

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Denise (Fasulo) and Luca, both tested positive for COVID. Jane, Gill and Vince's daughter, her sons Daniel and Isaac, all diagnosed with COVID; please pray also that Jane's husband Richard stays free from it. Geoff Simmonds. Katy (Burney) with a deteriorating knee condition. Andrew Crocombe, for a successful recovery following a shoulder operation. Liz Leaman (Frances' friend) - please pray for healing. Myrtle Stroud, for a good recovery. Elaine (Oakley) half-way through chemo for breast cancer. Freddie and Charlie Crocombe (grandchildren to Andrew's brother). Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) having treatment. Pat Wade. Dorothy Vener. Bob Simmons. Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. During July we will be praying for those living in Kimberley Grove, Ladysmith Grove and Roberts Road.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Melissa Clackett, whose health is deteriorating please pray for it to improve and for Isaac with chronic lung disease and underlying health issues, but (as Melissa says) he is a strong little fighter. 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

25 July 2021

Readings: Colossians 3:12-17 John 1:35-45

8th after Trinity

St Alphege Seasalter Values, Week 4

Our Sunday theme is the third of our 7 Values this week, Creating Community

A ll involved - *Everyone playing their part*

B earing witness - *Telling the Christian story*

C reating community - *Loving and belonging*

D- Deepening Discipleship - *Following Jesus, becoming like him*

This week we explore what it is to grow in our discipleship - how we follow Jesus in a way that makes a difference to us and to the world.

After July 19th – What will happen in Church? (From Sunday 25th)


The DCC met on Tuesday 6 July to discuss the lifting of restrictions. Whilst the legal requirements for face coverings and social distancing are being lifted, we have made some decisions about some measures we feel still need to be in place for the following reasons:

- Government advice (Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer) is that masks are worn indoors where there are crowds/large groups and social distancing is difficult. Masks are shown to be effective in preventing transmission of Covid-19 to others – they are worn mainly for the benefit and protection of others, not the wearer.
- Cases of Covid-19 are rising quite rapidly at the moment with a variant that is more easily transmitted.


- There is a cohort still waiting for their second vaccine


We are still have a duty of care to mitigate risk to the people who use our building, and Covid-19 still presents a risk.

Bearing these things in mind, we have agreed the following changes:

 We will continue with the two identical services for now at 9 and 10.30. We will review this for after the Summer.

✓ We will stop the booking system, but ask people who come to services to sign in on arrival so it's possible to trace if there were to be an outbreak. If this begins to become difficult to manage or seems unsafe, we may reinstate the booking system.

 The chairs will move closer together again, people will be able to move about the auditorium before and after the service and chat with one another (or in the garden/car park). We will have the doors open so bring an extra layer.

 We will all be able to sing!

In order to enable these changes as safely as possible, **we will still require everyone to continue to wear a face covering in the building (unless exempt from doing so).**

Holy Communion will continue with bread only for a while yet.

We will continue the livestream for those who are not yet ready to return to gathered worship.

When we share The Peace, it will be without physical contact for the time being (unless same household/bubble).

We are keeping refreshments on pause for the time being.

We will review this in an ongoing way.

Thank you for playing your part in keeping others safe.

Bookings open from Monday 12 July for 'Getting to grips with the Bible'

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

**BOOK VIA BECKY IN THE OFFICE, (places limited to 30) 01227 276923
9-11 Monday to Friday. Places must be confirmed by Becky.**



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.

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

Give Via Text

To give via an SMS message text the code STALPHEGE followed by the amount you wish to give to 70085. For example to give £3 you would text 'STALPHEGE 3' to 70085. Texts cost the donation amount plus one standard message rate.

Message from Lise

Sunday School and Crèche will continue through the summer with the exception of 25th July and 29th August, however activities will still be provided for children who come to the service.



ST ALPHEGE SEASALTER CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

5TH AUGUST

FAMILY PICNIC ON THE BEACH!
OPPOSITE WALDENS IN
SEASALTER, BRING YOUR OWN
PICNIC!
11 AM - 1:30 PM

12TH AUGUST

COMMUNITY WARDROBE @ SCC
PRESCHOOL, PRIMARY AND SOME
SECONDARY UNIFORM AVAILABLE
FOR WHITSTABLE SCHOOLS.
10 AM - 12:30 PM

18TH AUGUST

SPARKLERS SUMMER CATCHUP
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC!
@ SWALECLIFF PARK, PLOUGH
LANE
11:30 AM - 1 PM

PARENTS ARE TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN AT THESE EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANDREW.PRICE@STALPHEGESEASALTER.ORG

CRÈCHE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE

(EXCLUDING 25TH JULY & 29TH AUGUST, ACTIVITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE)



social media community guidelines

Social media is a very public way of enabling us as Christians to live out our calling to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Its many joys include the fact that it is immediate, interactive, conversational and open-ended. These opportunities come with a number of downsides if users do not apply the same common sense, kindness and sound judgement that we would use in a face-to-face encounter.

We encourage all church members, when engaging with social media, to:

- **Be safe.** The safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults must be maintained. If you have any concerns, speak to one of our safeguarding advisers.
- **Be respectful.** Do not post or share content that is sexually explicit, inflammatory, hateful, abusive, threatening or otherwise disrespectful.
- **Be kind.** Treat others how you would wish to be treated and assume the best in people. If you have a criticism or critique to make, consider not just *whether* you would say it in person, but the tone you would use.
- **Be honest.** Don't mislead people about who you are. Be aware that you may be regarded as speaking for the church even when you are expressing a personal opinion.
- **Take responsibility.** You are accountable for the things you do, say and write. Text and images shared can be public and permanent, even with privacy settings in place. If you're not sure, don't post it.
- **Be a good ambassador for the church.** Try to resolve issues between one another in person or privately, not in a public forum.
- **Disagree well.** Some conversations can be places of robust disagreement and it's important we apply our values in the way we express them.
- **Credit others.** Acknowledge the work of others. Respect copyright and always credit where it is due. Be careful not to release sensitive or confidential information and always question the source of any content you are considering amplifying.
- **Follow the rules.** Abide by the terms and conditions of the various social media platforms themselves. If you see a comment that you believe breaks their policies, then please report it to the respective company.

Roles and Holes

We want enough people sharing in the roles and activity of the church so that it is life-giving for all involved, not life-draining. At the moment though, some are doing a lot more than they should and really need some support.

Please would you pray about this and the roles below.

As we build back and repair after the pandemic, we are particularly looking for the right people for these roles Seasalter:

Children and families work team - *you need a passion for this but the rewards are huge.*

Youth Ministry team - *you need a passion for this but the rewards are huge.*

AV team - *especially for the sound mix, but also for words and pictures - on a Sunday and occasionally in the week*

Chairs/set up team - *crucial - if we want bums on seats..!*

Pastoral Oversight Team Coordinator - *we want to hold this work safely and well*

Pastoral Visitors - *good listeners, caring, mature and boundaried.*

Welcome and Integration Team - *welcomers on the door, and those with a heart to help people belong.*

Tea, Coffee and Hospitality - *not quite yet but soon, we hope!*

Office Cover /Meet and greet - *helping Becky cover leave*

Garden Team - *keeping the areas around SCC tidy and maintained*

Churchyard Team -Old Church - *keeping an eye and keeping it tidy*

NHS Nourishment & Keyworkers Kindness Day

At The Living Well, Canterbury Diocese Centre for
Healing & Wholeness, Nonington CT15 4JT



A Time of Peace and Rest

For quiet personal refreshment, with an option to share your experience of working during the pandemic in an individual time of confidential listening and prayer if requested with chaplain Rev. Lorraine Apps-Huggins and members of the chaplaincy team facilitating the day.

**Saturday 4th September 2021,
10.00 am - 4.00 pm**

Please book via contact@the-living-well.co.uk

This day is free of charge - lunch is provided



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