

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Frances (Crocker) having an X-ray on her knee with the possibility of an operation.
- Graeme (Allott) has had several falls following an infection. Please keep Janice in your prayers too as she is awaiting an operation at Kings'.
- Donald, suffering with a painful knee and awaiting a knee replacement operation.
- Gill (Campbell).
- 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 May we will be praying for those living in Freeman's Close, Church Lane and Heritage Close.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Dave (Remon), suffering from Parkinson's.
- Ted North, awaiting an operation following a hip dislocation.
- 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, Dennis, Emma, Katherine, Katy, Lise, Pat Wade, Rosalind and Stella (Masters).

*If you would like someone to be added to the prayer needs,
please contact: Carol Judge 277752
or David & Lynda Kemp 272470*



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 12 May 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Philippians 3: 10-14 & John 15: 1-17

NEHEMIAH! A preaching series - 7 Sundays from 26 May.

On the face of it, Nehemiah is about a big building project. At its heart though, it's about vision, purpose and how our energies and activities feed into that, but crucially, it highlights the need for God's people to rebuild their hearts - getting themselves aligned with God and with God's loving purposes.

All of this is going to be very helpful for us as we've travelled through some difficult times together over the last few years, and as we focus on how we build for the Kingdom of God and the future.

Want some homework? Read Ezra and Nehemiah in your Bible. We'll be focussing on Nehemiah, but the two books we have in our Bibles were originally one book in the Hebrew tradition.

Alongside this we'll be doing some practical and prayerful work together to look at all the things we do as a church, and identify the priorities, and discern the gifts and skills God has given each of us and how they can be best used.

Upcoming Services and Key Church Events

Please read the fuller notices for groups and other activities.

Wednesday 15 May

2.30 pm Midweek Holy Communion at SCC

Sunday 19 April

8.45 Holy Communion Service at SCC

10.30 All-Age service with groups for children and young people

As part of the DCC's communications to the church family about their function and activities we will be providing a new communication board.

Therefore could DCC members make themselves available to Phil Greig who will take a photo of you to help him create the new communication board.



A Christian Aid poster featuring a woman named Aline. She is wearing a red t-shirt and a green wrap. The background is a brick wall. Text on the poster includes: 'Aline is pushing back against poverty.', 'Abused, homeless and hungry, Aline was on the brink of survival in Burundi. But she transformed her life with a little help from Christian Aid, and secured a vital income and a home for her and her children. Push back against the inhumanity of poverty this Christian Aid Week. Donate today.', 'Join us this Christian Aid Week 12-18 May Please donate at caweek.org or contact: WHITSTABLE CA Group OR331398 - Christian Aid Fundraise', and the Christian Aid logo at the bottom left. There is also a small 'FR' logo at the bottom right.

Safeguarding

We at SCC and as a Christian family take safeguarding very seriously (safeguarding is working to protect children and adults from harm, abuse and neglect).

There are on-line courses available on the Diocesan safeguarding website which we encourage all members of the Church family to undertake.

Thank-you to those who have already undertaken this training. The course has to be completed every 3 years and I will be contacting you to remind you if the training is due this year. If I have not contacted you and you are aware you need to do it then please let me know by email?

Please also let me know when you have completed any training so that I can update my documentation?

The link for the training is

[Safeguarding - Diocese of Canterbury \(canterburydiocese.org\)](https://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding)

Hilary Poulton – Safeguarding Lead

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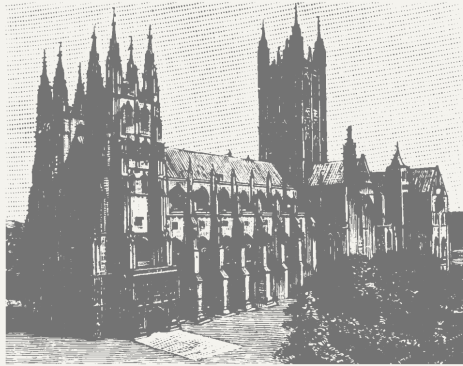
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On behalf of the Safeguarding team

Vanessa, Paulette, Hannah, Lise and Hilary



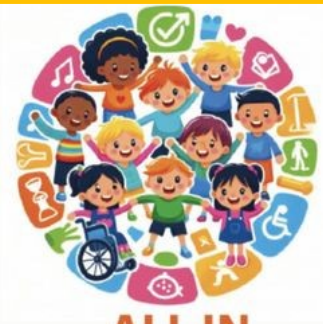
Please Note We livestream our 8.45 service and occasionally other services, uploading these to our church YouTube channel. The camera is focussed on the stage area (please be aware of this if you go up onto the stage during the service), and we don't film during the distribution of Holy Communion. Some 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.



SAVE THE DATE

DAN'S ORDINATION

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL / JUNE 29TH



ALL IN

Sensory Play, Crafts, Toys & Games with a Bible Story Twist!

30th May 2.30pm to 4pm

Booking Essential

Suggested donation £2

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Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- The Alpha Course was launched last Sunday, please pray for all attending and hosting as it continues.
- Maxine and Megan will be confirmed and Hilary, Angela and Helen will renew their baptism vows at the Confirmation Service in Herne on 6 June We pray for God's blessing on these lovely people.

Praying for:

- Christian Aid (12-18 May is Christian Aid Week) working globally to eradicate extreme poverty.
- The church in this time of turbulence and discomfort - that we may keep our focus and priority on Jesus and the things we are called by him to do and bear with one another with grace and love.



Dan's Farewell Lunch

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH
12 MAY AFTER 10.30 SERVICE

Sign up sheet to bring a contribution after church.





Hi! I'm Becca, I'm the new Eco Champion for our church, and I want to hear from YOU!

Whether you have great ideas to share, time to research or you're just interested in how we can make the church and our individual lives more environmentally



sustainable, come and talk to me! I'm always around Sundays (the girl with the red hair!), I'm often here Thursday mornings or you can email me on mrsb.newlyn@aol.co.uk

Here's an easy tip to get you started... this month is No Mow May!

Allowing some long grass and wildflowers to grow benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground. With over **20 million gardens in the UK**, even the **smallest grassy patches add up** to a significant proportion of our land which, if managed properly, can deliver **enormous gains for nature**, communities and the climate.

For more information go to

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

Rhythms of Grace

When? Saturday 1 June 2024, 2:15pm - 4:45pm.

Where? St Martin's Church, Northumberland Road, Maidstone, ME15 7LP

An introduction to movement and dance in worship taking inspiration from Scripture and Worship songs.

Suitable for ages 16 +.

This workshop will explore hand and arm gestures, stillness, posture, kneeling, simple dance steps and the use of flags.

Facilitated by Christine Holland, Reader in North Downs Deanery. [Book for Rhythms of Grace.](#)

Women's Chat & Chew

The next women's chat and chew (or nosh and natter, or something else??) is . . .



**Tuesday 14 May 2024
at 7 pm**

Weatherspoons' Whitstable

Any ladies welcome. Eating not compulsory (but chatting is!!). Feel free to bring a friend.

For more information contact Ann P, Emma R, Claire W for more details.

If you would like to contribute to these church notices 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:

notices@stalphegeseasalter.org



Changing life one block at a time

28th May 11.30am to 3pm

Bring a pack lunch

Seasalter Christian Centre

Primary school age

Suggested donation £5 Per Child

Book with Lise

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