

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Emma (Rafferty) suffering with fibromyalgia. Gill Campbell. Elaine (Oakley) undergoing surgery on 30 November. Gillian, Vince and Gill's daughter, having a C-section on 11 November due to a difficult birth for her first child. Julia (Angie Essex's sister-in-law), following a knee replacement operation. Julia, (Sue StJohn's god-daughter) recovering from multiple injuries following a car crash. Katy (Burney) with a deteriorating knee condition. Freddie and Charlie Crocombe (grandchildren to Andrew's brother). Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) having treatment. Pat Wade. Bob Simmons. Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. During November we will be praying for those living in Seasalter Beach, Levante, The Brig + any new homes, Admiralty Walk.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Barbara Boyall, George's (Charilaou) mum, who is ill and starting chemo. 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. 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

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



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

28 November 2021

First of Advent

Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Luke 21: 25-26

Holy Communion (BCP) at the Old Church - Sunday Service 11.15 am 19 December

This will be our first Sunday service back in the Old Church since March 2020.

From January, services will resume at the Old Church as per the pre-pandemic pattern: at 11.15 am on the first Sunday in the month.

Please dress warmly as we will need to keep the church well ventilated, and feel free to wear a face covering if you wish to.

Christmas Spirit Day

St. Alphege Old Church, Seasalter
(via the top of Freemans Close)

Saturday 18 December 10.30 - 4.30 pm

- Make a decoration or write a prayer to hang on the tree
- Light a candle to remember a loved one
- Write your hopes on our graffiti wall

Join in with carols at 4pm
Refreshments and fun for all ages!

AND

Help needed!
The above event is being run by the St. Augustine's ordinands together with St. Alphege Seasalter.

Could you:

- Bake some festive cookies, biscuits, cakes or mince pies?
- Lend some Christmas tree decorations, lights or bunting?
- Spare a couple of hours on the day?

If you can help, please email Vicki: vickijyoung40@gmail.com or call the SCC office 9 - 11 am on 01227 276923



Please note: this is a youth Christmas party

A prayer for this season at St Alphege Seasalter

This is a prayer we will be using regularly in church for this season. Please join us in praying it, at home and in your groups as well.

Lord Jesus

We long for more of you in our lives,

**To grow in our love for you, for one another
and for our community.**

We offer you ourselves, just as we are;

Keep our feet firm on God our Rock when things feel uncertain,

Keep us faithful in prayer and service,

Help us share your gift of love and grace with others and

Grow your church here, we pray

Amen.

Whitstable Oyster Singers invite you to their Concert

**in aid of the Bright Shadow charity which
helps people with dementia**

Saturday 11 December 2021

3.15 pm

Seasalter Christian Centre
Faversham Road, Whitstable, CT5 4AX



The second half of the programme will include Christmas carols and songs with audience participation.

Tickets needed in advance or on the door BUT ADMISSION IS FREE with the opportunity to give generously to the charity at the concert.

For more information contact
Donald 01227 770434.

Christmas Card for the church family

Last year I designed a Christmas card for us all to share with each other and to print off to display in our homes if we wished to do so.

I am planning to do the same again this year so do please get in touch with your messages for our brothers and sisters.

If you can email me please do so, if not please drop them off at the Christian Centre and I will collect them from there.

Paula
deaneves@msn.com

Paulette's usual day off is changing

I'm changing my usual day off from a Thursday to a **Friday** from this week onwards for various practical reasons. I usually don't respond to emails and messages after 5.30 pm on Thursday until I'm back at work on Saturday. If it's an urgent matter, contact Ali Fuller or Andrew Crocombe (details on the website) or Becky in the church office.

Thank you, Love Paulette



OPEN DOOR
Community Hub

CHRISTMAS RE-LAUNCH
THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER
10-11.30 AM (DROP IN)

Seasalter Christian Centre, 49 Faversham Road
CT5 4AX 01227 276923

Company and community for all with:

- a warm welcome
- tea, coffee and cake
- support
- meeting weekly on Thursdays 10-11.30 am from January 13th

A huge thank you to all who helped to make the Christian Aid Quiz such fun and for your generosity, including those who donated but did not attend. We raised the grand total of **£780!**

Our next Quiz is planned for March 19th at Seasalter with fish and chips.

David and Jeannie



  **Stamp Recycling**  

Christmas is coming, so many of us will have more post coming through the door, please remember to save the stamps for us and also throughout the year, as even a few pennies gained from each batch of stamps sent in, benefits us as a charity

If you would like to help us with this then please save your old stamps. They can be sent direct to the recycling company at this address:

Octopus For A Preemie UK
PO Box 16992
Sutton Coldfield
B73 9YA

Your help as always is very much appreciated. Or welcome to give to Ann Price who can send off.



SEASALTER YOUTH ENVIRONMENT AND UPCYCLING PROJECT UPDATE

Following the last update in the church notices (29th of August), a lot has happened as part of the Seasalter Youth Environment and Upcycling project. You may have already seen the new plants and variety of boxes for wildlife. If not, the good news is that the project has now been completed!

On the 17th of October after the main service the youth group with the help from a few knowledgeable adults and youth leaders planted 39 perennial plants, 6 climbers and 4 shrubs. The log pile and hedgehog box was also moved to a better location in full shade. This took a lot of hard work and effort from all the youth and 2 hours later it was completed! Thank you to all the youth who helped and got this project over the line!

Following the planting, 4 sparrow boxes, 2 solitary bee houses and a lacewing box were also installed with the help of Geoff. This means at SCC we now are within touching distance of the bronze eco award!

Hopefully now all the congregation can appreciate and enjoy the gardens with the additions of all the plants etc and that the SCC grounds can become a safe haven for local fauna and flora which sadly is in decline.

See the photo on the right of what the strip of land by the car park looked like before vs the photos of now (below).

I would like to say a huge thanks to all the people who without your help this project wouldn't have been possible. A huge thanks especially to Georgina Hedley-Smith, Geoff Armer, Gail Arnold, Becky Whittaker, Paulette Stubbings, Andrew Crocombe, Donna Richardson and the DCC for all your support in helping the youth set up such a great project which we hope many generations to come will enjoy and inspire.



If you are interested in getting involved with the management/ maintenance of the plants etc please do contact Daniel Hampton (daniel.o.b.hampton13@gmail.com)

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

It's that time of year again!!

Please consider putting aside some items for the calendar over the next few weeks!



Last year we delivered 36 hampers.



Non perishable items only please!

Please leave at SCC by Sunday 19th December

For any questions please contact Georgina on georgina.hedley-smith@stalphegeseasalter.org



CHURCH FLOWERS

would you like to sponsor a flower arrangement in church for a special anniversary, a birthday or any other occasion? If so, contact Hazel and she would be happy to discuss the options. Mobile 07769 735336.

Reverse Advent

As you may know the last few years we have been running the Reverse Advent Calendar in the run up to Christmas. This is where we put aside an item of food each day over a few weeks, these then are combined and redistributed over a number of hampers. These hampers are then delivered to people in the community around our church who may find Christmas a financially difficult time of year. The items could be a tin (soup/vegetables/chilli/fruit/pies etc) a packet (pasta/breakfast cereal/jelly/crisps) items of toiletries (toothpaste, nappies, toilet roll, shower gel), a jar (jam/cooking sauce/hot dogs etc) and gifts for adults, youth or children (gloves/books/games/toys). Ideally we would like a mix of some meal essentials and some nice Christmas treats such as chocolates or mince pies (please check best before dates). Last year our church family was incredibly generous and we distributed 36 hampers.

This year we are also partnering with the Haven project, which is a homeless charity here in Whitstable. The young people will be making up a bags of essentials and treats for the homeless and these will be delivered to the Haven Project to distribute. Items particularly useful for the homeless are thermos flasks, underwear, toiletries, torches with batteries, ring pull tins, hats, gloves and scarves and wrapped chocolates and sweets.

This year has been tough and we know that many families are struggling, so we would love to be able to give out even more hampers to bless our neighbours. If you are able to help please could you start putting aside an item as often as you are able to, many shops have offers so maybe you could donate the 'free' item to the hampers? The items can then be dropped off at the Christian Centre during the week leading up to the 19th of December. They can be sorted and delivered the following week. If getting them to the Christian Centre will be a problem for you then please contact Andy or Georgina Hedley-Smith or Becky in the office so that we can arrange to collect them from you.

Many thanks
Andy and Georgina