

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 8 December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Psalm 33: 12-22 & John 15: 14-17

Please take this notice sheet home with you

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.



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

One Big Christmas Card

For those who would prefer this to sending lots of cards, Paula Dean has kindly prepared a large Church Family Christmas card - you can add your message to it for everyone and we'll display it in the run up to Christmas. The card is available for signing on the table near the door of the Auditorium.



New things for Lise and Phil Jennings

Lise and Phil will be moving on in the New Year to their next adventure with God. This happy/sad news is because Lise has been on the discernment process for Ordained Ministry and feels God is calling her out of Children's ministry and out of St Alphege Seasalter in order to continue the next phase of this, having successfully passed the first stage of the process.

It's bittersweet for Lise and for us after 4 years in the role and 14 with us here in fellowship, and a ministry she loves, but she's being obedient to follow where God is leading her.

Lise leaves a fabulous legacy of ministry, and obviously where Lise goes, Phil goes too - who has served so cheerfully and faithfully alongside Lise in children's ministry, but in his own right serving the whole church community.

We will miss them very much.

What next?

If you have children or are involved in running children and families ministry/ activities with Lise, then this will feel especially hard - but Children's ministry is important to all of us in this church, and of course, it can continue - there are enough of us to make that happen if we agree it does matter! So I'll be arranging to meet with those involved to work out what we can do together in the interim while we plan properly for the future.

Timing and saying goodbye

Lise will work up to the end of December, but has a couple of weeks of holiday to use up in between. She and Phil will be around for the first two weeks of January with their last Sunday with us being 12 January - we'll say a proper goodbye to them then and pray them on their way.

Pray

Please pray for Lise and Phil as they find the right church to join for this next season, for the continued process of discernment for Lise, and for the continuation of our children and families ministry here at Seasalter, especially for those who are currently involved and for those who may hear God's call to get involved going forward. We pray for God's best for Lise and Phil, and for our church community too.

Do get in touch with me if you want to about any of this.

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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!**





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.

Alternative Reverse Advent – gifts for families
 This year in place of the previous Reverse advent we are gifting families in need with Sweets and games. Much provision is in place to provide as we would previously have done so through reverse advent. Our Church Childrens' Minister, Lise, has identified a number of families.

If you would like to contribute specifically please sign against the list at SCC. All of the games are available on Amazon and good suppliers. Sweet tubs are available from Supermarkets.

You can also contribute by financial donation:
 St Alphege Seasalter DCC
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 00017180
 Reference - REVERSE

Or use tap and pay and let Russell Wyles or Gail Arnold how much has been donated. Please buy the relevant gift and bring to church before 16/12/2024. Thanks for your generosity.

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.



£3 per movie
£10 four people

**CHRISTMAS
MOVIE
NIGHT**

Saturday 21st December 2024
St Alphege Church Seasalter

14:00 Nativity
17:30 The Santa Claus
20:00 Grinch (2000)



Fresh popcorn, delicious hot chocolate, tuck shop and freshly made cakes for sale before the showings.




**KNITMAS
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Get Knitted Up in Fun!!

- ✓ CRAZY CHRISTMAS OUTFITS
- ✓ CRACKING CHRISTMAS CHALLENGES
- ✓ DELICIOUS FOOD
- ✓ BRILLIANT COMPANY
- ✓ ELFTASTIC MUSIC

MESSAGE HANNAH TO
CONFIRM YOUR PLACE BY
THE 18TH DECEMBER!

22 DEC 2024
7.00 P.M -
10PM
SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE

**Carols & Beer
and Christmas Cheer**

17th December 7.30 pm
Rose in Bloom
Joy Lane Whitstable
In partnership with St. Alphege

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 9** 1.30 pm Forge Craft Group SCC
- Tues 10** 10 am - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group at SCC
- Wed 11** 8.00 - 8.45 am prayer at SCC
2.30 pm Holy Communion SCC
- Thu 12** 10 am - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning SCC
- Fri 13** 10 am Advent Bible Study Course SCC
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Social Games SCC
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Prayerpoint SCC
- Sat 14** 2 pm - 5pm Christmas Spirit Day at the Old Church
- Sun 15** 8.00- 8.30 am prayer at SCC
8.45 am Service with HC at SCC
10.30 am Christingle Service for all generations at SCC





Yay! and Pray
This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- We give thanks for Lise and Phil, and their ministry and fellowship with us, as we pray for their next adventure with God, and for us to be led by the Holy Spirit in planning and sustaining Children and Families ministry as they move on.

Praying for:

- The families of Rev. Ann Moreton and Derek Hunter and for all who mourn and find this time of year especially hard with the loss of those they love.

**DIARY DATE: Coffee and Cake with Kathryn and Gift Asiku!
Saturday 25 January 10-11.30 at SCC**

Kathryn and Gift work in Entebbe Uganda for Wycliffe Bible Translators. We have supported them as a church for a few years now, and from time to time they come back to the UK to visit friends and family and to see their supporting churches.

Come and catch up or find out about the work they do over a coffee morning at SCC.

Funeral of Rev. Ann Moreton



The funeral will take place on Friday 20 December 1pm at Seasalter Christian Centre (with family attending the burial up at the Old Church afterwards).

All who would like to attend are warmly invited. There will be refreshments/a light sandwich buffet following the service at SCC. No flowers please, donations in Ann's memory to Pilgrim's Hospice.