

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Andrew Crocombe, for a successful operation and recovery. Liz Leaman (Frances' friend) - please pray for healing, following an unsuccessful eye operation. Myrtle Stroud, for a good recovery following a hip replacement. Elaine (Oakley) having chemo for breast cancer. Freddie and Charlie Crocombe (grandchildren to Andrew's brother). Melissa Clackett whose health is deteriorating please pray for it to improve and for baby Isaac.

Continued prayers for Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) as she undergoes chemotherapy. Pat Wade. Dorothy Vener. Bob Simmons. Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. During June we will be praying for those living in Wauchope Road, Foxdene Road and Saltern Place..

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.



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

20 June 2021

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41
3rd after Trinity**



Welcome back! - Don't forget to book...

It's been fabulous to see more people returning to our gathered services. We are STILL in this in-between period, offering 2 identical services at 9 and 10.30 with Holy Communion every other week. Eventually we will return to services that have their own 'flavour' in a similar way to before, but until restrictions lift that's not possible.

Like you, we are so very much looking forward to the time when we don't have to book in for Sunday services and can just turn up. However, we need to continue this for the time being for everyone's safety.

It's VERY important that you book if you want to attend especially now we are getting fuller. We need to protect a little space for people who are visiting for the first time, and it's really awkward if church family who haven't booked turn up and take places, then those who have come and find there's no room for them.

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So:

1. **You must book each week for the service** you (and those you are bringing with you) want to attend - no rolling bookings/booking ahead, But you've got from Monday up to 11 am Friday of that week to book with the office: 01227 276923 or office@stalphegesesalter.org. You can't assume you have a place if you contact after that time or don't get confirmation from Becky.
2. **Sunday school/Sunday Creche** - please make sure you book in advance in the same way for these via the office - if you are going to be in the service while your little ones are in creche or Sunday school, you'll need to book yourself a seat.
3. Any problems that arise regarding booking after 11 am on Friday, contact Paulette (07305 611437) or Ali Fuller: alifuller@talktalk.net
4. Capacity is up to 40 places for each service, plus the service team, which allows us a small additional capacity for brand new people.
5. If we run out of room in the service you'd prefer, you will be offered the other service if there's space, or can opt to be put at the top of the list for your preferred service for the following week (*1 week ahead only, and only if we've run out of room when you try to book - this is the only case in which booking ahead may happen*).

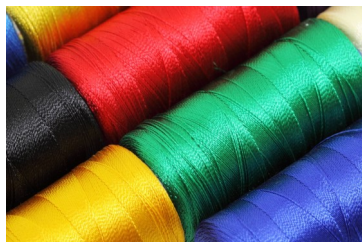
Thank you for your help with this - and for your care of one another.

Love Paulette

Would anyone like a large quantity of embroidery silks? Free to a good home.

I don't do so much embroidery now and I have more silks than I will use.

Marian Russell (07946 439 591)



Becky's Hats

As we know, the all round fabulous person that is Becky Whittaker wears many hats in SCC during the week - Administrator, DCC member, bookings manager and facilitator, alarm & key wrangler, friendly face and first point of contact for visitors and booking clients, among a multitude of other things.



However if you happen to see her on a Sunday in a service, she won't be wearing any of those hats - *it's not a work day for her, so please be kind and save work related queries for Monday*. Like us, she needs to fill up so she can give out!

If it's something urgent/an emergency, then please speak instead to Ali Fuller or Andrew Crocombe (churchwardens) or Paulette.

Love Paulette

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalms 107:1

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Reduce Food Waste



Reduce food waste - there are now excess food deliveries to Seasalter Christian centre on Monday and **Thursday** 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

Something to Share?

If you would like to contribute to these church notices; or subscribe to the (electronic) mailing list 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.

The deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday.
Paula. Email: deaneves@msn.com

Chuckle Corner

Here is the challenge to all the Church Family - please send in your one-liners, an amusing quote, something you observed which made you smile or maybe a line from a book which made you laugh out loud.



Rosalind, when listening to the travel report on the radio, was most surprised to learn that the reason for the traffic hold-up was a vampire! Seems she misheard - the announcer had said van fire! Time for a hearing test?

Getting to grips with the Bible - SAVE THESE DATES!

Four Saturday afternoons in September, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 2-4.30 pm at the Christian Centre.

Cost: £5 per person for the whole course, to cover materials.



We are going to be running a 'Reading the Bible with Confidence' course in September to look at some tools and skills that will help you get the most out of your Bible reading.

It's for anyone – whether you have read your Bible inside out and upside down, or whether you find it a difficult and perplexing thing to get into.

The Bible is a rich and wonderful gift to us, the story of God's journey with and love for humanity, a source of instruction, comfort and of wisdom that can lead us into deeper relationship with God and one another, and to transformed lives in Christ.

But it's not always an easy thing to read. Made up of 66 books written at different times and of different writing types and styles, conveying different messages to particular audiences at the time of writing. How do we understand and interpret what we are reading? How do we know what it's saying to us today? How do we make sure we don't abuse it by taking things out of context?

We want St Alphege Seasalter to be a place where we grow and learn together about faith and where we can use the tools and gifts we've been given to encourage each other and flourish. When it comes to reading and interpreting the Bible we won't always agree on everything – but we will grow if we share our viewpoints and our thinking safely with one another and learn from our different perspectives.

More info on how to book a little nearer the time.



In March 2020 we at St Alphege Seasalter signed up to Eco Church

[Eco Church](#) is an award based scheme. It is run by the Christian Conservation Charity *A Rocha* and supported by the Church of England. Eco church resources churches to care practically for God's creation with Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. We are currently working towards our Bronze award.

Achievements at SCC in 2020:

1. Completed Eco Church Survey (working towards bronze level)
2. Professional Energy survey completed for the building
3. Established energy use of building on a yearly basis
4. Completed mandatory Carbon Footprint for our church
5. Discussed becoming carbon neutral
6. Held Quarterly Eco Church online meetings with Eco Church Team (Jo Hampton, Sabine Hazelgrove, Lynn Newman)
7. Weekly People and Planet connect group led by Jo Hampton and Georgie Delany Meetings between March and July (Lizzie Hales, Sophie Valdes, Ann Price)
8. 'Ecotips' in the weekly SCC notices by Ann Price
9. Held a carbon-neutral picnic in early July for the People and Planet connect group.
10. Added Eco Church to the DCC's rolling agenda.
11. Daniel Hampton elected Eco Champion for the DCC.
12. Researched alternative ways of providing electricity: Solar Panels







13. Explored the TerraCycle recycling scheme
14. Started FareShare (distributing surplus Tesco food from outside church to minimise waste).

We are now half way into 2021 and have achieved so much more! The Eco Church team has joined forces with the new monthly Whitstable Eco Church Forum which is for the Whitstable team of 5 Anglican Churches we belong to. It is run by Daniel Hampton, myself and Kirsty McNichol from All Saints Church.

Jo Hampton

Eco church initiator

Daniel Hampton DCC's elected Eco Champion.

| Eco Church Survey Results April 2020 - April 2021: St Alphege Seasalter. | | | |
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| Five Areas of Church Life: | | | |
| 1. Worship and Teaching: | | | |
|  | 2020 Score: 51/110 Bronze |  | 2021 Score: 71/110 Silver |
| 2. Buildings: | | | |
|  | 2020 Score: 281/480 Silver |  | 2021 Score: 282/480 Silver |
| 3. Land: | | | |
| | 2020 Score: 5/155 No Award | | 2021 Score: 5/155 No Award |
| 4. Community and Global Engagement: | | | |
|  | 2020 Score: 81/230 Bronze |  | 2021 Score: 82/230 Bronze |