

Prayer at the Heart



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Pat (Martin) on the loss of her partner John and also for his daughter Louisa. Melissa Clackett, undergoing tests, and for her baby Isaac for his ongoing conditions. Beth (Carol and Stan Smith's daughter) in Kings' Hospital. Dorothy Vener, suffering with Bronchitis. Bob Simmons. 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, died on 2 July, please pray for Chris, Mark and Clive. Tess Canavan's family. Debbie (Frances Crocker's daughter), following her operation which she came through O.K. but is still being treated. Ann Harley, having episodes of problems with her heart. Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. Chris, Ann Shuttle's son-in-law, with DVT in his thigh. Pat Wade suffering with painful shingles.

During July we will be praying for those living in Linnet Avenue, Caroline Close and Nightingale Avenue.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Joan (Jill Freeman's Mum). Ray Clarke. Sheila Pearse. Joan Moss. 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

26 July 2020

7th Sunday after Trinity

Readings Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43:



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!



Congratulations!

Good News

I'm delighted to announce that our very own Dr Ann Price has been through the discernment process and has been recommended for training for Reader Ministry. Readers are the only voluntary Lay Ministry in the Church of England that is nationally accredited, formally licenced by the Bishop, and governed by Canon Law:

'Readers play an important role in the public ministry of the Church by leading worship, teaching and preaching, as well as in a wide range of missional and pastoral contexts. As theologically trained lay people they offer a ministry within the church and to the wider community; and are well placed to encourage people in their everyday faith.

The ministry of individual Readers varies according to their gifting and mission context. Whilst most Readers minister collaboratively as part of a team of lay and ordained ministers some work very much on the margins of society sharing God's love and message of hope to those who may not yet know it.' *(extracts taken from the Diocese of Canterbury Website)*

Huge congratulations Ann, we look forward to supporting you and will be praying for you as you train and develop in your ministry.

Paulette

Our Values

- All involved
- Bearing witness
- Creating community
- Deepening discipleship
- Encountering God
- Finding friendship: fun and food
- Giving generously

- Everyone playing their part
- Telling the Christian story
- Loving and belonging
- Following Jesus, becoming like him
- Experiencing his presence
- Laughing and sharing
- Giving with gladness



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



*****THIS IS STILL HAPPENING*****
Saturday 12 September 2020

RIDE & STRIDE



Ride and Stride raises money by cycling or walking for sponsorship around local Kent churches; half returned to St Alphege Seasalter and half to Friends of Kent Churches. **It has been decided that this event will still run in 2020 so please put in your diary as family/group/individual to take part.**

Volunteers normally welcome **visitors to the Old Church/ SCC** for an hour, or more, slot between 10am-6pm on the day. Obviously, we will need to adhere to any social distancing requirements at the time but, if you would be interested in helping, please let us know (contacts below). We will understand if you decide that it is not feasible nearer the time.

Need more info - email annprice@sky.com or phone Ann Shuttle (use church directory for phone numbers)



Private Prayer

We are pleased to let you know that we are now able to offer Private Prayer at Seasalter Christian Centre.

Due to the restrictions imposed on us relating to Covid-19 we are only able to offer Private Prayer by way of an appointment that should be made with Becky in the office on 01227 276923 between 9am - 11am Monday to Friday.

Please do not just turn up! Please contact either Andrew or Ali if you would like further information.

Stewardship Envelopes

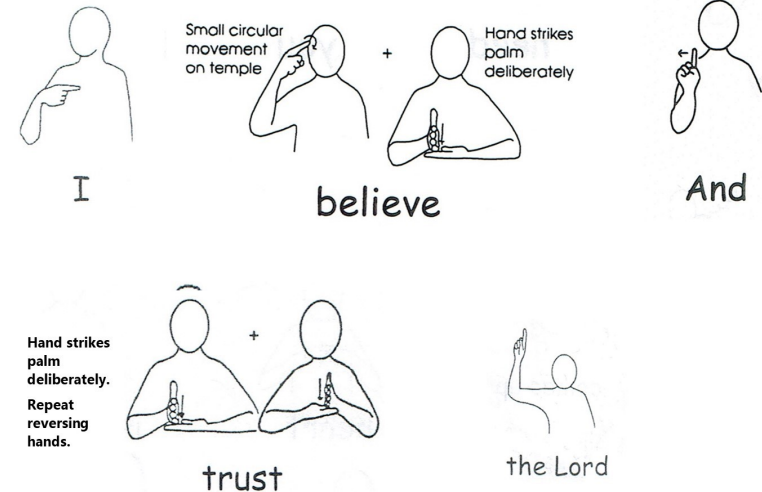
Thank you for those members of our Church Family who have been keeping hold of their Stewardship Envelopes since we went into lockdown.

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.

The Creed Response



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.

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. Email: deaneves@msn.com

prayer

Lord, you are ever watchful
and bless us with your gifts;
as you provide for all our needs,
so help us to build
only what pleases you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer from the Church of England

Build your church Lord

My wife Dorothy often wrote down prayers and then Blu Tacked them up around the bungalow to be prayed every day. One has remained up on the side of a china cabinet since she died in December 2006. It's headed "Pray for the resources needed for the building project". That was of course the building of the Seasalter Christian Centre. This is what it says:

We pray to you, O God, God the Father – the source of all that is seen and unseen.
God the Son – source of our healing and salvation
God the Holy Spirit – the source of all life and energy.
For calling us to be your people – we praise you O God.
For giving us a share in the inheritance of your saints - we praise you O God.
Help us to do what you would have us do ... Hear us good Lord.
Help us to be what you would have us to be Hear us good Lord.



Imagine my surprise when last Sunday morning, after I had stopped and read that prayer and was making my way to my study to link into our pre-recorded service, I clearly heard a voice saying to me, "When you are all finally able to gather together to worship me again you will find there is rebuilding and repair work to be done, not with bricks, plaster or paint but with love and understanding as you rebuild and repair damaged and broken relationships in my Name".

Please Lord give us the resources needed for that building project – Hear us good Lord.

Sent in by Donald

St Alphege in town afternoon club

The town church run an afternoon club with various activities which may suit our third-agers in particular. It is open to all. Currently they keep in touch with members via email or phone. Here is what they have explained to me:

"We have been running for about six years, holding meetings twice a month on Wednesday afternoons. There is no formal membership everyone is welcome. We aim to provide social contact, entertainment and activities for adults with a bit of time on their hands. When everything came to an abrupt halt at the end of March, we decided to try and carry on, keeping in touch by email, telephone and post.

We have a small team who plan & organise activities (myself, Brenda Lavery, Pat Lawrence, Karen Tickner, Jocelyn Glanvill and Denise Sheffield). Three of us have had careers in education and are qualified to create activities in subjects such as history, history of art and literature.

Each week members receive an email to let them know what is going on and to keep in touch. There is also at least one activity at a time, currently a 'chat' about our childhood holidays, and a history of art activity. Next week will see the start of a poetry activity and we are planning a craft challenge."



If anyone is interested in finding out more please contact Chris Skingley initially.