

## Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



### Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Donald, for a complete recovery from his recent operation.
- Gill (Campbell) has started on a new drug as well as a cardioversion on her heart.
- Marcea Evans, for complete recovery following an operation.
- We continue to pray for Lee, for strength and recovery as he battles severe anxiety and depression and for Trudy, his wife, as she supports him.
- Ann (Shuttle's) sister, Joan, whose health is deteriorating.

During March we will be praying for those living in Eden Road, MacDonald Parade and Cordingham Close.

### Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Janice and Graeme Allott.
- Dave (Remon), suffering from Parkinson's.
- Frances Crocker.
- Stella (Masters) for a full recovery following an operation.
- Ted North, recovering from a 3rd dislocation of his hip, please pray for healing and strength and for a long term solution
- Graham Goldstraw, for his health to continue to improve.
- Brian Evans, whose condition continues to deteriorate and for Jane and their family.
- Ruth, (Bob Simmons daughter).
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Audrey, Bob, Denise, Dennis, Emma, Katherine, Katy, Lise, Pat Wade and Rosalind.

*If you would like someone to be added to the prayer needs,*

*Please contact: Carol Judge 277752*

*or David & Lynda Kemp 272470*



Thank you to all who prayed for my daughter-in-law Susan; she has now finished all of her treatment and is now clear of cancer. Thank you also for praying for me; my knee is much better now and I hope to be back at church soon.

Margaret Tyce-Butcher



## Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 17 March 2024 Lent 5

Reading: Revelation 5: 1-14

*Please take this notice sheet home with you*

### UNCOVER THE EASTER MYSTERY

7 Stops, 1 Amazing Story - An interactive and immersive 'walk through' event for all ages followed by refreshments.

Monday 1st April

11am - 4pm

At Seasalter Christian Centre

Booking is essential to be a part of this epic exploration!

Head to church suite to book in!



### St Alphege Seasalter, Half Night of Prayer

6pm - 12am Oyster Bay

Friday 22nd March 2024

Friday 21st June 2024

Friday 20th September 2024



Join with us, as we open our hearts to meet with God, to worship, to listen and to respond.

For more information please contact Tobi the Prayer Pastor or Reverend Claude.

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# Can you help?

This Easter we  
uncovering a mystery!

We are putting on a new event for  
our community that is focused  
around the easter story that is  
immersive & interactive for all ages!  
Nevertheless we would love some  
help with getting ready for this  
event and are in need of the  
following: -



Gazeboos, plants, materials, people who are good with a pair of  
scissors, people who are good at setting things up, people who  
like a challenge, people who are good at sharing news, people  
who can offer a helping hand.

You name it there is a job for everyone!

If you can help out in any way please do speak to Hannah  
directly or get in touch with her via email on

**[hannah.rogers@stalphegesesalter.org](mailto:hannah.rogers@stalphegesesalter.org)**

**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:*

- Giving thanks for the couples marrying in the Team Churches and praying for them and the Marriage Preparation Day being held for them on Saturday 23 March.
- Giving thanks for Street Pastors in Whitstable and the Prayer Team that supports them and praying for protection, wisdom and God-led interactions with the people of our town.

*Praying for:*

- International Women's Day was 8 March - we give thanks for the role of women in society and in the faith and pray for all who suffer injustice, violence or ill-treatment, or are treated as 'less than' because they are women.
- We pray for our Easter Services and the Easter Experience on Easter Monday - especially that people will come and encounter Jesus either for the first time or in a fresh way.



## Upcoming Services and Key Church Events

Please read the fuller notices for groups and other activities.

Wednesday 20 March

2.30 pm Midweek Holy Communion at SCC

Friday 22 March

Half Night of Prayer 6pm to midnight at SCC (drop in)

Palm Sunday 24 March

8.45 Holy Communion Service at SCC

10.30 All Age Palm Sunday service, with groups for children at SCC

## ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and indicates that you would like to be formally seen as a member of this church. Every year the Electoral Roll has to be revised by adding or deleting names as necessary. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please complete an application form available today and subsequently from Elaine Oakley - Electoral Roll Officer, or a Churchwarden. Completed forms MUST be received by **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.

**PLEASE NOTE: *If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to do anything* .**

I am looking to run a basic Alpha course, that would suit people exploring faith, those new to faith and those with a faith and Jesus, but seeking to equip themselves with sound teachings from the Bible.

I need a group of volunteers to support this and be there to head up and guide table discussions that will take place.

I am planning to run Alpha on Sundays from 4pm—5:30pm.

Training will be given. If this is something you have done before or would like to do, please contact me.

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## Save the date!

Monday 15th April, 7.30pm at SCC - This will be our Annual District Church Meeting. This is a very important meeting so please save the date and do your best to attend. More details to follow shortly.

## Easter Services and Events 2024

Palm Sunday 24 March, 8.45 am and 10.30 am services at SCC with blessing of palms.

Maundy Thursday 28 March Bring and Share Meal - from 6.00 pm for ages 0-99 at SCC, with handwashing, sharing in Holy Communion, and 'stripping of the sanctuary' at the end.

Good Friday 29 March Walk of Witness for Churches together in Whitstable, begins near the Skate Park in Swalecliffe at 9.30 am

Good Friday 29 March 2.00 -3.00 pm Last Hour at the Cross - reflective service at the Old Church

Easter Day 31 March, 8.30 am Easter Fire service on the beach at Seasalter, followed by refreshments and bacon rolls at SCC, then 10.00 am All Age Easter Celebration with Holy Communion

Easter Monday 1 April: Experience Easter, 11-4 pm SCC, contact Hannah Rogers [hannah.rogers@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:hannah.rogers@stalphegeseasalter.org) to book.



## Reminders

23 March Oyster Singers' Concert 3pm at St. Alphege town church

23 March Canterbury Music Makers Concert 7.30 pm at St. John's Methodist Church Whitstable

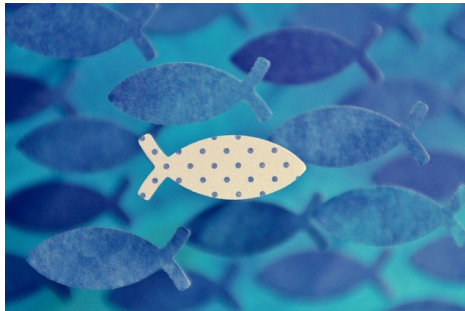
See previous church notices for more information or look on the website [stalphegeseasalter.org](http://stalphegeseasalter.org)



## Confirmation, Baptism and First Communion at Seasalter

### Confirmation

On 6 June, 7 pm at St Mary's Reculver, a number of people from the 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 Claude or 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. 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 Lise or Paulette, and we can talk to you about them 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.

### Women's Chat & Chew

The first of these was a success so we are planning to make this a monthly event, alternating days to, hopefully, suit everyone.



**Wednesday 20th March**  
**Thursday 18th April**  
**Tuesday 14th May**

**at 7 pm**

### Weatherspoons' Whitstable

Open to all women linked with SCC.  
Come if you want, eat if you want or just join for drink  
(stay as long as you can).  
For more information contact Ann P, Emma R,  
Claire W or Jacqui M.

### Georgie

Georgie Taylor (YWAM, daughter of Rev. Philip and Lizzie Taylor) will be marrying Maged Kalta at Seasalter Christian Centre, at 1 pm on 25 May this year. Anyone who knows her/the family who would like to come would be very welcome to attend.

### Church Notices

Please note that the deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday. *Paula*  
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