

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Gill (Campbell), following a fall.
- Lenni (Oakley) with Fibromyalgia.
- Irene Dorgan, following the death of husband Danny.
- Paula's sister, Rosemary, in Kings College hospital following a seizure.
- 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, following his operation, also for Christine, his wife, and their children.
- Paul Browning has now had his operation which went well and he is now recuperating at home. Please continue to pray for his recovery.
- Donald.

During January we will be praying for those living in those living in Fairway Crescent (off Preston Parade), Seasalter Beach, Levante & the Brig and Admiralty Walk.

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 5 January 2025

Reading: Ephesians 1: v3-14

Please take this notice sheet home with you

Kay Westwick Funeral

Some may remember Kay, mum of Reece Puddington who used to attend Abbot House Nursery and who died in 2014 age 11 from cancer. Kay was his champion, and an avid fundraiser - even trekking to Everest Base Camp. Sadly, she was diagnosed with cancer herself earlier this year, and died in early December.

Her funeral takes place at Seasalter Christian Centre on Thursday 9 January at 1.00 pm. All who wish to attend are very welcome.

Please wear bright rainbow colours. Family flowers only.



The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the magi are home
When the shepherds are back with their flock

The work of Christmas begins:

- To find the lost
- To heal the broken
- To feed the hungry
- To release the prisoner
- To rebuild the nations
- To bring peace among brothers
- To make music in the heart

Howard Thurman



Open Door is back for 2025 from 10am on Thursday 9 January for what we hope will be another year of good food, great company and splendid fundraising.

Children's Ministry - Sunday Groups - could YOU be a leader?

We are looking for **2 more leaders and 3 extra helpers** for our Children's Sunday Group ministry.

This would enable leaders to be on a rota one week in every 4 or 6, which would make it a joy to be part of rather than a pressure.

We already have people to plan the sessions and even to prepare the resources (cutting out etc).

Each leader is supported by 2 helpers in the session. We have between 5-7 children attend each of the two groups weekly. (Ages 3-6/7 and Ages 7-10/11)

Please pray we can keep this ministry running well, and do get in touch with Paulette if you are able to help. paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org.

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.

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

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

Thank you Andrew!

Andrew Crocombe has continued to manage the SCC Team (Administration, office and Cleaning) as well as delivering hospitality on numerous occasions for many months since stepping down from his role as Churchwarden, as well as giving many hours to that job during his time in role. He's finally handing over this baton to David Kemp from 1 January who will be providing line management and oversight, with Gail Arnold supporting the team with refining some of the processes. We are so grateful to you Andrew for all your hard work, most of it in the background and largely unseen, and all of it vital.
Love Paulette

Lise and Phil - Bring and Share farewell lunch Sunday 12 January

Following the 10.30 service on Sunday 12 January we will be having a bring and share lunch to say farewell to Lise and Phil as they move on from St Alphege Seasalter so Lise can continue in the discernment process for Ordained Ministry.

There will be a sign up sheet at the back of church from the first Sunday after Christmas for numbers coming/food contributions.

Choices

As a joke, this last Christmas, I gave a 2.5 kg bag of potatoes to a family member. At the time I hadn't given any thought to the many choices I was giving her.

She could cook them and eat them or put them straight on her garden compost heap. If cooking them, she could peel or not peel them first. Either way, she could then boil them, bake them, roast them or cut them up and cook them as chips. There is also the choice of mashing them and/or eating them hot or cold, seasoning them with salt and/or pepper, smothering with a favourite sauce, eating them on their own or with any number of other items of food. Or, they could just be left in their uncooked state to sprout and later be planted to produce a whole crop to be either eaten or given away. Even if you don't like potatoes there are always people who do, as when cooked so do birds, pets and other animals.

How many other presents can you do so many things with?

With Jesus there is only one choice, it is to accept His invitation to follow Him, the Saviour of the World and be His disciple here on earth in preparation for an Eternal Life with Him in heaven.

Donald Lugg

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.

