

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Joan Moss, following a short spell in hospital. Emma (Rafferty) suffering with fibromyalgia. Gill Campbell receiving treatment at the Maxi facial Clinic in Ashford. Elaine, recovering following surgery which went well. Julia (Angie Essex's sister-in-law), following a knee replacement operation. Julia, (Sue St John's god-daughter). 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 December we will be praying for those living in Grimthorpe Avenue, Martindown Road (including Columbine Heights) and Ashurst Avenue.

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. 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



Congratulations to Matt and Anna Coneys (Steve and Vicky's son and daughter-in-law) on the birth of their son Seth born on December 3.



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

19 December 2021

Nativity

Readings: Luke 2: 8-20;

Covid-19 Update - Sunday Services

Following the Government's recent changes regarding restrictions, please note the points below:

Face masks are now mandatory in Places of Worship so please bring a face mask with you and wear it whilst you are in the building, unless you are exempt.

- Please make sure you use the hand-gel on entering SCC.
- We are continuing to ventilate the building well and are monitoring CO2 levels.
- Please do not attend if you are unwell or feel unwell.
- We will continue with current Holy Communion practice as we are taking care to keep elements covered etc.
- We will resume a contact-less Peace.
- We will continue with singing unless advised otherwise.
- We will continue with refreshments unless advised otherwise.
- Online services are available and offer opportunities for those who want to/need to stay away from gathered services to do so.
- Mid week Holy Communion provides an opportunity for worship and Holy Communion that is less crowded than a Sunday. This is at 3pm on a Wednesday afternoon at SCC.

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything, please speak to Paulette, Andrew or Ali.

Our Recent Connect Group Promotion saw 14 people joining groups for the first time or re-joining after a break. Two completely new groups have started as well.

Are you 'Connected'?
Speak to anyone wearing a Connect Badge to get involved or email connect@stalphegesesalter.org

Connect Groups are the small group programme within St Alphege Seasalter.

Groups meet at various times and venues and cater to most needs and tastes.

All groups attempt to support each member physically, emotionally and spiritually.

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**A date for your diary... Burns Night
Saturday January 22nd
All Saints Hall**

This is now cancelled



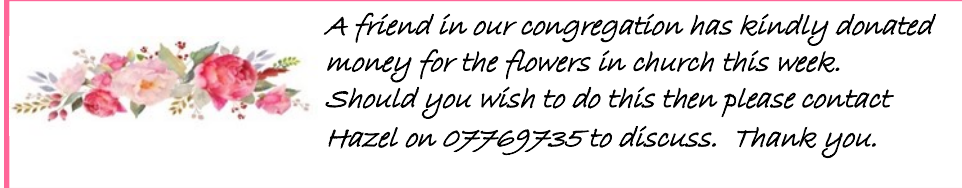
Christmas Card for the church family

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



A friend in our congregation has kindly donated money for the flowers in church this week. Should you wish to do this then please contact Hazel on 07769735 to discuss. Thank you.

The concert by Whitstable Oyster Singers are SCC on Saturday raised £608 for the Bright Shadow charity which helps people with dementia, with a further £100 being sent to them which was raised at an event earlier in the year.

A big THANK YOU to members of our church who came to the concert and gave to the charity.

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

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.**



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 Premie 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.



Contemplating Christmas -

an hour of meditative prayer from 3-4pm on Sunday 19 December at the Old Church.

Revd. Richard Braddy

The Revd. Richard Braddy who at one time was a curate at Seasalter before becoming Vicar of the Wantsum Benifice will be leaving there in the spring to take up his new post as Chaplain to the Bishop of Dover.



Website

We're seeking a couple of people who would be happy to work together on helping get our church website into shape and then keeping it streamlined, up-to-date and user friendly. You don't have to be a website building expert, but someone who is comfortable with computers, happy to learn how to update the pages on ours, and who knows a good website experience from a bad one. It shouldn't be a hugely time consuming task, but it's a really important one - most people search for churches and information about them this way.

If you are interested, please speak to Paulette Stubbings (Vicar), Ali Fuller or Andrew Crocombe (Churchwardens).

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

Back for the second year by popular demand.
Please bring your little ones to enjoy our
Christmas lights with an illuminated Nativity
scene located in our garage. Please let us know
beforehand If you would like to experience the
fun of running in the "snow."

Thank you
Phil and Vanessa



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