

## 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; 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 and now lives much closer to them.
- 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 has now had his operation which went well and he is now recuperating at home. Please continue to pray for his recovery.
- Jade (a Little Salties mum) having serious health issues.
- 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 15 December 2024**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Readings: Isaiah 35 & Luke 1.57 - 66**

*Please take this notice sheet home with you*

### **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.



### **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.



## 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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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.

**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

Our Contemplating Christmas service will take place [from 3-4pm on Sunday 22 December](#) in the Seasalter Old Church. This always has a special atmosphere as we pause during the busyness of Christmas preparations.

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

**STAMPS - Ann Price is collecting used stamps to take to Age UK**

## 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.

## 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.

07305 611437 [paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org) Love Paulette

## 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.



## Yay! and Pray

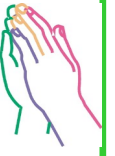
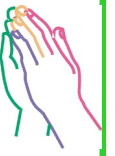
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### Celebrating:

- Giving thanks for all who are attending our special Christmas events and services. Praying they come away having felt and understood something of God's love for them.

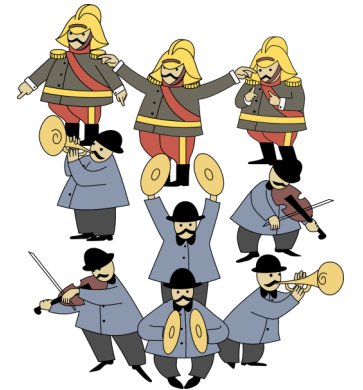
### Praying for:

- We pray for local charities and churches who will be supporting those over Christmas who need extra help - with meals, warm clothing, foot parcels/ vouchers and gifts.



## Calling all musicians & singers

We're assembling the legendary Shaky Legs Orchestra to accompany the Nativity at the 10:30 service on 22 December. If you play an instrument or would like to sing, please email John Franklin ([johnny.frankers123@gmail.com](mailto:johnny.frankers123@gmail.com)) or talk to John after the 10:30 service this Sunday. The rehearsal will be at 10:00 on Saturday 21 December. Do join us!



## 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](mailto:nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com) or phone 079 10 248 308 to make an appointment to choose your tree.





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



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

Wednesday  
18 December  
the Peter Cushing  
(Wetherspoon's)  
in town starting  
at 1930 hrs

Suggested Donation  
£3 per person per movie  
£10 for a family of 4

**CHRISTMAS  
MOVIE  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

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.

For Tickets contact Hannah on [hannah.rogers@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:hannah.rogers@stalphegeseasalter.org)

## 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*

- Tues 17** 10 am - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group at SCC  
7 pm Carols at the Rose in Bloom
- Wed 18** 8.00 - 8.45 am prayer at SCC  
2.30 pm Holy Communion SCC  
7 pm Christian Meditation Group SCC  
7.30 pm Men's Meal (see separate notice)
- Thu 19** 10 am - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning SCC
- Sat 21** Youth run Movie Afternoon (Talent Challenge) - see separate notice
- Sun 22** 8.00- 8.30 am prayer at SCC  
8.45 am Service with HC at SCC  
10.30 am Nativity Service for all generations at SCC  
3 - 4 pm Contemplating Christmas at the Old Church



# 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



Sign up today by either scanning the QR Code  
or message Paulette for more information

The Gather Round event is for anyone  
who attends St Alphege Seasalter



St Alphege, Seasalter

### 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.