

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Elaine (Oakley) waiting for an MRI scan and an op/radiotherapy to deal with an early stage cancer. Barry (Paula's brother-in-law) back in hospital with sepsis. Rob and Moira Clark and family following the death of Ray. Freddie and Charlie Crocombe (grandchildren to Andrew's brother), in special care unit, both with respiratory problems and Freddie with erratic heartbeat too. Melissa Clackett whose health is deteriorating please pray for it to improve and for baby Isaac. Gill, as doctors strive to find her more suitable and effective drugs.

Continued prayers for Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) as she undergoes chemotherapy. Pat Wade. Dorothy Vener. Bob Simmons. Debbie (Frances Crocker's daughter). Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. During April we will be praying for those living in Applegarth Park, Seasalter Lane and Faversham Road..

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Daniel Hampton with Long Covid. Sheila Pearse. Joan Moss. 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.

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

Please be aware when supplying contact information, this notice sheet is circulated physically and digitally via our website, social media and email. Paula. Email: deaneves@msn.com



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

18 April 2021

3rd after Easter

Readings: Samuel 3: 1-10; John 10: 22-30

Listening - give us this day our daily bread

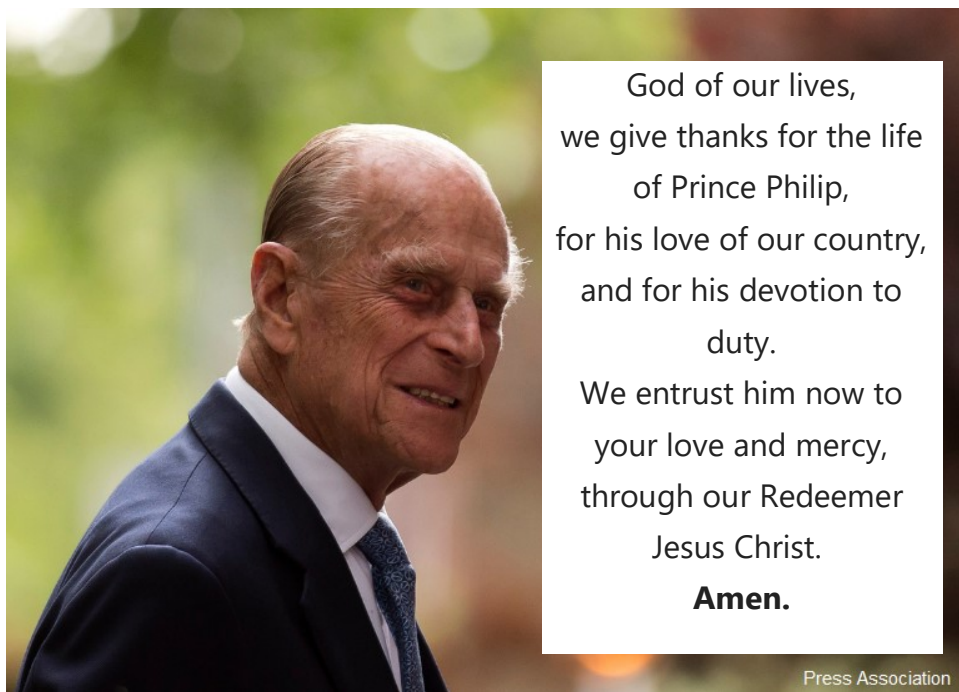


IMPORTANT: REVISED ADCM DATE Tuesday 18 May at 7.30

We've had to change the ADCM date (originally planned for 19 April) so we can legally gather in person to do so, at the direction of our Bishop and in line with the Government roadmap out of lockdown.

We want to hold a hybrid meeting (in person and on Zoom) to make sure that people who aren't online can attend, so we will be holding our **Annual District Church Meeting this year on Tuesday 18 May at 7.30 pm.**

More information about it will follow in due course.



Public Sector Meet (over Zoom) is next booked in for Monday 19 April. A chance to chat me check in with each other. Please contact Tom Hedley-Smith or Rachel Berner for more details.



Church of England History

I will be running a course on the history of the Church of England from 1500 to the present day.

It will be on Zoom and consist of 6 weekly sessions.

The first session will be on Thursday 29th April at 10am.

If you would like to take part please email me at chris.skingley@btinternet.com and I will send the Zoom links nearer the time

Chris

Reduce Food Waste



Reduce food waste - there are now excess food deliveries to Seasalter Christian centre on Monday and Tuesday mornings - free for anyone to collect from 9-11am.

This has been a really successful initiative, and I want to thank the team behind the scenes who are picking up, dropping off and delivering food.

Ann Price

We have a trained prayer ministry team at St Alphege Seasalter who are happy to pray with anyone who would like confidential prayer for themselves or someone else (our safeguarding policy applies). If you'd like that, please let Paulette (paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org) or Diana High know, or message me in the chat privately and we can arrange for someone to get in touch to do that. Do offer this to friends or neighbours.



¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. ¹⁴ Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16: 13-14

Minutes later everyone began to cheer. Led by the Queen and Prince Philip, members of the Royal Family were on their way coming in my direction. All of them were smiling and chatting to each other. As they passed me the Duke was the first of five or six of them, including Prince Charles, to notice and remark on my ski sticks. With a big grin on his face the Duke of Edinburgh looked at me and said 'Going skiing are we?'

On the way home as we shared our thoughts and impressions about the day, Joanna said that although she had not heard what the Duke and others had said to me from where she was standing, the highlight of the day for her was watching me and seeing the look on my face at that particular moment. It was certainly another highlight in my life. The Duke was definitely a 'people person' as so many people have indicated in their tributes to him. I am grateful for the brief but close encounter I had with him.

P.S. As wonderful a day as 19 July 2011 was, it is as nothing compared to the day I gave my life to the Lord Jesus Christ or the day that is to come when I meet the One who is 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords', 'Lord of all the earth', 'Saviour of the World'. Have YOU accepted His invitation to the Royal Banquet and a permanent place in His Palace and Eternal Kingdom?

Donald



All the people in a village decided to pray for rain. On the appointed day they all turned up at the church but only one small boy brought an umbrella. That's faith.

Supplied by Colin (Aspital)

Family Church Seasalter Christian Centre



Every Sunday
Starting 25th April
3.30pm - 4pm

Book with Lise

lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org



MY CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

'Buckingham Palace please' I said to the driver as we got into his taxi outside New Scotland Yard where my daughter, Chief Superintendent Joanna Young, had her office and was working in and from at the time. It was the Metropolitan Police Ch. Supt. Association who had nominated her as their representative to attend the Royal Garden Party on 19 July 2011. She, knowing I would jump at the opportunity, chose me to go with her.

Because of the problems I had with my back since 2008 and knowing the afternoon would include some walking about or standing around, I took my ski sticks with me. They proved to be a blessing. First, I being disabled we got into the palace garden without having to join any of the long queues of other guests waiting to get in. Secondly, once inside the grounds a member of the household staff grabbed one of the few available chairs so I could sit down. For the next hour or so Joanna and I watched and chatted about the hundreds of people milling around us. Many were dressed in the uniform of the armed service or organisation they belonged to and lots were dressed in their very colourful national costumes. Joanna wore her new outfit and I my new suit. At times I thought I was at a fashion show as much as a garden party.

Just before 4 pm we noticed that many of the guests had formed up in parallel lines each facing the people in the opposite line some 15 or more feet away. They had all been selected to be introduced to the member of the Royal Family designated to come and chat with their particular lines of people. Moving up and positioning ourselves a few feet behind one line of people, we suddenly noticed the Duke of Edinburgh slowly making his way along and chatting to the people in the lines both in front of us and opposite us. Suddenly it began to rain. This didn't deter the Duke. He simply took the umbrella from his aide/security guard and carried on what he was doing. Eventually he got to the people in the line just in front of us. On asking one lady where she lived, hearing her reply said 'I have just been speaking to a lady from there'. With that he went back up the line and came back with the lady and introduced her to the person in

front of us. For a man who at the time had celebrated his 90th birthday five weeks' earlier, I was very impressed.



Thankfully we had an umbrella so we didn't get too wet. Many guests made for the marquee and queued up for tea, sandwiches (very dainty ones) and cakes. By the time Joanna and I got there, there was little food left to choose from. However, the rain was beginning to ease and within minutes the sky cleared and the sun came out and remained out for the rest of the afternoon. We were able to sit at a table in the open air and enjoy our sandwich.

It was from there we noticed people hurrying across the lawn and learned that shortly the Royal Party would be leaving the marquee where their most important/senior/influential guests had joined them for tea, and would be walking back to the palace along a particular footpath. Joanna and I followed and joined everyone else as quickly as we could but then we split up. My back was so painful that I had either to sit down or find something I could lean against. I found just the thing. Alongside the footpath, next to several disabled people seated in wheelchairs I was able to lean against a wall of the actual palace building.