

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Karen's elderly friend Peter, who has Parkinson's but has also recently been diagnosed with lung cancer (see page 6).
- 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. Give prayerful thanks that Mark has been given the all-clear following his operation for prostate cancer.
- Donald.

During December we will be praying for those living in Hodgson Road, Bowyer Road and Preston Parade.

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 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 1 December 2024

Advent

Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-11 & Hebrews 4: 12-13

Please take this notice sheet home with you

The Next Ladies' CHRISTMAS Meet Up is Thursday 5 December 2024 at Wetherspoons 7pm

(yes, it has re-opened by then). This the last one before Christmas and, if you want to join in with 'Secret Santa', bring a wrapped present (maximum cost £5) and we will randomly swap with those taking part! (Don't spend too much time thinking about it, just grab something!!)



All welcome, just turn up, welcome to wear Christmas gear, up to you if you want to buy food/drink.

For more information ask Ann Price or Claire Wyles.

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.

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23 November. We are so grateful to all who generously gave such lovely donations as well as their time and help on the day. We could not have done it without you and we are delighted to be able to pass on the profits (£2000!) to Street Pastors, The Haven and CAP.





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 so much, Paulette



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



Services over Advent and Christmas

Sunday 8th December

8.45 HC and 10.30 am services as usual.

Evening: Contemporary carols and worship hosted by RUNWAY. Doors open 6.30 pm, with refreshments, SCC

Saturday 14th December

Christmas Spirit Day 2-5 pm Old Church and churchyard - drop in on your own or with family, light a candle to remember a loved one, leave a prayer on our tree, enjoy some refreshments. Ending with Carols at 4.30 pm.

Sunday 15th December

8.45 am HC service as usual, Christingle Service 10.30 am - for all ages

Sunday 22nd December

8.45 am HC service as usual, Nativity Service 10.30 am, SCC- all ages

Contemplating Christmas 3.00 pm - an hour of Meditative prayer at the Old Church

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

Crib Service 4.00 pm, SCC - half an hour, ideal for younger families. Come dressed up as a nativity character and help us tell the story together.

Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm, SCC, with refreshments from 10.45 pm

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

Holy Communion Christmas Day 10.00 am, SCC, with refreshments from 9.30 am (one service for all ages)

Sunday 29 December

One service for all ages at 10.00 am, with Holy Communion, at SCC.

Sunday 5 January

One service for all ages at 10.00 am at SCC, 11.15 Traditional HC service at the Old Church.



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 10 248 308 to make an appointment to choose your tree.





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



Please pray for Karen's elderly friend Peter, who has Parkinson's but has also recently been diagnosed with lung cancer, for wisdom for the family to know how to help his son Pete whose autism will make it difficult for him to cope with the news, for his wife Lynn who cares for both of them, and for their daughter Sue who is thankful to have moved house just this week and now lives much closer to them.

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.



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.

Did you remember to Save the Date?

GATHER ROUND



15th February 2025


9AM - 9PM, AT SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Join us for a day of connection and celebration including:

- Inspirational speaker
- Uplifting worship
- Fun and engaging groups and activities for children, young people & adults
- Delicious catering throughout the day

How to book info will be available soon!





Yay! and Pray


This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- Giving thanks for the Little Salties team led by Lise, who serve our community of parents, carers and little ones faithfully week by week, and for all who come and connect there.

Praying for:

- the work of local charities such as CAP, Foodbank, Haven Project and others supporting people in our community who can find this time of year even harder than usual.



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



Advent at home

Saturday 7th December 7.30 - 9pm

Seasonal Bible study on zoom
with Rev Dr Sue Woan

Advent Zoom-Bible Study with Rev. Dr Sue Woan
A one-off seasonal special to help us prepare for Christmas. Mid-way break, interaction and prayer woven through this Bible study.
Contact Rev Rachel on vicar@stalphege.org.uk by Mon 2 Dec for zoom link and joining instructions.

Administrator – Seasalter Christian Centre (VOLUNTEER ROLE)

Monday to Friday Mornings 3 hours per day (15 per week total)

We are looking for someone who can effectively administer the day to day running of Seasalter Christian Centre, managing bookings and the needs of clients, being a welcoming, professional and friendly face for visitors and users of the Centre, ordering supplies and managing maintenance contractors.

The post holder will also need to keep and file accurate records, deal with invoicing and correspondence and manage keyholders to the Centre, as well as other associated office duties.

It's a vital, varied and rewarding role in the life of the church and as a key contact and representative of the church for our local community.

For more details and an application form, please contact:
paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org
Closing date: 5 December

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 2	2.30 pm Singing for Fun and Wellbeing SCC
Tues 3	10 am - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group at SCC 7.30 pm Men's Meal - see separate notice
Wed 4	8.00 - 8.45 am prayer at SCC 2.30 pm Holy Communion SCC 7.00 pm Christian Meditation Group SCC
Thu 5	10 am - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning SCC Ladies meet up evening -see separate notice
Fri 6	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 8	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 RUNWAY hosted contemporary carols and worship service - doors open 6.30 pm SCC

