

Prayer at the Heart

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks



Please pray for:

Sheila (Pearse) now suffering with painful shingles. 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. 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.

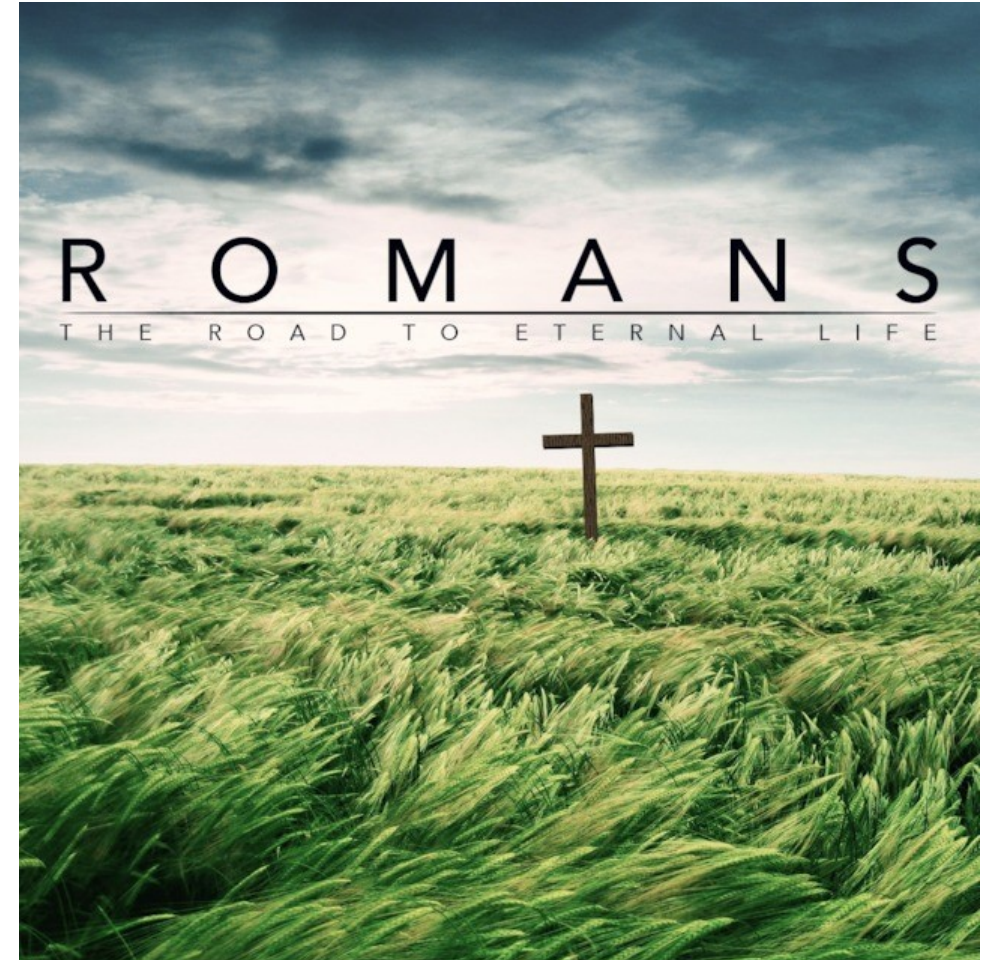


Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

13 September 2020

14th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35



Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters.

Romans 14:1



If you would like to contribute to our church notices; do please get in touch with me.

Paula. Email: deaneves@msn.com

A Prayer for Grace in a Time of Uncertainty

O God of every age and circumstance,
 who gives us life and time to live it,
 we acknowledge the struggle of coping
 with the uncertainty of our days.
 We cannot know what is waiting for us along the way
 of this life's journey and dare not imagine
 the threats that lie hidden in the days and challenges
 of unseeable tomorrows;
 but we do know that you are already there,
 waiting to keep your promise to travel with us
 and to provide the grace we will need
 to live in the light of your love.
 In Jesus' name, we claim that promise,
 Amen

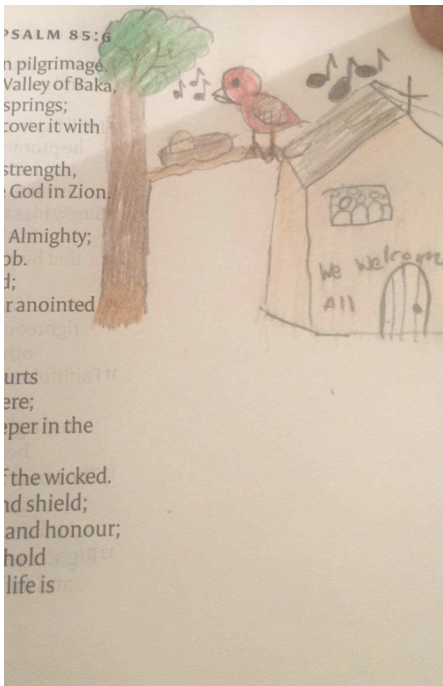
We are in need of Lego!



Andrew and I are wanting to start a Lego club on zoom in the next few weeks and not all the children who will want to come have access to Lego and as it's expensive I was wondering if anyone has Lego at home that they would be willing to let us have so that we can ensure all children who want to join in will be able to. If you do have any please could you let me know on lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org or 07729253765

Hello,

I thought I would let you know what Andrew and I have been up to during the summer with the children and families, in addition to the usual pastoral, keeping in touch with individual children through letters and phone calls, Foodbank referrals, Facebook groups and training that we have been doing. We have had two groups of bible journaling for different ages, where the children have been reading God's word and then, with prayer consider what it means and then draw or write a response. This has been amazing and we have permission to share the example from Psalm 84 v 3, with you. Several of the children in the groups have then chosen to delve deeper into scripture of their own choosing!



We have also been meeting over zoom on a Monday afternoon for 'Summer Zone' fun games and a bible story and prayer time. The children have really enjoyed meeting up with each other and learning some of the more obscure stories of the bible!

We have also been involved in the community wardrobe collecting uniform with the rest of the Whitstable Children's Ministers. With what was collected Jane was able to distribute uniform to 231 families throughout the parish. That's meant that they haven't had to spend roughly £11000 on school uniform!

Sunday School has been continuing on YouTube and the number of children watching it on Sunday or later in the week has increased from 13 families at the beginning of lockdown to up to 25 families at the end of August.

We would value prayers for the coming weeks, for the children and families as we endeavour to set up a service for them, whilst being aware of the recent changes that particularly affect children. Especially as the government concentrate on schools staying open but reduce what the children are allowed to do outside of this.

Love and blessings,
Lisé and Andrew xx

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!



Future Church: What is the Holy Spirit saying? **Old normal? New normal? Or no normal?**

Here is what Kevin Roberts, director of ReSource, has to say about it:



Church is changing. It has had to change, beyond recognition even, during the days of the lockdown. And it will continue to look different to the old-normal as the restrictions begin to loosen and we start to gather again, socially distanced, wearing our masks and singing under our breath. How strange it feels and yet how liberating to be doing something different in the way we worship and the way that we relate to each other.

But what of church beyond the transition, however long that might be? Some are starting to speak about a new-normal, in which the church is permanently re-formed for life and mission, pruned of some of its branches, gathering into its life some of the things we have discovered during the pandemic and want to carry with us into the future. Certainly, we can't begin to think that pruned branches can be grafted

back into church as though nothing has happened. We can't simply reconstruct the old-normal. That would be both folly, and unfaithful to the work God has been doing with us in recent months.

But does new-normal do it? Is future-church simply a new set of permanents; a new set of processes and ways of doing things that will in time become as familiar and undemanding for us as the old-normal? Are we really just going to swap one normal for another? Or might there be no-normal? Could it be that we re-discover something of the adventure of church and discipleship that never settles, that follows the One who is the Way, and that shapes itself in a myriad of ways as we put the call to be mission-moulded ahead of any normal we might prefer for ourselves?

[Taken from the ReSource autumn newsletter]

Sent in by Donald

prayer

Living God,
deliver us from
a world without justice
and a future without mercy;
in your mercy, establish justice,
and in your justice,
remember the mercy
revealed to us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer from the Church of England

Outlook Magazine

Is now available online!

Here is the address:

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/news-events/>

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