## Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

#### Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks



- Colin (Audrey's son) and all of her family and friends. Funeral details to follow.
- Carol (Crocombe's) brother Simon who is very poorly.
- Tom (Crocombe) recovering from an infection.
- Janet (Brittain) giving thanks that she is out of hospital and please continue to pray for her as she recovers at home.
- Ian (Ruck) having his operation on Tuesday 20 May
- John (Brockman) for a complete recovery following an operation.
- Bob Simmons, suffering with a painful cracked rib.
- Roy (Bentley) recovering from his heart surgery. Please also pray for Hazel.
- Donald. with back pain and previous health issues.

During May we will be praying for those living 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 Judge.
- 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 18 May 2025 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 11: 1-18 & John 13: 31-35

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## 💢 Dear Church Family

★ I just wanted to say a big 'Thank you' for my lovely flowers, gift
 ★ voucher, the very long round of applause and also for the many
 ★ 'thank you' conversations I had on Sunday. I have been deeply
 ★ touched and thank you all for your kindness. As I said on Sunday, it
 ★ has been both a privilege and honour to serve as Churchwarden and
 ★ I thank you all again for the love and support given to me.

Love Ali.

## **Annual Meeting**

At the Annual Meeting last Sunday the following people were elected:-

Churchwarden Mark Arnold
Deputy Churchwardens Elaine Oakley

Claire Wyles Maxine Perry Richard Candy

Representatives on the PCC Ann Price

Alison Fuller

DCC members Mark Hammond

Helen Prettyjohn Pam Crocombe Mike Barnett

The full membership of the Church Council can be found on the accompanying DCC Infosheet (see page 7)



## **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 19 & Diocesan Church growth conference booked at SCC (booked

**Tue 20** delegates only)

**Wed 21** 8 - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password

V3pXbH)

2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service SCC7pm Christian Meditation Group at the Old Church

**1 Thu 22** 10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning at SCC

**I Fri 23** 10 am - 12 Bible Study Group SCC

2 pm Social Games at SCC

6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette

for details: 07305 611437)

Sun 25 8 am prayer at SCC

8.45 am Service with Holy Communion at SCC

10.30 am Service with groups for children and young people

at SCC

**Evening Youth Service - contact Hannah Rogers for** 

information

## St Alphege, Seasalter Infosheet DCC District Church Council

#### What is it for?

With the Vicar and Ministry Leadership Team (MLT), to share responsibility for the leadership of the church: pastoral care, mission and evangelism, and financial and legal matters.

Who is on it? (Numbers in brackets are the years left to serve)

Helen North (1)

Mike Barnett (1)

Becca Newlyn (2)

Lewis Jennings (2)

Jill Fagg (2)

Pam Crocombe (3)

Mark Hammond (3)

Helen Prettyjohn (3)

Rosalind Drewitt (Deanery Synod ex officio)

Lynda Kemp (Deanery Synod ex officio)

SJ Martin (Deanery Synod ex officio) – Vice Chair

Ann Price (PCC ex officio)

Alison Fuller (PCC ex officio)

Mark Arnold (Churchwarden)

2 Deputy Churchwardens, co-opted)

David Kemp (General Synod ex officio) - Secretary

Paulette Stubbings (Team Vicar) - Chair

In attendance: Gail Arnold – Treasurer

Hannah Rogers – Youth Minister

2 Deputy Churchwardens

#### What does it do?

It meets 6 times a year to make decisions about the life and mission of the church - for example, concerning outreach or youth ministry, or suggestions made by the MLT or members of the church family. It can receive guidance from the wider Anglican Church, and make its opinion known to it. Worship and Bible study is a priority at the DCC. Its members may serve on action groups – *Finance, Safeguarding.* If you want to know more about the DCC, or you think there is an issue which the DCC needs to discuss, simply contact one of the members above.

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## **HANDDRYERS** versus paper towels

There are new efficient hand dryers in ALL the toilets so ditch the paper towels!! Hand dryers are far better for the environment than paper towels. This is because paper towels invariably end up discarded in landfill sites as they can't be recycled. When you factor in full-life carbon costs, electric hand dryers are a lot better for the environment and have much less of a lasting impact (not to mention saving money.....

Becca

## Ministry to care homes

We currently offer monthly services at Whitstable House (first Wednesday of the month at 11am) and Harrier Lodge (second Wednesday at 11am).

We would welcome any volunteers to come and support this ministry, either regularly or on a 'when needed' basis. Residents particularly appreciate us having time to chat with them after the service.

If interested please contact:

Ann Price (WH): annprice@sky.com

Chris Skingley (HL): <a href="mailto:chris.skingley@btinternet.com">chris.skingley@btinternet.com</a>

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CENTRE
is looking for a
TREASURER
to provide financial support to the Management Committee.

St Andrew's is part of Whitstable Parish, and is used mainly as a community hall, with a Playgroup, Dance Lessons, Choir, Pilates and Guides as regular hirers.

For further information contact

Revd. Rachel Webbley <u>vicar@stalphege.org.uk</u> or

Jill Fagg (existing treasurer) <u>lavenderhouse41@gmail.com</u>

We are asking the cake makers in our church family to make something special for the wedding of Mary Skingley and Andrew Price on Saturday 14th June.

Mary and Andrew are hoping that many of their church family will celebrate this special occasion with them and there will be a chance for all to enjoy coffee and cake after their wedding ceremony.

Please sign the list at church or let Karen Esland know if you can make a cake.

keskmt@outlook.com 07765 644688



(Cakes will need to be brought to the Christian Centre by 8pm on Friday 13th June. )

#### **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.

## Whitstable Community Wardrobe (see also page 5)

We need your help! Could you take home some uniforms for washing, ironing and mending (if needed)? If so, please take a bag from the concourse on Sunday and return it to SCC in due course.

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

## **Yay! and Pray**





#### *Celebrating:*

- we give thanks for some good news this week - Janet, amazingly, home and recovering after her accident, and Helen Jones being accepted for Ordination Training at St. Augustine's.
- we are grateful too for all who have stepped forward to serve in leadership roles at our Annual Meeting.



### *Praying for:*

- Rosalind Drewitt, renewing her baptism vows on 15 May at St. Alphege Whitstable alongside other Confirmation and renewal candidates from across the Deanery.
- all young people taking exams as we enter that season, especially for those who struggle with anxiety.





## **Audrey**

Audrey (Porter) died on the morning of 7 May, peacefully at home, surrounded by family. A faithful servant and follower of Jesus, full of grace, generosity and humour.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Once we know funeral arrangements we'll let people know. Please pray for her family and friends.

Audrey's memorial service will be 1.30 pm at SCC on Friday 20 June. All who knew Audrey are warmly invited to attend.





## Whitstable Community Wardrobe

~ recycling scheme for school uniform

## Opening Times for self selection

## St John's Centre

(11 St John's Rd, Swalecliffe, CT5 2QU)

Thursday 14th August	10.00 - 16.00
Friday 15th August	14.00 - 18.00
Saturday 16th August	8.00 - 12.00

## Seasalter Christian Centre

(Faversham Road, Seasalter CT5 4AX)

Monday 18th August	10.00 - 18.00		
Tuesday 19th August	14.00 - 18.00		
Wednesday 20th August	8.00 - 12.00		

## St Andrews Church Centre

(Grimshill Road, Whitstable, CT5 4LH)

Tuesday 26th August	16.00 -	18.00
Wednesday 27th August	10.00 -	16.00
Thursday 28th August	10.00 -	14.00