

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Julia, (Sue StJohn's god-daughter) recovering from multiple injuries following a car crash. Katy (Burney) with a deteriorating knee condition. Liz Leaman (Frances' friend) - please pray for healing. 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 September we will be praying for those living in St. Mary's Grove, Allan Road and Hodgson 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.

Please pray for Jill and Rob (Freeman) and family on the death of Jill's mum, Joan. May Joan rest in peace and rise in glory.



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

5 September 2021

14th After Trinity Ordinary Time/Creation Season

Readings:- Psalm 145 and Matthew 19:13-14

Back to School Sunday

We are having Back to School Sunday on Sunday 5th September. All children up to year 6 are welcome to bring their school bags and will be prayed for and given a blessing.



New Service Pattern

From Sunday 5th September we will move to our new service pattern:-

8.45am – Holy Communion Service

10.30am – All Age Service with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month

From Sunday 12th September refreshments will be available in between the services and after the 10.30am service.

OLD CHURCH WORKING PARTY

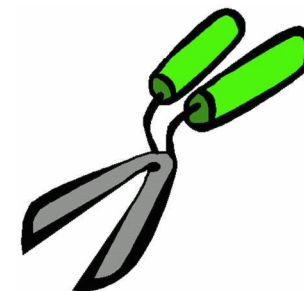
Saturday 11th Sept 9am – 1pm

Volunteers needed to finish off the hedge trimming and tidy-up of the graveyard. Refreshments provided during the morning and bacon rolls for lunch to finish.

Please bring shears, secateurs, hedge trimmers etc if you are able.

Come for as long as you want.

THANK YOU



The Living Well Healing Service

There is a weekly healing service on a Thursday morning at 10.30 am at the Living Well.

For those who cannot come in person, the opportunity to join the service online via Zoom is on available on the first Thursday of the month (i.e. the next opportunity will be 7 October). If you would like the link to join these meetings online, please contact Paulette or Diana via email at:

paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org

john_high@sky.com

'I Doubt I Have Faith'



A day led by Hilary Hills
Assistant Chaplain at The Living Well

Saturday 30th October 2021

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Seasalter Christian Centre, Faversham Road
Seasalter, CT5 4AX

All welcome!

Entry and lunch provided by donation (suggested £5).
For more information & to book please contact Diana High on
01227 262495 or john_high@sky.com



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SEASALTER YOUTH ENVIRONMENT AND UPCYCLING PROJECT UPDATE

In May, the youth group won a grant of £500 to plant native plants in the church grounds. The grant is run by Grow Wild, the national outreach learning initiative of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Our project is called 'Seasalter Youth Environment and Upcycling project' and we want to best protect God's amazing creation as a youth group. We've realised that we could do even more for the biodiversity of our church grounds and be better stewards for God's amazing planet.

After approval by the District Church Council (DCC), we've been allocated unused land on the church property which is currently just grass (image). We plan to plant native plants and wildflower seeds during September.

This will make the grounds much more vibrant for both our church and local Community. It will also capture CO₂ to improve local air quality as well as supporting local wildlife such as insects and mammals. This also contributes towards our church obtaining the Bronze EcoChurch Award in the land category. EcoChurch is encouraged by the Church of England due to the current climate crisis and the CofE's pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Currently, we are at the stage of making contact with local nurseries that stock native butterfly and bee friendly plants and planning which plants to use. We have also installed a log pile and an upcycled old bread box which is now a home for hedgehogs!

If you want to find out more or have a passion for native plants and could offer us some advice/help, please contact Daniel Hampron (daniel.o.b.hampton13@gmail.com).



Please note: The deadline for these notices is Tuesday at midnight. My email address is deaneves@msn.com

Paula

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*



Wednesday October 13th and 20th

November 10th, 17th and 24th

7.30pm* – 9.15pm

**All Saints Church Hall, Church Street,
Whitstable CT5 1PG**

A five week course looking at issues relating to identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage from a Christian perspective run by members of the Whitstable Team Ministry (Church of England)

We will learn from each other in a spirit of openness and sensitivity as we discuss matters which are of utmost importance to today's church as we minister to our 21st century world

The handbook for the course is £4.99 though this will be paid for by the Whitstable Team if you find that cost difficult. Apart from that the course is free

**For more information about the course please visit
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>**

**An introductory video can be found here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7A3wt0jqZM>**

**To sign up for the course please email Rev Simon Tillotson at
simon@teamvicar.org or text him at 07833 448287**

***Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm each evening**

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Holding the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2021 has been just one of the unusual things about them. The time difference between Japan and the UK has meant either watching them live through the night or watching recordings of them hours after they have taken place. Then, because of the COVID pandemic, there has been the absence of spectators filling stadia and cheering on the competitors. The competitors are surely the ones however to have missed the cheering crowds most of all, missed the great roar of sound from thousands of people all willing the representative from their country to win a medal and that representative hoping that person might be them. In so many situations in life, encouragement at the right time, in the right place and for the right thing, reason or cause, can make all the difference to the outcome. I'm sure we all appreciate being encouraged and it's something we should constantly be aiming to give when that is the right thing to do.

Seeing that 'encouraging' is one of the 'different gifts' Paul lists in Romans 12, it's perhaps surprising that the word in its various tenses is only to be found about 60 times in the Bible and not once in the Gospels. Its first appearance in the Old Testament is in Deuteronomy chapter 1 v 38. Moses, having been told that he himself will not be crossing the river Jordan and entering the Promised Land, is told to encourage his assistant Joshua who would be leading the people of Israel there. Something repeated in chapter 3 v 28. In 2 Samuel 19 v 7, where battle plans have gone wrong, it's obvious that encouragement is needed. Joab is told to do just that 'Go out and encourage your men' he is told. In the book of Job (16 v 5), Job refers to his so-called friends as 'miserable comforters' and tells them that if they were in his situation, 'my mouth would encourage you'.

So many of the Psalms are in themselves 'encouraging' but the word in one of its various forms is only used twice and one of those is not flattering and speaks of people who 'encourage each other in evil plans'. In Isaiah 1 v 17 there is a plea for a rebellious nation to stop doing wrong and instead 'learn to do right, seek justice, encourage the oppressed'. In Jeremiah (29 v 8) the exiles are being deceived and in a letter to them the prophet says 'Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have'.

Coming to the New Testament, Acts 15 v 32 a letter is written to Gentile

believers following an important meeting in Jerusalem. We are then told 'The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message'. Judas and Silas, who delivered the letter, then spoke to the people and 'said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers'. Ephesians is one of the letters Paul wrote whilst a prisoner in Rome and Tychicus is the postman who will 'tell you everything so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage you'. He writes something similar to the Colossians (4 v 8) 'that he may encourage your hearts'. Timothy is sent to the Thessalonian church (1 Thess. 3 v 2) 'to strengthen and encourage you in the faith'. They are exhorted to 'encourage each other (4 v 16) and (5 v 11) and as well as 'encourage one another', 'build each other up' and to 'encourage the timid, help the weak' (5 v 14).

In 2 Thessalonians 2 v 16 and 17, is a call to 'stand firm', read it for yourself, Paul writes in the form of a prayer of a God who has given 'us eternal; encouragement' and in 2 Timothy 4 v 2, the charge given to Timothy which includes to 'encourage'. And don't miss Paul's list of things to look out for in a person when appointing elders, leaders in the church (Titus 1 v 6-9) which includes being able to 'encourage others' particularly when it comes to sound doctrine. In 2 v 6, Paul mentions the encouragement of self-control, particularly among young men, and calls upon Titus himself to set an example in such things (v 7).

In Hebrews 3 v 13 it says 'encourage one another daily'. Something to aim at? Yes? Let's give it a try. In Hebrews 10 v 19 onwards is a 'call to persevere' which includes 'encourage one another' and adds 'and all the more as you see the day approaching'!!

I love Acts 4 v 36. There, it mentions a guy from Cyprus by the name of Joseph; others, particularly the apostles, spotted a characteristic in this man, which I think they perhaps envied because they gave him a nickname. They called him Barnabas, which we are told means 'Son of encouragement'. Have a think, ask yourself 'How many people have been a Barny to me this week and to how many people have I been a Barny?'

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