun and wellbeing 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month 2.30pm

The Life and Times of Ten Archbishops of Canterbury course 5 sessions 6<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2pm at the Old Church

17<sup>th</sup> February 2pm Film and tea afternoon at SCC  
4<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.30am Lent Course at the Old Church  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2pm Bring your music and memories afternoon at SCC  
13<sup>th</sup> July 2pm Film and strawberry tea at SCC  
17<sup>th</sup> August 2pm Film and tea afternoon at SCC  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2pm Carpet Bowls and Floor Games afternoon at SCC  
16<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm Preparing for Christmas craft afternoon at SCC



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](http://whiteribbon.org.uk/promise)

**Whitstable Oyster Singers**  
invite you to their  
**Charity Concert**

**Sunday 8 December 2019**

**3.15 pm**

Seasalter Christian Centre  
Faversham Road, Whitstable, CT5 4AX

## 2020 PROGRAMME

<https://contemporarytheology.uk/>



The Canterbury Contemporary Theology Group is an ecumenical gathering that meets on the third Wednesday of each month from January to June at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury. The church is about 200 metres from the Westgate Towers, towards the city centre. The nearest public car park is Pound Lane. **Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and finish promptly at 9.00 p.m.**

Our meetings are open to all who are interested in honest, lively discussions on contemporary themes in theology and religion. Whatever your interests or viewpoint, you will be most welcome to join us. There is a charge of £3 at the door to cover the expenses of our speakers and an honorarium. A season ticket of £12 is also available, covering all the lectures (so two lectures are free), either at the door or by writing to Dr P.J.Knight at 28 Forty Acres Road, Canterbury, CT2 7HL, enclosing a cheque made out to Canterbury Contemporary Theology Group and an s.a.e.

*If you would like to know more about this please contact Paulette or email [deaneves@msn.com](mailto:deaneves@msn.com) and we will supply you with the dates.*

## Bible Notes Ministry

Geoff and Rosemary Simmonds have now stepped down from this ministry. A big thank you to them for many years of service.

I shall be ordering from the two suppliers in early December the booklets for 2020. The notes used are: from CWR 'Every Day with Jesus' (also in large print), 'Life Every Day' and 'Inspiring Women'; and from SU 'Daily Bread' (also in large print) and 'Encounter with God'. To those on the 2019 list, tell me if you don't want copies anymore. To new subscribers I would be delighted to share with you the blessings of 40 years of daily Bible notes. May I also highly recommend the UCB notes called 'Word for Today'. Many other resources are available, please ask.

Alex