

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Ian Ruck, awaiting an operation - pray that the appointment will come through without delay,
- Audrey (Porter), resting at home following a spell in hospital.
- John (Brockman) for a complete recovery following an operation.
- Bob Simmons, suffering with a painful cracked rib.
- Roy (Bentley) recovering at home following his heart surgery. Please also pray for Hazel.
- Donald. with back pain and previous health issues.

During April we will be praying for those living in Lamb's Walk, The Warren and Sherwood Drive and in May for those in Sunset Close, Sheppey View and Long Reach Close (incl. Bluefield Mews).

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Jill and Tom (Seddon), both unwell
- John (Carol's husband) Judge recovering at home.
- Lenni (Oakley).
- Gill (Campbell).
- Janice and Graeme (Allott). Frances Crocker. Ted North. Pat Wade. Paul Browning.
- Ann Shuttle and her sister, Joan.
- Dave (Remon), suffering from Parkinson's.
- Brian Evans.
- Ruth.
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Bob, Dennis, Denise, Emma, Katherine, Katy, Rosalind and Stella (Masters).

We give thanks for all who care faithfully for others - because it's their job, or because they are caring for a loved-one. We pray for strength and rest and the support of others.

*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 27 April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 5: 27-32 & John 20: 19-end

SAVE THE DATE Sunday 11 May - Everyone Needed!

10 am at SCC - one service that morning, from the youngest to the oldest we will Gather Round to worship, to talk and think and to give thanks as a church community for all God has done and wants to do in and through us.

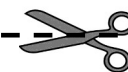
Lunch together following the service, then
the business part of the ADCM will follow that - including Churchwarden appointment, elections of new DCC members. This part will be short, but important!

(See also page 4)

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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| Mon 28 | 10 am Wood Carving SCC; 1.30 pm Forge craft group SCC |
| Tue 29 | 10 - 11.30 am Little Salties toddler group at SCC |
| Wed 30 | 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service SCC
7 pm Christian Meditation Group, Old Church |
| Thu 1 | Polling Day at SCC with café (see separate information) |
| Fri 2 | 2 pm Social Games at SCC
6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437) |
| Sun 4 | 8.45 Service with Holy Communion SCC
10.30 am Service for all ages with groups for children and young people SCC
11.15 am Traditional HC service at the Old Church |





POLLING DAY

Community Cafe
bacon sandwiches, homemade cakes
and savouries

THURSDAY 1 MAY

Seasalter Christian Centre, 49 Faversham Road
CT5 4AX 01227 276923

All are welcome - whether voting in person
 or just out for a stroll.

9 am till 12 noon

Foyer, Oyster Bay Room, Harbour Room

All donations in aid of Canterbury Food Bank.

Please share this post with friends, family and
 neighbours.

Calling All Knitters!


Would you be able to help with knitting lambs which we present to babies/young children upon their baptism? I am able to provide all that you would need to make them. We have three baptisms in the next couple of months and I am down to my last three sheep. If this is something you feel able to help with please either speak to Rosalind or contact her on: 07594 604333.



Church Notices

If you would like to contribute to these church notices do please get in touch with me. Please be aware when supplying contact information, this notice sheet is circulated physically and digitally via our website, social media and email. The deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday.

Paula Email: notices@stalphegeseasalter.org



Please come and join Whitstable and Canterbury Street Pastors for a

Fundraising

Quiz

Saturday 31st May

7pm, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

£5 per person, Tables of 4-6 people

Snacks provided. Bar on site

For more information and to book contact:

Mark Arnold - whitstable@streetpastors.org.uk

Andrew Pantling - canterbury@streetpastors.org.uk

In Brief

- See insert for details of the Bingo and Quiz Night on 10 May.
- We've just found out that we raised £33.72 for the last poppy appeal.
- See next week's notice sheet for details of the Ladies' meet-up evenings.

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.

Come and See (Exploring Anna Chaplaincy)

Saturday 17th May 2025 from 10.30am-1pm at Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury CT1 1NQ

A session for anyone (lay or ordained) wanting to find out about Anna Chaplaincy to older people:

- What is Anna Chaplaincy? (a brief presentation)
- What does Anna Chaplaincy look like? (hearing from an Anna Chaplaincy team)
- What does the discernment and training look like?
- Question Time! (ask any question you like)

Anna Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Canterbury:

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/ministry/recognising-lay-ministry/anna-chaplaincy/>

To book a place, please email Sarah Lucas, slucas@diocant.org

A QUIET DAY

Run by Rev Jayne Edinboro with talks on the subject of Prayer

Saturday 3 May

10 am to 3 pm.

In All Saints' church

Refreshments in the hall

BYO packed lunch.

To register email edinboro@hotmail.co.uk

or text 07597 357100

Our Values

All involved
Bearing witness
Creating community
Deepening discipleship
Encountering God
Finding friendship: fun and food
Giving generously

Everyone playing their part
Telling the Christian story
Loving and belonging
Following Jesus, becoming like him
Experiencing his presence
Laughing and sharing
Giving with gladness



St Alphege, Seasalter



Special VE Day Anniversary Event

THURSDAY 8 MAY

Seasalter Christian Centre, 49 Faversham Road
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9.30 - 10.30 am tea, coffee, toast & marmalade, bacon sandwiches, freshly baked croissants

10.30 - 11 am A performance of popular songs from the 1940s followed by a singalong

11 am-12 Noon tea, coffee, sausage rolls and cakes

Please come and go as you need, but put your name down to help us plan catering.

No food or drink will be served during the half hour performance/singing

All donations on the day for The Royal British Legion



ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING

The church's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 11th May at 1.30pm at SCC following a bring and share lunch after the 10.00 service. *Please note that this is an in-person only meeting and there will not be a Zoom link as in previous years.* Please do try and attend this important meeting where we shall give thanks to the Lord for all that has happened over the last extraordinary year and a bit and also think and pray about the people we need to represent us on various bodies.

One of the important tasks of the Annual Meeting is to elect those who will guide or represent the church over the next year. This year we need to elect to the Deanery Synod one representative. There are four vacancies for our District Church Council (DCC) and two places on the Team Council (PCC) - if you are a member of the Deanery Synod or PCC you are automatically a member of the DCC too. We also elect the two Churchwardens and Deputy Wardens. If you would like to serve in any of these ways or know of someone who would be suitable for one of these roles (please talk to the person before nominating them!) please complete a nomination form available from the Churchwardens or the office. If you would like any further information about any of the roles or the Annual Meeting, please speak to Paulette or Ali. Copies of the Annual Report Booklet will be available shortly.


Depression/Anxiety/Worry

During Tariq's recent sermon on worry he offered to run a session for anyone who may be carrying burdens such as depression/anxiety/worry, or if you are close to someone who is in this position. In his sermon Tariq made it clear that mental ill-health is not a failure of our faith, just as physical ill-health is not either. The session will run on 16 May at 19.30 at Seasalter Christian centre.

This will be an opportunity to gather and maybe share some of the experiences and pressures people feel. Lee Russell has kindly agreed to share his account of recently coming through, over a year of severe depression and anxiety. **Whilst there will be an opportunity for others to share, if they wish, there will be no obligation at all to do so.**

If you wish to attend please contact Tariq by email at tariqrita@aol.com or calling him on 07940837852. **Attendance is only by pre-booking.** If you would find attending too daunting then Tariq would be happy to talk with you on an individual basis, but arranged in consultation with Paulette our Vicar to ensure proper safeguards are in place.

Tariq is a qualified mental health nurse (retired) and has worked in hospitals and the community and maintains a pastoral/Christian interest in this area of life.



Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for Oliver Dempster's baptism on Saturday and pray for Bea Webb as she is baptised today in our 10.30 service.

Praying for:

- those who work in small businesses in our town, or who are self-employed, or for whom working life feels fragile and challenging.

