

## Prayer at the Heart



*Please pray for:*

### **Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks**

Jill (Wimsett) needs prayer as she is unable to walk or get out of bed at present following a hip replacement operation.

Jan (Margaret Tyce-Butcher's friend) is waiting for test results before starting treatment for a type of blood cancer. Continued prayers too for Margaret's brother Peter who is caring for Inger his wife.

Ruth, 26 ( Bob Simmons daughter) suffering with painful rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia.

David's (Harwood) younger brother Andrew died on Thursday 26 January; please pray for Andrew's wife Hilary and for David, Jeannie and the close family.

Thank you for praying for Raichal, a huge answer to prayer that it's not cancerous. She is now on the waiting list for a full hysterectomy.

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 February we will be praying for those living in Borstal Hill (evens) + Windmill Court, Vulcan Close and Joy 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. Barry, Paula's brother-in-law, undergoing another form of treatment for his cancer and awaiting admission to UCH.

### **Prayer Needs**

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



## Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter Sunday 19 February 2023

**Next before Lent**

Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

*Please take this notice sheet home with you*

### **Confirmation, Baptism and First Communion at Seasalter**

On 11 May at 6.30 pm at Seasalter Christian Centre a number of people from churches in our Deanery will be Confirmed. Confirmation is an opportunity for people who were baptised/Christened as a young child or baby to affirm for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf by parents and godparents. It can be a significant step on the journey of faith. At this special service, the Bishop lays hands on your head and asks God's Holy Spirit to strengthen you as you commit to live God's way. If you are interested in being confirmed please talk to Paulette as soon as possible.

### **Baptism**

Being baptised is an important step on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ. It's a wonderful experience and there's no age limit. At Seasalter, you can choose to be baptised with poured or sprinkled water from a bowl or font, or even have your baptism in the sea! If you were baptised as a child or in a different Christian tradition there are ways to renew those promises if you'd like to do that. Again, talk to Paulette if you are interested.

### **First Communion**

We are happy for all who know and love the Lord Jesus to come to the table for Holy Communion and some do from a young age. But we know that for some families, making a formal 'first communion' is an important step in the faith journey. If your children are at an age where you think they are ready and you would like to talk about this then speak to Paulette before the end of February, and we can arrange some preparation that builds towards receiving first communion on Easter Day. In the same way, if you are an adult who has never received Holy Communion and would like to start, speak to Paulette about it.

## Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion 22 February 7.30 pm SCC

This is a reflective and thoughtful service of worship to begin the time of Lent where we remind ourselves just how much we need Easter and the saving act of grace Jesus brings us through his death and resurrection.

There will be the opportunity to receive an ash cross, and we will celebrate Holy Communion together.



### Groundsheets/Large Sheets of Plastic

We require a couple of groundsheets or large sheets of plastic. If you have any that you no longer require, please could we have them?

Please let Ali or Elaine know if you can help. Thank you.

### Please note

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.

## Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

### *Celebrating:*

- We give thanks for those in our church with musical talent who use their gifts in our sung worship.
- We celebrate the commissioning of new Street Pastors in the Team and pray for a prayer coordinator to be appointed.

### *Praying for:*

- We continue to pray for the tragedy in Turkey and Syria and for aid to reach those displaced and grieving. If you want to donate, Tearfund are doing great work there. [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)
- There have been some administrative hurdles to overcome with the sale of the bungalow, please pray for that to go smoothly now. We give thanks for those who have been working hard on this project and especially for Andrew Crocombe leading it.



## 3A Lent Course

This year's Lent Course is **Followers of Jesus** and starts on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am in the Harbour Room.

The five sessions are:

Nicodemus, Mary and Martha, The woman at the well, James, son of thunder, and Mary Magdalene.

Although this course is intended mainly for 'third agers' anyone is welcome to join us.



This is a day for celebrating, equipping and reflecting together on Lay Ministry in the Church of England, and is for anyone engaged with, training for, or interested in Lay Ministry.

We will gather together from across the South East to meet with opportunities for reflecting and resourcing from a variety of lay people currently engaged in ministry in a variety of different settings.

This is a free even for all those engaged with Lay Ministry warmly welcome - donations optional!

For more information and to book your place:  
<https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/.../lay-ministry.../>

## Televisions

Janice and Graham Allott have two 32" televisions to give to anyone who would like them, they're both in working order.

Tel 01227 262 592 if you're interested please.

## CALLING ALL MATURE DRIVERS!

Free presentation

2.30 pm 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

at Seasalter Christian Centre (49 Faversham Road Seasalter CT5 4AX)



The KCC Road Safety Team will be delivering a Mature Drivers' Presentation at 2:30pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at Seasalter Christian Centre. This is aimed at drivers over 60 who are currently driving.

This is a friendly, informal, and informative session, we hope everyone will go away with a little extra knowledge to help them stay driving safer for longer. Subjects covered will be common crash causation, impairment including fatigue and medication, smart motorways and eco driving.

We had some very positive comments last time, for example:

*"It will jog the memory and make you think. It would make you feel happier in yourself knowing if you're still okay. After listening to this, it's given me the confidence to say that I'm still alright driving"*

This is a FREE presentation and will take up no more than 1 and a half hours on the day.

Please contact Paulette by e-mail on [paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org) or tell her the next time you meet if you'd like to come to the presentation. We need to know numbers attending.

## Living in Love and Faith - the outcome from General Synod

This is something I said on Sunday at the 10.30 service following some conversations after the 8.45.

The Bishops proposed that the Church of England develop some blessings and prayers for people in same-sex marriages. This proposal was passed at General Synod when it met last week.

Not all were in agreement about this idea at General Synod, and not all are in agreement about this in the Church of England or in church here at Seasalter.

Just this morning I have had conversations with people celebrating this decision, and with people who are deeply concerned about this decision.

Justin Welby, the Archbishop, has said there will be people who will find this a step too far, people who will welcome it and people who will say it does not go far enough.

So how do we travel with this as a church community at Seasalter? I believe it requires from us humility and grace. It doesn't mean we can't talk about our different perspectives and beliefs on these things - in fact we should, but we must do so with extreme care.

We must not do one another the disservice of assuming only we have read our Bibles or understand God's word on this. Expert theologians argue about this stuff and we are unlikely to come to one mind between us.

We must remember that what might be a subject for theological debate/a position of belief for some of us is also the lived experience for our brothers and sisters in our church who are LGBTI.

We need to remember that Christ calls us to love one another and to love God - the unity of the body is important even in our disagreement. We are to see Christ in those with whom we profoundly disagree. We may not damage one another or anyone else created by God.

Wherever you sit on these things, I am really happy to meet and talk with you about it if you would find that helpful. David Kemp can also help you understand how General Synod works and what went on there as he attends as a representative for our Diocese. After Easter we will look at the possibility of

hosting safe space for some conversations/sharing of perspectives if people would like this.

In the meantime, we can all pray for Grace, and pray 'Thy will be done' - this might be challenging for us, but God is big enough for all of this.

Love

*Paula*

## Canterbury Christian Schools Work Trust

A graphic for a 2023 Fundraiser Cream TEA. It features a teapot, a cup of tea, and a speech bubble that says "Don't Forget...". The text "2023 Fundraiser Cream TEA" is prominently displayed. Below the graphic, the date, location, and booking information are provided.

**2023 Fundraiser Cream TEA**

**Date: 11th March 2023, 2-4pm**

**Seasalter Christian Centre, Faversham Road, Seasalter, CT5 4AX.**

**No booking necessary, but if you would like a table reserved for a group, please email [ccswtkaty@gmail.com](mailto:ccswtkaty@gmail.com)**

## 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](mailto:deaneves@msn.com)