

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Sarah, daughter of Gill and Vince, undergoing ectopic intervention. Elaine (Oakley) waiting for an MRI scan and an op/radiotherapy to deal with an early stage cancer. 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. Barry (Paula's brother-in-law). 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

25 April 2021

4th after Easter

Readings: Ephesians 6: 11-14; Luke 10: 18-20

Theme: Spiritual warfare - deliver us from evil



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

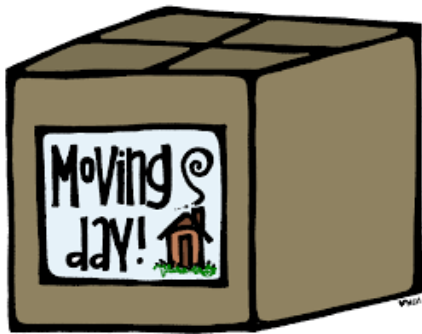
Chris

Paul and Lynn Newman

It's goodbye to Paul and Lynn Newman as they move out of the area at the end of the month to be nearer to family, after being part of the church family at Seasalter for many years.

We love you and will miss you so much, thank you for your friendship, fellowship and servant hearted work in so many ways - including hospitality, catering, worship, AV, Abbot House nursery, mending and fixing bits at SCC and the bungalow, and for your heart for others.

Go well, stay in touch and we will be praying for you as you make the move and settle in your new home.



Dear Church Family,

It is such a strange situation having to say our farewells when we cannot all meet together.

We came to Whitstable 35 years ago and have worshipped at St Alphege Seasalter (including Joy Lane School) for nearly 15 years. On 29th April, we shall be moving to Ramsgate to live nearer to our two daughters. Our eldest daughter particularly, will increasingly need help with her children.

We are all part of God's amazing family. This will not be goodbye, but farewell until we meet again. It has been a real blessing and a privilege serving God alongside you all.

God Bless

Paul & Lynn Newman

Family Church Seasalter Christian Centre



Every Sunday
Starting 25th April

3.30pm - 4pm

Book with Lise

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leave his country in the first place and God was in that, as He was when Pharaoh had a change of heart and sent his troops in great force to bring them back. When the Hebrews saw and realised the Egyptians were coming after them, they were terrified but did the right thing by calling out to God. They blamed Moses and Moses responded by saying 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today' (Ex. 14 v 13).

Although I am sure you know what happened next, read it for yourself. Exodus 14 v 14 to 31. The Lord's plan culminated in both protection for His people and judgment on the Egyptians, the Lord who is the 'same yesterday, today and for forever'. We all have 'Red Sea Experiences' in our lives. Those are the times when we particularly need to hang on and put our trust in God. This remarkable event in the history of Israel was not recorded just to amuse or amaze us. Romans 15 v 4b tells us exactly why it's there in the Old Testament, 'For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope'. Next time you find yourself in a spiritual cul-de-sac remember that verse. Whenever we feel we are hemmed in on all sides, the only place to look is up, 'looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.'

Donald

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11



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A 'RED SEA EXPERIENCE'

I was driving along Joy Lane this week and at the point where you can see the sea I noticed it was low tide, probably lower than I ever remember seeing it before. My thoughts turned to a picture I used to have of 'The Sea at Whitstable' on a morning in February one year when the wind was so strong that it held back the tide and the sea didn't come in as the tide table predicted it would.

From that thought I then went into fantasy mode and imagined myself walking through a parted sea to the Isle of Sheppey, about half the distance between Whitstable and Canterbury. Of course, it wasn't long before I was thinking about Moses and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea (Exodus chapters 13 and 14) – a thought leading to me writing this short article.

My thought 'Where exactly did these people cross the Red Sea?' led me to Google and to my surprise 50 or more small maps came up on the screen with all the suggestions that scholars have come up with and believe me, within the fixed region there are so many variations, even though the Bible mentions a number of place names either side of the Sea. How far did they have to walk with the water piled up on either side of them? One 'expert' suggests it could have been as far as 16 kilometres, another 25!! Even more astounding is the number of people. Here is a quote from a Bible Study Guide written by Charles Swindoll entitled 'MOSES – God's Man for a Crisis'. He writes 'Although we are not given an exact count, many Bible scholars estimate the number of men over twenty years of age is listed as 600,000 Assuming that males over 20 constitute approximately one-fourth of the population the total number of Israelites involved in the exodus would have surpassed 2,000,000 people.'

The important thing however is not the location of the crossing, the number of people crossing or the length of the crossing. There was a purpose. God's desire was that these people conform to a lifestyle that reflected His standard of righteousness. They and their ancestors had lived in Egypt for many hundred years – 430 years to be precise. For all those years Egyptian habits, culture and even moral standards would in ways big and small influence their lives. At the outset of their journey to



the 'promised land' they had many lessons to learn, one being recognising and accepting the presence of God. God went before them in a pillar of cloud by day And a pillar of fire by night. The Lord was their ever-present Guide. They needed to fall in with His plans, follow His ways, learn to trust Him in every situation. What better way to do that than put them to the test?

The Egyptian Pharaoh had taken a lot of persuading to let the people