

Prayer at the Heart

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks



Please pray for:

Jill Wimsett, for better health than she has at the moment. Suzi Thomas, her sister, Tamara and their mother Amedea; Suzi and Tamara are giving 24/7 care to Amedea at her home in Croatia. Colin Curtis is hoping to leave hospital and return home; prayers have been answered, thank you. Colin has been without pain in his right leg, for the first time in months; please keep praying for permanent pain relief. Gill, as doctors strive to find her more suitable and effective drugs. Sheila (Pearse) would like to thank everyone for praying for her daughter-in-law, Jane; Jane died in hospital; please pray for Sheila's son, Anthony, his daughter, Laura, and Sheila.

Following a successful knee replacement operation, Pat asks for prayer for a good recovery on her own.

Stella and her family following the death from cancer of her nephew Justin. Carol Holgate, Beryl Davies and her daughter Karen - prayers for recovery from shock following a car accident. Continued prayers for Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) as she undergoes chemotherapy. 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), having chemotherapy until the end of the year; unfortunately it is causing her to feel very unwell. Ann Harley, having episodes of problems with her heart. Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. Pat Wade suffering with painful shingles. During November we will be praying for those living in St. Alphege Close, Medina Avenue and Florence Avenue.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Sheila Pearse. 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

22 November 2020

Christ the King, Next before Advent

Readings: Ephesians 1:15 - end; Matthew 25: 31-end



Advent 2020



It's that time of year when usually we have advent calendars in the Christian Centre for people to buy.

Unfortunately we can't do that this year, so you can buy them through the Eden website if you would like to. (Click on the link below to get to the Eden website). If anyone needs any help do feel free to contact me on
lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org

<https://www.eden.co.uk/advent-calendars/>



Outlook Magazine

Is now available online!
Here is the address:

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



What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31

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

Please be aware when supplying contact information for notices, this notice sheet is circulated physically and digitally via our website, social media and email.

Paula. Email: deaneves@msn.com

P.S. Don't forget there are no more Car Park Chats for the time being.

Another cracker from Lockdown Liz:

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS!

Rising from the melting smog a dazzling Shard of glass,
Gilded padlocked gardens, "Please keep off the grass".
Emission zones deserted, no one left to pay,
Furled umbrellas or bowler hats don't see light of day.
No-one's pulling ribbons from schoolgirl plaited hair,
Or locking Sir in the cupboard, just a childish dare.
Lycra sporting Fitbits up before the lark,
Trying to avoid detection, jogging in the dark.
There's no roar of the greasepaint or the smell of a crowd,
Theatre land is silenced, draped in black out-shrouds.
No Happy Hours or cocktail bars or high tea at the Ritz,
Hungry ducks in Regents Park, a bench where no-one sits.
The underground's deserted, no unbecoming scrums
Pyjama-clad commuters stay home and twiddle thumbs.
Locked in Yuletide bubbles, granny is left at home,
No-one to pull the cracker, just her and the turkey, alone.
So raise a toast to absent friends, please don't shed a tear,
Wishing you the best of health and a Covid-free New year.

Liz Boys



Reverse Advent



As you may know the last few years we have been running the Reverse Advent in the run up to Christmas. This is where we put aside an item of food each day over a couple of weeks, these then are combined and redistributed over a number of food hampers. These hampers are then delivered to people in the community around our church who may find Christmas an especially difficult time of year financially. The items could be a tin of soup/vegetables/chilli etc or a packet of

pasta/breakfast cereal/jelly/crisps or items of toiletries, a jar of jam/cooking sauce/hot dogs etc and children/youth books/games or toys. Ideally we would like a mix of some meal essentials and some nice Christmas treats such as chocolates or mince pies. Last year our church family was incredibly generous and we distributed 23 hampers.

This year has been tough and we know that many families are struggling, so we would love to be able to give out even more hampers to bless our neighbours. If you are able to help please could you start putting aside an item as often as you are able to, many shops have offers so maybe you could donate the 'free' item to the hampers? The items can then be dropped off at the Christian Centre during the week of the 14th to 20th of December so that they can be sorted and then delivered on the 22nd. If getting them to the Christian Centre will be a problem for you then please contact Andy or Georgina Hedley-Smith or Becky in the office so that we can arrange to collect them from you.



Many thanks
Andy and Georgina

Filming for the Service

PLEASE film any contributions for the Sunday Services such as Bible readings, prayers, testimonies or notices LANDSCAPE (long side of the 'phone horizontal) rather than PORTRAIT (long side of the 'phone vertical) - see the diagram below. Our screens, the video software we use for services and the media they are played on (e.g. YouTube) is designed with the landscape format in mind, and it means an extra 20 minutes editing for Tom every time he gets it in the wrong format. Tom, we love you and we're sorry.... :)



If you have been asked to film something and you need some tech support to be able to do that, please ask. We can usually sort something out.

Blaze Hearts on fire for God Sunday School on Zoom



Sundays 3pm
Breakout rooms for age groups
Contact Andrew
andrew.price@stalphegeseasalter.org

St Alphege Seasalter



prayer

God,
Our refuge and strength,
Bring near the day
When wars shall cease
And poverty and pain shall
end,
That earth may know
The peace of heaven
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer from the Church of
England

Living and Telling

The Moyler family were one of those lovely, very enthusiastic 'do anything for anybody' families who you could always rely on to be sitting in the same pew in church on Sunday mornings unless ill or away on holiday. They lived nearer Broadstairs than Margate but attended St. Paul's Cliftonville, I guess because dad owned and ran a shop in Northdown Road.

Dad was much older than mum but one of the most devoted couples I have ever had the pleasure to know. In some ways they were as different as chalk and cheese. Harold was the much quieter of the two but Hazel was the sort of person who leaves you feeling dizzy when you have been in her company for a while.

They had four children: a girl and three boys. At different times over a period of several years during the early 1970s, Hazel and three of the children, by then in their late teens and early 20s, gave their lives to the Lord, Hazel was one of the very first people I baptised in the sea. The story of Harold's conversion is/was truly remarkable. Harold was a Freemason and very proud of it. One day when the family were all together, they confronted Harold and told him how much they all loved him but were honest with him and told him that Freemasonry was dividing the family. Harold protested that it wasn't but that he would think about it.

That very night a noise downstairs woke Hazel up and, discovering Harold was not lying beside her, got up calling Harold's name as she went to the top of the stairs. She then realized the noise was Harold laughing so went down to investigate and to find Harold about to go outside. He had cut up the apron and all the other bits of Masonic regalia and was about to go outside and burn it all. That night he gave his life to Christ. The next day Harold wrote letters to all his close Masonic friends. Only one contacted him, in fact came to see him and said, 'Harold I don't understand why you have done what you have done, but I have to tell you I still want to be your friend.'

The morning after Harold's conversion, as I walked up Northdown Road, Harold came running out of the shop – I had never seen Harold run anywhere before – just bursting to tell me what had happened during the night. He was so excited, so changed, I could hardly believe it was the same Harold I had shaken hands with as he left church the day before. Come to think of it, it wasn't the same Harold as he was now 'Born Again'.

All that I have written and you have read so far is just preliminary to what I have set out to share with you this week. Harold and Hazel moved to Devon when Harold sold the shop and retired. Both have since gone to their eternal home. The middle son Tim lives near Exeter. For many years now he has been serving the Lord on behalf of a worldwide Christian Organisation called 'Agape'. If you 'google' that organisation you will discover that part of their work has to do with communicating the gospel to sixth formers and university students. That's the work Tim is mainly involved in and as such has over several years been preparing a course with the title 'LIVING AND TELLING'.

It is all about communicating our faith as a way of life. When I was first introduced to Tim by his mum, he was a rather nervous kind of chap whose big interest was the Beatles. It was wonderful to see him grow up physically, mentally and spiritually – the first steps of becoming the gospel communicator he is today. He literally 'gossips the Gospel'. His 'faith journey' is recorded courtesy of 'Google', where you can also read the contents of an interview in connection with the 2019 Christian Resources Exhibition.

Please pray for Tim and all who are involved with 'LIVING AND TELLING'. Have you got a story of your journey of Christian faith to tell?

I just want to assure you that I don't have a financial interest in 'Google' nor do I spend my life looking up things but recently I did just decide to Google 'Donald Lugg'. I discovered that there are around 132,624 people worldwide with the surname Lugg, including several with the first name Donald. One is the head of 'Verizon' a worldwide Telecommunications Company and another a registered nurse. If you visit South Africa, America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Norway or India you might come across a 'Lugg'. It was a bit of a shock however to read on Google 'Donald Lugg Obituary', I didn't read it after I had pinched myself and realised it wasn't mine".

As well as discovering a number of the sermons I have preached at Seasalter can be Googled, I also discovered a quote I had used from a sermon I preached at Whitstable Baptist church on one of my visits there:

PRAYER MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BECAUSE PRAYER MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO THE WORLD.

Submitted by Donald