

Prayer at the Heart

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks



Please pray for:

Beth, Stan and Carol's daughter, who will have her first radiotherapy treatment next week at Maidstone Hospital and her PICC line put in the following week at Canterbury; she starts her chemotherapy on Thursday 3 September. Patricia Page, following an operation for a broken hip. Sheila (Pearse) suffering with a painful left leg. Melissa Clackett, undergoing tests, and for her baby Isaac for his ongoing conditions.

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

6 September 2020

13th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-end; Luke 12: 16-30



And He said to me,

*"My grace is sufficient for you,
for My strength is made perfect
in your weakness."*

~ 2 Corinthians 12:9 ~



Reminder Annual District Church Meeting 7 September 2020 at 7.30 pm

- Please remember to contact Becky in advance if you would like to attend in person.
- If you are 'attending' via Zoom, here is the password and code

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83821067332?
pwd=cjB3czVJNnNXRjllaTNoZVZlcVdDUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83821067332?pwd=cjB3czVJNnNXRjllaTNoZVZlcVdDUT09)

Meeting ID: 838 2106 7332, Passcode: 344711

- Questions and comments will be possible at the Meeting or may be submitted in advance of the meeting to David Kemp (kemps11@btinternet.com or 272470).



IT'S NEARLY HERE!

TIME TO SIGN UP

Saturday 12th September 2020

RIDE & STRIDE - NEEDS YOU!

TAKE PART OR VOLUNTEER



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 SIGN UP as family/group/individual to take part.

Get your sponsorship form and details from Ann Price

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)

Our Values

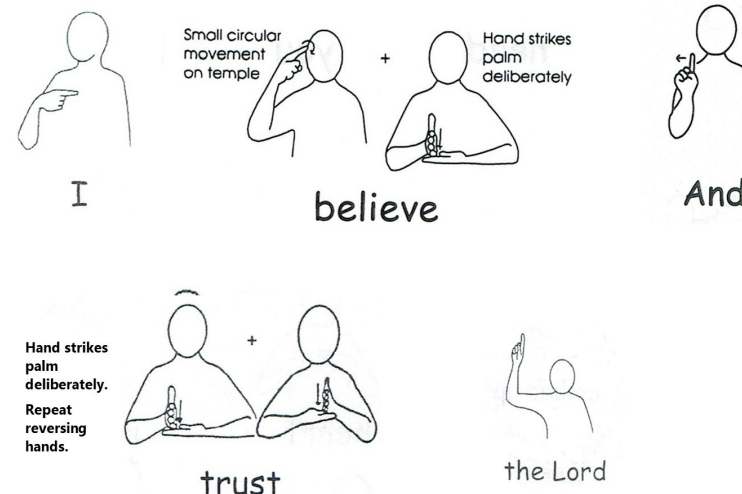
- All involved
- Bearing witness
- Creating community
- Deepening discipleship
- Encountering God
- Finding friendship: fun and food
- Giving generously

- 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

The Creed Response



Greater love has no one than this: to lay down's one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

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

Another one from Annie Johnson Flint

I prayed for strength, and then I lost awhile
All sense of nearness, human and divine;
The love I leaned on failed and pierced my heart,
The hands I clung to loosed themselves from mine;
But while I swayed, weak, trembling, and alone,
The everlasting arms upheld my own.

I prayed for light; the sun went down in clouds,
The moon was darkened by a misty doubt,
The stars of heaven were dimmed by earthly fears,
And all my little candle flames burned out;
But while I sat in shadow, wrapped in night,
The face of Christ made all the darkness bright.

I prayed for peace, and dreamed of restful ease,
A slumber free from pain, a hushed repose;
Above my head the skies were black with storm,
And fiercer grew the onslaught of my foes;
But while the battle rages, and wild winds blew,
I heard His voice and perfect peace I knew.

I thank You, Lord, You were too wise to heed
My feeble prayers, and answer as I sought,
Since these rich gifts Your bounty has bestowed,
Have brought me more than all I asked or thought;
Giver of good, so answer each request
With Your own giving, better than my best.



Learning and Discerning on the Way

Bishop Rose is inviting all Churches in the Diocese to take some time to consider 3 key questions, and to pass the responses gathered, back to her and the central Diocesan team - to help them shape their work appropriately. The questions are these:

- 1. What are we noticing...**
of God's movement at this difficult time?
- 2. What are we learning...**
as we reflect on how God seems to be moving?
- 3. What might we let go of or allow to die...**
so that we may enter a new future with God?

It's a really good opportunity to take stock and learn from the experiences we have had through the pandemic, and think about the church God is calling us to be in the kind of world we are living in.

Please would you take the time individually and/or in your groups of various kinds to pray and think about your answers to this, and to let Paulette have your feedback seasaltervicar@gmail.com or on paper via the office at SCC, by **18 September**.

Looking forward to your responses, love in Christ our Cornerstone,

Paulette

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!



The Repair Shop ...



.....that has been my 'must watch' TV programme this last few months. Have you been watching it? In the repair shop are experts exercising their skills in their words to 'repair', 'restore', 'renovate' or resurrect' any damaged or broken items, big or small, brought in the them. The item may or may not be

valuable in financial terms but to their owners they are very precious indeed. Some items have a long history and may more a great story to go with them.

Amongst the items I have seen brought in have been: an old clock, an oil painting, old leather bag and case, pieces (literally) of china and glass, silverware, threadbare toys, numerous gadgets of different kinds and materials, a child's rusty pedal car, a 1950's calculator, a split and stained lace tablecloth - just to mention a few.

At some stage of their restoration, all needed a clean of some kind. Great care being taken to sue the correct cleaning method. The correct tools and the appropriate substance to clean the with, in many cases just water applied using a rag or a power wash, as required.

The more I have watched this TV programme, the more I have noted its objective to be very similar to that of the church and Christianity. Even using the same words like 'restore' and 'resurrect' - yes the Christian Faith is all about restoring the relationship between God and man and about restoring relationships between individuals and nations. All about making new again. We are all familiar with the hymn that includes the line 'ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven'.

Some of the things brought to the repair shop have been rusty, black with grease, stained, faded, just dirty like the painting and the clock, the latter needed not only a new spring, and a repair to a spindle but also the removal of dust and fluff.

As sinful individuals we are constantly in need of being 'made clean'. 'Make me a clean heart O God and renew (or restore) a right spirit within me'.

Unlike the items which have to be brought to the repair shop and handed over to the experts to be restored or renovated, we have simply

to place ourselves and our whole lives into the hands of the master restorer, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He doesn't have to open us up or take us to pieces to discover what is wrong with us. He knows everything about us. We just have to confess our sins and he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins. As we receive the forgiveness we are made clean, we are restored. However, unlike the items taken to the repair shop, which are repaired and taken away by grateful owners never to be brought back again, we are in constant need of coming to Jesus and seeking his forgiveness and cleansing.

When the owners return to the repair shop to collect their restored item, they are always overwhelmed to see the transformation in the object they brought in - perhaps damaged, bent, twisted, in pieces, not working, maybe dirty and stained - and they burst into tears, tears of joy just as there is joy in the Kingdom of God when we confess and repent of our sins and allow God through His son Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit to restore and make us new.

Donald

