

## Prayer at the Heart



### **Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks**

Gill Campbell's only sister, Audrey, after discharging herself from hospital following a stroke, and who has other health conditions. Julia (Frances' friend) who has now died. David Fagg, Mark's dad, who is now on end of life care, and for Chris his wife. Tess Canavan's family especially on 1 July when her funeral will take place. Debbie (Frances Crocker's daughter) who will be having an operation on 9 July for breast cancer. Ann Harley, having episodes of problems with her heart. Audrey (Porter) who fractured her spine following a fall in the garden. Chris, Ann Shuttle's son-in-law, with DVT in his thigh. Pat Wade suffering with painful shingles. During June we will be praying for those living in Sandpiper Road, Norview Road and Swallow Avenue, during July we will be praying for those living in Linnet Avenue, Caroline Close and Nightingale Avenue.

### **Long term needs - up to 3 months**

Let us pray for everyone who has had to have a hospital appointment postponed, that they will not be too anxious and that their appointment will be re-arranged as soon as possible.

Joan (Jill Freeman's Mum) suffering with dementia and very lonely in isolation. Bob Simmons. Ray Clarke. Sheila Pearse. Joan Moss. Dorothy Vener. Isaac Clackett. Dennis Spinner, please pray for him to get strong and stay free from illness. Lise Jennings, for relief from pain.

### **Prayer Needs**

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

**We also have a Prayer Requests page on Facebook, please let us know if you would like your prayer needs to be posted there.**



Frances thanks you all for your prayers especially for her friend Julia. Please pray for Frances as she goes through this difficult time.



## Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

28 June 2020

Readings: Romans 6:12-end, Matthew 10:40 - end

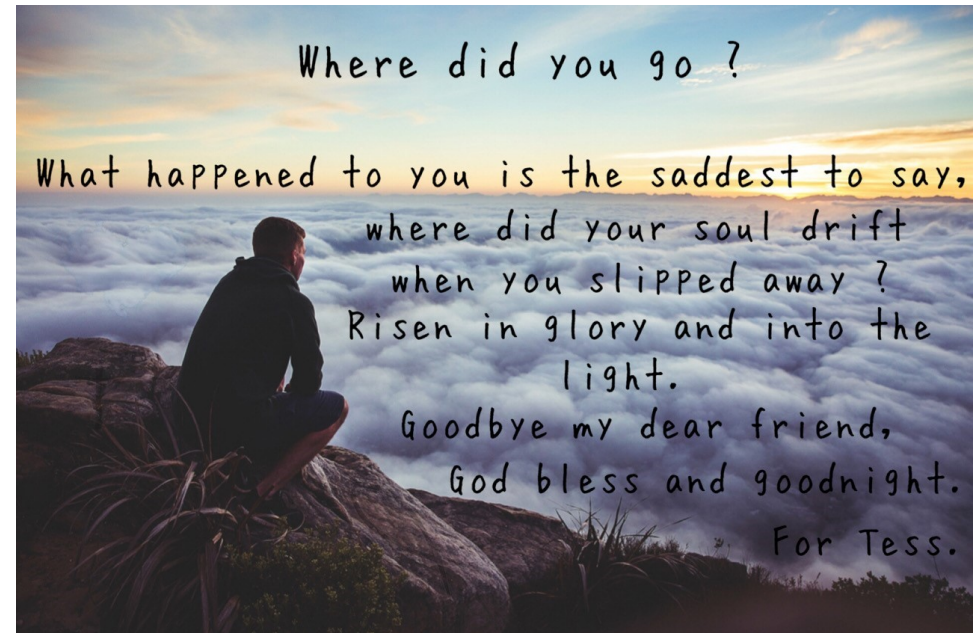
### **Tess**

Dear Tess Canavan died on Thursday 18 June after a time in Pilgrims Hospice.

She loved God, her church and church family and had finally made it back to join the congregation one Sunday after many months away due to her care arrangements, only very shortly before lockdown - she was so very happy to be there and it was so good to have her with us. She was a friend to many in the church family, and bore her long illness with stoicism and humour. Her amazing neighbours supported her daily and were very close.

Rest in peace and rise in glory Tess, we will miss you. We pray for the family in their loss.

*From Gary Smith (written and designed by him):*



## REad this!!

Jesus told his disciples to wait for the promise of His Father and the baptism of the Spirit.

This outpouring birthed the church and then the word of God was preached powerfully and spoken miraculously bringing REPENTANCE and RESTORATION. There was a REFRAMING of the culture as Jews and Gentiles were united in REDEMPTION and RENEWAL.

I anticipate all those "RE" words will be RE-Formed in the coming days. How and when we don't know, but we do know why .

Because our loving God is desperate for us to be REALIGNED with him and his ways in order that his purpose through his Church might be RECOVERED. In the coming days, the people of God will be RECALLED to Him and RECOMMISSIONED to go and RECALL many people to REPENT and be RESTORED to their loving Heavenly Father. The Church of God will be RECONSTITUTED to RETELL the good news and RECONNECT the world to the Creator and his creation. This will be a REVIVA, a fresh baptism of the Spirit, REFILLING and REFRESHING. This will RESHAPE the Church for the next season of Jesus commission to go and make disciples.

(By Revd, Canon Tim Montgomery - Missional Leadership Development Officer in the Diocese of Liverpool, and part of an article that appeared recently in "RESOURCE" Summer Newsletter)

Contributor: Donald

## Stewardship Envelopes

Thank you for those members of our Church Family who have been keeping hold of their Stewardship Envelopes since we went into lockdown. We are pleased to say that we are now able to collect these from you, so, if you are able, please take them to the Christian Centre between 9am - 11am Monday to Friday where there will be a box available for you to deposit your envelopes. If this is a problem for you, please do not worry, but let either Andrew or Ali know and we will arrange for them to be collected from you. Thank you.



## Good News



Please share your good news with us - no matter how seemingly insignificant - and if you have a photo to go with it even better. Maybe your child or grandchild said something amusing, maybe you heard a good joke, maybe you would like, as our Vince has done, to share a memory.

*Paula*

My email is [deaneves@msn.com](mailto:deaneves@msn.com)

Please encourage our church family to receive emailed copies of these notices - especially now when we cannot meet face to face. To be added to the mailing list, let me know by email. *Paula.* [deaneves@msn.com](mailto:deaneves@msn.com)

## Coffee after the Service

Sunday 28 June

drop in for a chat  
after the YouTube  
service  
11-12.30 pm  
via Zoom

ask Ann Price (hosting) for the link:  
[annprice@sky.com](mailto:annprice@sky.com)



## Coffee and a chat on Zoom

This is for any folk who aren't already doing it in the Connect group of YPs group.

If you would like to join in please contact Ann Price at [annprice@sky.com](mailto:annprice@sky.com)

## Personal information - the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The GDPR sets out how organisations must act when dealing with the personal data of individuals. Personal data includes such information as name, address, telephone number, financial information, health records etc etc.

The church holds information/data about all its members, and we are committed to handling it legally, responsibly and carefully. For most members the church holds name, address, telephone number and email address and does not hold more sensitive information about bank accounts or health. Members will appreciate that these days information is held not only in paper files, but also on computers and phones. Most information is held under the legal basis of *legitimate interest*, i.e. the church has a legitimate interest in holding the data, and virtually all the data has been freely provided by the members themselves.

If you have any questions about your data, what is held and how it is held please look at the Privacy Notice on the church website or talk to Russell Wyles on 07526 978 080.

at Rough Common\* famous to me for keeping Willy (a Glaswegian alcoholic) alive for about 35 years with home cooking and living in a caravan behind the house.

The head Nun, Sister Immaculata, an impressive woman in every sense, appeared on an afternoon discussion programme I believe called "Good Afternoon "in the late 1970 to 1980 (please let me know if you remember it?) It was discovered that Willy had been under-paid benefits for years and was owed about £7,000 so she persuaded Social Services to let her handle it and bought Willy a new caravan and gave him the remainder slowly otherwise all the drinkers In Canterbury would be sloshed for weeks.

Into the mid-90s I go to the Benedictines Nuns in Minster Abbey for a Yoga retreat weekend (they run it as a hotel where anyone can stay there). A big surprise to me was that two of the order actually followed Yoga and joined in when their duties allowed which is the only time I got to handle a Nun (in the best possible taste). They are a semi closed order so can only go out for medical or shopping etc. We were doing a warrior pose and stood behind to pull our hips back making it stronger and more intense.

Their knowledge of the outside world is immense and they took the chance to invite a Swami from South America to tea on the Sunday afternoon when we were leaving after lunch. One of my most treasured possessions is a letter from this same nun in January 2005 she talks of their Spiritual and practical life -- here is a little extract for a flavour of it.

"I am still Novice Mistress and also in charge of kitchen and maintenance. Maintenance can mean anything from pest control to applying to the Getty Foundation for a grant to repair our building. I often wonder with a smile what God thinks of when he calls us to be Contemplatives. Then he reminds me that Life is about the material as well as the Spiritual and everything has its place". Should you wish to read a copy of this brilliant letter I will send a photo copy.

I rest my case for THE NUNS.

Vince Campbell

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<https://www.franciscan.co.uk/convents/>



## Car Park Chat

Fancy a chat? In these challenging days and after the stresses of lockdown, we're trying to offer the opportunity for a bit of human connection, a chat and a listening ear! Most weekdays from around 9-11 outside the front of Seasalter Christian Centre there will be a socially distanced chair and somebody to chat to. Come say hello if you are passing, or ring ahead to Becky Whittaker in the office 01227 276923 just to check someone's there, then pop down. If it's sunny, bring a hat and sun cream - it's a bit of a sun trap there!

## Don't Get Too Excited!

You may have heard the exciting news following PM Boris Johnson's announcement that we will be able to open our buildings for worship from the 4 July onwards with a cap on numbers, and subject to social distancing.

We will wait for the Government to publish the detail behind this, and for the advice that will follow from the C of E nationally and from our Bishop then will plan carefully what seems right for our church and wider community in the light of that and taking into account our context and the size of our congregations. Watch this space!

<https://www.churchofengland.org/.../reopening-church-building...>





National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast Livestream on Tuesday 30 June 2020 - unusually this year it's open to the public due to the pandemic. More info and register to attend via this link! <https://www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/prayer-breakfast/>

### Book Recommendation

MISSION WITH – Something out of the ordinary. “A timely. Authentic and important book”. In this provocative and engaging book, the author, Paul Keeble, shares his story of living long-term in a multi-ethnic, inner-city community – not as a flag waving missionary but as a resident and neighbour, who happens to be a follower of Jesus. Through listening, learning and building relationships. Paul’s thinking has evolved from “mission to” and “mission for” towards “mission with” – taking mission beyond projects and special events into everyday life.



Whitstable isn't inner city Manchester but God works in mysterious ways, many of the principles and ideas Paul Keeble writes about have actually increased in our town during the coronavirus pandemic. In a nutshell, “Mission With” is about the church’s involvement in the community.

Donald

### THE NUNS IN MY LIFE (AND LIFE IN MY NUNS)

*from our Irish Correspondent*

Some years ago, I heard an actor say on a radio interview “I AM TRULY BLESSED”. So, I thought Vince boy that will do for me and used it ever since. My connections with three sets of Nuns in quite different situations fits into that bracket amongst many other things.

Composing Prayers is not a strength of mine but I chat to my God mostly to say Thank You for putting something right which I may not have consciously asked for – e.g. we went to the new Seasalter Christian Centre in 2007 for a Ruby wedding party and twelve and a half years later the party goes on with many new friends. Yes, I will get to the Nuns in a moment.

My first four school years were in Southern Ireland where they beat you with canes and other weapons to encourage learning!!! It’s surprising I like golf now because age 7 having walked 2 miles to school (no morning bus) got in 10 minutes late to be caned by Headmaster’s golf club HANDLE ---Mum bless her had a firm word next day and it didn’t happen again.

Fast forward to 1956, we start a new life in Enfield north London where I go to St Mary’s, a Convent-run school at the wonderfully named Ponders End. (2 or 3 Spurs players lived there). There were normally 4 Nuns and 4 Lay teachers and after my early experience this was like a holiday camp!

One Lady lay teacher had me spellbound recalling her travels to India which to me was like another planet having been brought up in a rural location where the only holiday was a day trip to Dublin once a year with Grandma Quinn and Aunty Minnie (lunch in Woolworths remember them?)

My new head teacher Sister Brigid took us to the park for football and with her black habit swaying in the breeze, blowing her whistle and shouting “come on boys kick that ball” I couldn’t stop smiling! Did Delia Smith get her catch phrase “Let’s be havin’ you” from there?

Fast forward 40 years and I am invited to decorate the Franciscan Nuns’ house