

## 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 12 January 2025

Readings: Proverbs 3: 13-21 and 1 Kings 3: 7-12

Please take this notice sheet home with you

### Proverbs

This Sunday we start a seven week series in Proverbs. Instead of three Connect Group questions set by the preacher we are recommending two pieces of background materials for Connect Groups or individuals.

The first is *Proverbs (Lifebuilder Study Guides): Learning to Live Wisely; William Mouser*. This is available from a range of online providers between £4-£6. The second is *Proverbs Background Notes*, prepared by Tariq Hussain and available (free of charge) by emailing him at tariqrita@aol.com.

If you want to join a Connect Group, just ask any church leader and check out the Welcome Desk for information.

### 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

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| <b>Mon 13</b> | 1.30 pm Forge craft group SCC  |
| <b>Tue 14</b> | 10 - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group SCC   |
| <b>Wed 15</b> | 8 - 8.45 am prayer at SCC<br>2.30 pm Holy Communion SCC<br>7 pm Christian Meditation Group SCC   |
| <b>Thu 16</b> | 10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning at SCC  |
| <b>Fri 17</b> | 10 - 12 Bible Study group SCC  |
| <b>Sun 19</b> | 9.15 - 9.45 am prayer at SCC<br>8.45 am Service with Holy Communion SCC<br>10.30 am All-Age Service with Sunday Groups for children and YP |



## Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

### Celebrating:

- Giving thanks for Lise and Phil Jennings and their friendship, fellowship and ministry amongst us, praying from them as they continue their adventure with God and particularly for Lise as she continues through the discernment process for Ordained Ministry.

### Praying for:

- the leadership teams for Children's Ministry including Sunday Group and Little Salties as they continue in this precious ministry.
- all who are having a bumpy start to the New Year because of health/mental health, relationship concerns or bereavement.



### 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



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



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areas including a prayer installation at the Old Church. Or plenty of room and time to chat over refreshments and/or board games if you prefer.

We gather again for dinner in the early evening, **joined by our special guest Bishop Rose!**, who will then lead a bed-time story (and likely some singing) for the young and the young at heart (PJ's welcome if it helps with bed-time!) - before we end our day together with a praise party ending by 8.30.

The young people are sleeping over at SCC, and will be laying on bacon rolls and hot drinks for us before the one 10 am 'everyone in' service the following day (Sunday 16th), where we will have a final all-age session with Jean and more worship together.

There really will be something for everyone! Even if you can't do the whole day, please do sign up and come to what you can. We don't want anyone missing out.

Book your place right away!

£18 for an adult ticket, £5 per child to cover catering - if you can't afford this, then there's an option to signal that when you book a place. Please don't be put off by cost.

Two ways to book - online via the QR code on the poster in the notice sheet, OR speak to Churchwarden Ali, Vicar Paulette or Youth Minister Hannah and we'll help you.

After you've booked your place, follow the instructions on how to pay, or talk to Gail Arnold our treasurer [gail.arnold@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:gail.arnold@stalphegeseasalter.org) to arrange that.



## Gather Round - Saturday 15 February

We don't want to give away *all* the treats in store for this special day for our whole Church family.

But here's a little more information to whet your appetite!

It's going to be a bit like a church weekend away, squeezed into one special day, and spilling over into the Sunday morning service.

### **Our Speaker is Rev. Canon Jean Kerr.**

Jean and her husband Paul, also a minister, live and serve God in Deal, and have experience of all kinds of churches and contexts - Jean was one of the first women to be ordained priest 30 years ago. Their driving motivation is for anyone and everyone to know the love of Jesus and to find a real faith that works for the ups and downs of life. Jean has a particular ministry of coming alongside churches that have been through a lot of change, and encouraging and inspiring them. Among other responsibilities, Jean is the National Diocesan Co-ordinator of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative. She's an Anna Chaplain, and was the Mission and Community Engagement lead in Rochester Diocese before she retired.

### **What to expect:**

Refreshments and a warm welcome on arrival, worship (led by the Holy Trinity Sittingbourne band) and then two morning teaching sessions from Jean with a coffee break. During those sessions, there will be groups for Children and Young People led by a fabulous team from Holy Trinity Sittingbourne and from St Alphege Whitstable.

After lunch together, a whole bunch of optional activities: indoors and outdoors, fun games, a special creative project, and quiet



## 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](mailto: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.

## **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.

