

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Philippa, Lucy, Adrian and Guy, children of Ann Moreton, and their families, upon the death of their mother .
- Jean (Hunter) whose husband Derek has died. May Derek rest in peace and rise in glory
- Mark Temple, out of hospital following his operation last week. Please pray for his recovery and also for Christine, his wife, and their children, Cameron and Maddie.
- Paul Browning, for an operation date soon to remove a kidney with a cancerous tumour and for his recovery and wider healing, with no complications.
- Jade (a Little Salties mum) having serious health issues.
- Mark Arnold for a complete recovery following his operation for Prostate Cancer.
- Donald.

During November we will be praying for those living in Beaconsfields, St. Mary's Grove and Allan Road.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Janice and Graeme (Allott). Frances Crocker. Ted North. Audrey Porter. Ann Shuttle. Pat Wade.
- Ann (Shuttle's) sister, Joan, whose health is deteriorating.
- The 4-year-old daughter of Tariq's niece who has been diagnosed with Leukaemia.
- Whitstable Street Pastors, that they increase in number.
- Dave (Remon), suffering from Parkinson's. He is now living in Bradbury Grange and would welcome visitors.
- Gill (Campbell). Brian Evans. Ruth, (Bob Simmons daughter).
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Bob, Dennis, Emma, Katherine, Katy, Lee (Russell) & his wife Trudi, Lise, 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 24 November 2024

1st Before Advent

Reading: 1 Peter 2: 10-17

Please take this notice sheet home with you

Rev. Ann Moreton



Rev. Ann Moreton died in the morning of 19 November, peacefully, having had her family near and until recently having been able to remain in her own home with support.

All who knew her will know her kindness, her wisdom and humour, her pastoral heart and her faithful service in ministry.

Details of the funeral will be circulated once known. We pray for her children Philippa, Lucy, Adrian and Guy and their families.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

If you are reading this before Saturday there is still time to join us for our Christmas Fayre fundraiser in the Christian Centre between 10.30am and 2.30pm on Saturday 23rd November.

The elves have been busy making, baking and wrapping. There are lots of bargains amongst the pre-loved items the church and local community have donated so generously. There will be homemade soup and hot snacks in our cafe space - and a warm welcome for all.



SCC Administrator Role

We had originally planned to advertise this as a paid role, however we received a very kind offer from someone prepared to undertake it on a voluntary basis.

In the light of the need to strengthen our church finances, the DCC have agreed to explore this and so the post will be advertised soon on an unpaid volunteer basis. There will be an application and interview process for this and depending on applicants, it may be possible for the development of more than one role for effective functioning of the work associated with the Christian Centre.

I do appreciate that this news will be disappointing for those who had already expressed an interest in applying for the paid position - but hope it can be understood in the context of making the best decision for the needs of the church at this time.

Paulette

GodVenture Sticker Advent Calendars – Only £5!

Looking for a simple, meaningful way to celebrate Advent with your family?

On Sunday, 1st December, Lotta will be selling GodVenture Sticker Advent Calendars for just £5 each. Please bring cash!

Each calendar includes:

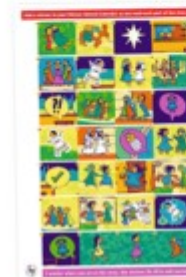
- 28 stickers to tell the Christmas story, from Jesus' birth to the visit of the wise men.
- A 32-page Christmas Story Journal with Bible readings, open-ended questions, and space for reflections.
- Bold, colourful artwork by Victoria Beech, founder of GodVenture.

Perfect for daily, weekly, or one-off storytelling, this is a fun and accessible way to explore the nativity together.

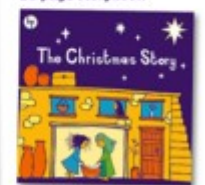
Pick one up before or after the 10.30 am service and start your Advent journey!



28 stickers to add



16 page storybook



CONTEMPORARY CAROLS & WORSHIP
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE / 6:30PM

A huge thank you to Open Door for their generous donations amounting to more than £190 for Children in Need on Thursday 14 November.



OPEN DOOR
Community Hub
EVERY THURSDAY
10-11.30 AM (DROP IN)

Singers Wanted!

*Parish Advent Carol Service,
Sunday 1 December, 5 pm at St Peter's
Whitstable*

There will be a gathered choir from across the Team Churches, and a couple of short evening rehearsals.

Please contact Rachel Webbley:
vicar@stalphege.org.uk
if you are interested.

Our Church Prayer

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

 St Alphege, Seasalter



Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- Thank you to all who planned and worked so long and hard for the success of the Christmas Fayre. a wonderful and fun community-building event, raising money for the local charities we support as a church.

Praying for:

- the Advent season, that we might be living out our need for God's presence and Holy Spirit so that we are able to reflect that peace and joy and invitation to others.



'Hello Church' - letter from Paulette

Paulette will be writing a monthly 'letter from the Vicar' to help keep everyone up to speed with what's going on. The first of these was the November edition, sent out via ChurchSuite.

If your contact details aren't on ChurchSuite yet, or would like a hard copy, please pick one up from the back of Church, or let Paulette or the Churchwardens know.

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.



Frances Crocker (and Dave Remon) at Bradbury Grange

Frances is in Bradbury Grange for the next couple of weeks, she can receive visitors now but please check by calling the home first. Dave Remon, who many will remember, is living at Bradbury Grange - again do call in advance before visiting him.

Derek Hunter's Funeral

Derek's funeral will take place Wednesday 4 December, 2 pm at SCC with the committal at 3 pm at Faversham Memoria Crematorium. All who would like to are very welcome to attend. Jean and Derek came to the Open Door Coffee Morning after they moved into the area, and Jean is now a member of our 10.30 congregation.

BAKERS! WE NEED YOU!

We need some cakes making for the Christmas Spirit Day up at the Old Church Saturday 14 December - so we can offer a hot drink and a cake to people from the community who come.



There's a sheet at the back of church if you could put your name down to let us know you are able to help, thank you.

Thank you so much, Paulette

Christmas trees

For the last 35 years Peter Howard, who lives at Luddenham near Faversham (ME13 0TQ), has grown and sold Christmas trees to aid churches and other charities. You go along to his plantation of several hundred trees, choose the one you want while it's still growing, and return to collect it in December. You pay for your tree and 60% of the price is returned to your church, with the balance being divided between 25 other charities. WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE??

If the idea appeals to you, contact Peter by email:

nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com
or phone 079 10 248 30 to make an appointment to choose your tree.



**MEN!
SCC NEEDS
YOU ...**



**... TO EAT
FOOD!!**

Men's Meal
Tuesday 26 November at
the Peter Cushing
(Wetherspoon's) in town
starting at 1930 hrs



Upcoming Concert

Sunday 8 December at 3 p.m.
at St. John's Methodist Church, Argyle Road, Whitstable
Musical Director: Victoria Bawtree
Accompanist: Spencer Payne

Come and join us!

The variety of songs in the first half of the concert will be followed by those with a Christmas theme and some audience participation in the second half

Tickets: £10 adults (12-18 yrs £5, under 12s free)
available on the day at the church or beforehand from members of the choir or online at
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitstable-oyster-singers>
or use the QR code



This year the choir's chosen charity is Revival



THIS WEEK at St Alphege Seasalter

We do our best to compile this so the info is in one place - but we are a busy church - apologies if something gets missed

- Mon 25** 1.30 pm Forge Craft group SCC
Tues 26 10 am - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group at SCC
7.30 pm Men's Meal - see separate notice
Wed 27 8.00 - 8.45 am prayer at SCC
2.30 pm Holy Communion SCC
Thu 28 10 am - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning SCC
Fri 29 10 am Advent Bible Study Course SCC
10 am - 11.30 Lego Club SCC
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Social Games SCC
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Prayerpoint SCC
Sun 1 8.00- 8.30 am prayer at SCC
8.45 am Service with HC at SCC
10.30 am Service with groups for Children and YPs at SCC
11.15 am Traditional HC at the Old Church
5 pm Parish Advent Carol Service at St. Peter's Whitstable

Message from Lise

Hello, I am wondering if you might be able to help please?

We have a small handful of children aged 5 months to 2 1/2 years old who would benefit from having a creche on a Sunday morning during church.



Some of the parents are able to help by going on a rota and some of them are unable to because they serve in other ways in the church, which is where you come in!

Are you able to occasionally be on a rota, once a month, alongside a parent to play with and look after the children that might attend that Sunday morning? The children and families don't always attend regularly so you may not be needed if no children attended on the Sunday you are on the rota.

If this is something you could help with then please do let Lisé know via email. lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org

Church Notices Please note that the deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday. *Paula* Email: notices@stalphegeseasalter.org

The Street Pastor recruitment morning on Saturday 2 November went well with potentially 3 new Street Pastors and 3 Prayer Pastors.

However, we are still looking for others to join the team.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

Could you be part of the Whitstable team as a Street Pastor or a Prayer Pastor? If so, contact Jill Fagg 07973 713377 or Mark Arnold 07545 775860.

