

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Karen and the family of Donald Esland, Karen's father, who passed away peacefully on the 19th December; Karen says 'we are very grateful for the prayers of our friends and have seen so many prayers answered at this difficult time. It is good to be reminded that God's timing is perfect'.

Thank you for praying for Raichal, a huge answer to prayer that it's not cancerous and Raichal will be having a full hysterectomy as soon as the surgeons are able to do this.

Inger (Margaret Tyce-Butcher's sister-in-law), complications following a stroke.

Barry, Paula's brother-in-law, undergoing another form of treatment for his cancer and awaiting admission to UCH.

For our mum and daughter at Little Salties; the doctors still don't know what is going on so prayer for finding out what is causing her health problems would be appreciated.. Thank you.

Graeme (Allott) is doing very well.

Graham Goldstraw, for a continual improvement from Vasculitis.

During January we will be praying for those living in Harriet's Corner, Fox's Cross Road, Carlton Road, Denstroude Lane and Pye Alley Lane.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Please pray for Brian Evans, as his Alzheimer's is worsening and for Jane and the wider family as they support him. Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Audrey, Bob, Denise, Dennis, Emma, Katy, Lise and Melissa.. Gill Campbell. Pat Wade.

Prayer Needs

Please contact: Carol Judge 277752; or David and Lynda Kemp 272470

Elaine Oakley had the 'all clear' from Cancer last week, she is really grateful to her church family for praying, supporting and encouraging her these past two years. We celebrate this good news with you Elaine, thanks be to God!



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter Sunday 29 January 2023

3rd Epiphany

Reading: Luke 2: 22-40

Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

Celebrating:

- Giving thanks for all who give their time and energy in the service of others. Especially those who give lifts to church, take people to hospital, and visit those who find it harder to get out and about.
- Thanking God for the external groups who book the Christian Centre to use for their meetings and activities. Praying for their flourishing.

Praying for:

- Please pray for Paulette on Retreat this week.
- our team Ministry of churches, and the Churches Together in Whitstable relationships and partnerships.





Troubling times?

God is our refuge and strength, a help
in the troubles that find us out.
Therefore we shall not fear
when the earth is stirred
Ps 18

Contemplative prayer, or meditation, is an ancient Christian practice dating back to at least the 4th Century after Christ. In this holy practice we seek to still ourselves before God and to wait on Him in silence. We put aside the clamour of our daily lives - the busyness, the bad news, our own personal troubles and concerns - and we simply wait on God, giving Him all our attention. It is pure prayer and a balm for our souls.

Please do join us on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm for half an hour of silence in the refuge of Seasalter Christian Centre.

Contact Mark Fagg (07833 256390) or Martin Garsed (07503 211946) for further details.

**MONDAYS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY
FROM 3:15-5:30PM
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FOR ALL AGES**



St Alphege, Seasalter

ENJOY A WARM WELCOME, WARM
COMPANY AND ACTIVITIES & A WARM SUPPER

The Thrift Ball (see page 6) is being organised by St Alphege Whitstable (the town church) in order to raise funds. The idea behind it is that you don't buy new clothes to wear to this event, you just find a posh frock etc. from a charity shop.



Churches Together in Whitstable
CAP Debt Centre Manager

christians
against
poverty

CAP

**We are looking for a new Manager for the
Whitstable Churches CAP Debt Centre.**

**You will manage the running of the debt centre
in Whitstable in partnership with Christians Against
Poverty and our local CAP Management Group
(drawn from Churches in Whitstable who between them
fund the Debt Centre).**

**Do you have a heart for people and can you offer
some experience of working 1:1 with vulnerable and
disadvantaged people? Are you passionate about
seeing lives transformed and hope restored?**

**You will support clients on their journey to becoming
debt free through home visits and ongoing support
in a way that is grounded in the Christian faith
and the core values of the charity.**

This is a voluntary role requiring 16 hours/week (flexible).

Excellent training is provided and expenses paid.

A laptop computer and mobile phone are provided.

For more information and how to apply visit:

www.thcw.org.uk/jobs.htm

Closing date for applications is 10th February 2023.





THRIFT BALL

THE RETURN

Dress up to get down

Sat, 4th February 2023, 7.30 - 11PM

£17.50 PP

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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

NB this letter contains links to information on websites as it was originally an email. If you would like to be emailed a copy of the letter so you can access the links please contact Paula Dean. deaneves@msn.com

Bishops' proposals in response to Living in Love and Faith



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I'm in no doubt that you will all have seen some of the news (and some of the 'noise') that has emerged from the meeting of the College of Bishops earlier this week and their recommendations for a way forward for the Church on questions of human identity, sexuality and marriage. The Church of England's press release on this matter [is available here](#) and the full report containing the detail of the Bishops' proposals [is available here](#).

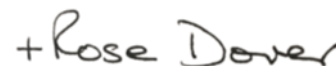
Much has already been said on this. Emotions are understandably running high. As [Archbishop Justin has already said](#), for some these proposals appear to go too far - for others, it is not far enough. There is much frustration and pain around these issues, which we must acknowledge.

Into all this noise, I want to say a few brief things. Firstly I want to affirm with my fellow Bishops, ministers and those across our churches that LGBT+ people are made in the image of God, are loved by God and should have our care and respect. The Bishops have issued an apology to LGBT+ people for the pain they have endured over many years at the hands of the Church. It is crucial to recognise this - and to acknowledge that these recent proposals will continue to be a source of pain for many. I want to express my deepest gratitude to our LGBT+ sisters and brothers for their courage in sharing their stories, in making themselves vulnerable in this process - even though it has often not felt safe to do so. Thank you for bearing with us. Please make use of our [LGBT+ chaplaincy network](#). I look forward to meeting with some of you at June's Open Table event.

Secondly, I want to acknowledge that this is a very difficult time for all our Church family. We hold many different views - on sexuality as well as on many other areas of life and faith. We have a rich diversity of culture, knowledge and experience. At the best of times, our diversity is one of our great strengths, enabling us to more fully reflect the beauty and complexity of our world and our Creator. However challenging we may find life together, it is unChristlike for us to use our diversity as an excuse for separation and withdrawal from one another. Our Lord's command is to love and serve one another. As your Bishop, I will always seek to follow that command and I ask the same of you.

We are all children of God, who created each of us in his image, and we are the followers of Jesus Christ, who reaches out and draws all people to himself. In him our hope is found. In him, our messy offerings may become a blessing to one another and to our world. Let us never lose sight of the one who leads us. Let us never fail to sing with joy for what he has done for us. Let us never fail to share the good news that gladdens our heart, even though the challenges of this world surround us. Let's do this all with kindness and care, for the sake of God's Kingdom.

Yours in the service of Christ,



The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin

Bishop of Dover

We livestream our 8.45 service and occasionally other services, uploading these to our church YouTube channel.

The camera is focussed on the stage area (please be aware of this if you go up onto the stage during the service), and we don't film during the distribution of Holy Communion. Some backs of heads will appear in camera view.

Please speak to a Church Warden when you arrive if you wish to avoid being in camera view.