

Prayer at the Heart

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks



Patricia Page, following an operation for a broken hip. Sheila (Pearse) suffering with a painful left leg. Geoff Simmonds, recovering at home from a lung infection; please keep Rosemary in your prayers too. 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) who is now out of hospital. Dorothy Vener.

Bob Simmons. Debbie (Frances Crocker's daughter), starting chemotherapy on 31 August. 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 August we will be praying for those living in Jayne Walk, Anthony Crescent, Columbia Avenue and Field View.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Joan (Jill Freeman's Mum). Ray Clarke. 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.



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

23 August 2020

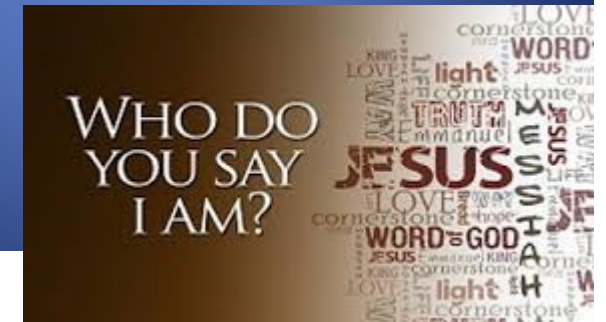
11th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 12:1-8 and Matthew 16:13-20



Romans 12:1-8 (ESV)

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.



Church Electoral Roll

If you wish to formally signify your commitment to the Church of England, to vote in church meetings or to stand for a leadership role you need to have your name entered on the church's Electoral Roll. The deadline for applications to join the Roll in order to vote in this year's Annual Meeting is 24 August. Application forms can be obtained by emailing David Kemp at kemps11@btinternet.com

Existing members of the Electoral Roll need not re-apply.

Annual District Church Meeting – 7 September 2020

If you have provided your email address to the church, information about the Annual Meeting has been sent to you by email in the last few days.

If you have not received it please contact Ali Fuller on 07960 709 498.



Good News



I am still here, asking for your contributions to our church notices, one way that we can keep in touch when we cannot see each other in Sunday services. Do send me photos or stories or memories.

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

Bible notes!

If you have any spare or old bible notes you have kept and are willing to donate to a new 'Bible notes library' please contact Rachel B or SCC or via St Alphege Seasalter's Facebook page.

We want to set up a library of notes for people to borrow to help them in their daily walk of faith. We hope it will especially help those not able to access online resources.

Please let church family not online know and buddies please let you buddy know and liaise with Rachel B and Becky W for these.

If you want to sign up to receive newly published bible notes you can do by subscribing via publishers CWR or SU. Alternatively you can speak to Alex A who will help with set this up.

Thank you!

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!

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

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.

Something to do

Rearrange the letters to make the name of a place:

a a e e l r s s t

How many more words can you make using some or all of these letters?



Audrey (Porter) sends her grateful thanks to all those who have been praying for her and for the love and care given to her in recent weeks.

I would like to thank everyone for their continuing prayers during my wonderful partner John's 3 year battle with cancer.

I also want to say a huge thank you for all the love and support I have received since his death on July 14th. His 'covid' style funeral was different, simple, but actually quite moving and uplifting. These are difficult times but we did the best we could.

Much love
Pat Martin

Ann (Shuttle) would like to thank you for your prayers for her son-in-law Chris with DVT in his leg which is likely to be on-going.

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

Message from Donald

Reimagining the New Normal

By Andrew Khoo, Vice-Chair of Asia CMS
Board of Trustees



During lockdown, many of us have wondered what the new normal will look like. Perhaps we first need to ask what the old normal was like for us. Was it perfect? If not, was it acceptable to us?

Perhaps we had carved out a 'comfortable compromise' with everyday life which didn't impose too many challenges on us; and arrangement where we could get along without too many concerns.

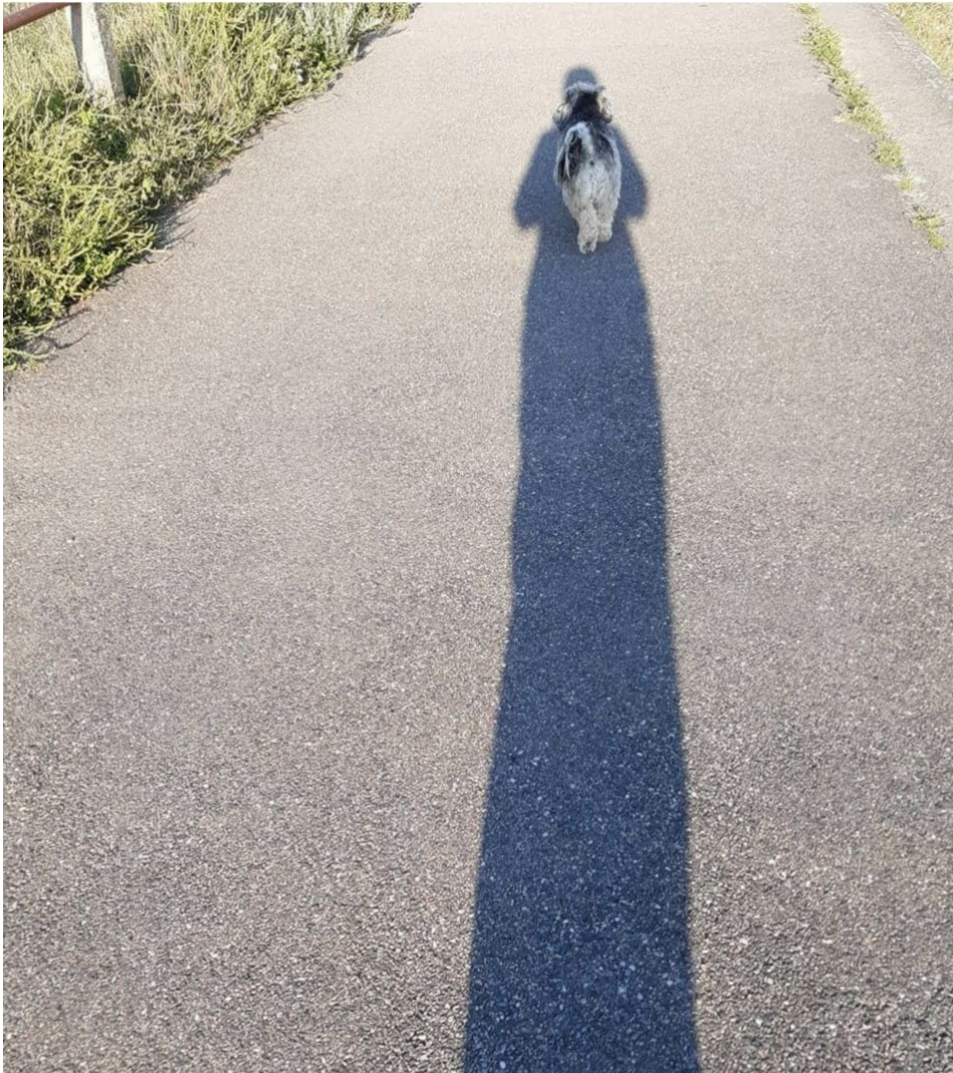
Were we concerned about the refugees and undocumented migrant workers who inhabited the grey area of the informal economy, with its daily-rated and low=remunerated wage? Did we care about the poor and the marginalised; those who did not have enough to eat, and who are dependent, to a large extent, on some form of food support and supplement? Did we think about those on the front line? Not just medical workers, but those we relied upon to stock the shelves of the supermarkets and convenience stores; those preparing food for and delivering our takeaways; those who kept our streets clean and collected our garbage, come rain, shine or disease?

Hospital cleaners suddenly became singularly important. The first became last, and the last was considered first. People who were often taken for granted suddenly served a critical need. Will the new normal involve a permanent re-evaluation of people in these categories of work? Or, after a while, will we forget?

Will we allow the characteristics of the old normal – distance, disconnection, disenfranchisement, dislocation – to return? In both private faith and public fidelity to the gospel, will reimagining the future move us and those around us from emotional helplessness and emptiness to spiritual empowerment?

In the words of Archbishop Justin Welby, 'Re-imagining enables re-evaluation of current societal challenges and the re-ordering of priorities for each stakeholder.'

Pray that as the world transitions to a new normal, we will carry with us a new appreciation for those who are often considered last.



Psalm 17.8

Keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me under the shadow of your wings

During the heatwave we go for our walk REALLY early when the dawn shadows are long. Bene has learnt this trick....he can walk the length of the prom on Seasalter beach making sure he keeps cool by walking in my shadow. He can do the same when my shadow is behind me but I've yet to master taking a photo of what's going on behind my back.

Liz Boys

Whitstable Community Wardrobe

Now in it's 3rd year Whitstable Community Wardrobe has been set up to recycle unwanted and out grown school uniforms to help lessen the financial burden on local families.

Because of Covid-19 this year we will be doing it a bit differently!

Any outgrown and unwanted uniform can be dropped off in a donation bin any time. They are located at the following venues :

Aquasphere shop, Herne Bay Road
61 Baddlesmere Road, Tankerton
All Saints Church Hall, Church Street
St Peters church garden, Sydenham Street
The Vicarage, 28A Westcliff
Seasalter Christian Centre
18 Thistle Drive, Mariners View



This year we are particularly in need of badged items for all schools.



Distribution

It is unlikely that we will be able to open distribution centres as we have done in previous years.

Facebook will be our main point of contact. If you, or anyone you know, would like anything from the Community Wardrobe please send a message to Whitstable Community Wardrobe page on Facebook or alternatively, if not a Facebook user, call Jane on 07761 963971.



Camping then Glamping now Champing!

Have you heard of this?

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