

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- We pray for Jill Seddon and family on the death of her husband Tom on Friday 16 May after a long period of ill health where he was cared for by Jill at home; Jill is grateful for the cards and expressions of condolence from her church family and friends. Funeral details to follow once arrangements have been made.
- Ian (Ruck) thanks you all for your prayers. The operation was successful. Please pray for a good recovery and pray also for Babs.
- Brian (Evans) who is unwell at present. Pray for Jane too.
- Ivor Smee (good friend of Paul and Val Browning) died on Wednesday 21 May. Please keep Kim, his wife, in your prayers as well as Paul and Val.
- Colin (Audrey's son) and all of her family and friends.
- Carol (Crocombe's) brother Simon who is very poorly.
- Janet (Brittain) please continue to pray for her as she recovers at home.
- 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

- 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. 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 25 May 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Psalm 67; John 5: 1-9 or John 14: 23-29

Audrey Porter's Funeral and Memorial Services

Audrey's family have said that anyone who would like to attend Audrey Porter's funeral at Barham Crematorium, 3 pm on Thursday 29 May, is very welcome to do so - please let Paulette know (phone or email) if you are planning to go as they would like an idea of numbers. Audrey specified 'colourful clothing, no wearing black please'.

Following the service at Barham Crematorium on the 29th, all are invited to Whitstable Cricket Club for refreshments and to share memories and stories together.

The Memorial Service for Audrey will then take place on Friday 20 June, 1.30 pm at SCC.



29th May
2.30pm to 4pm

Sensory session for children with additional needs
Bible story with craft zone & construction zone.
Booking Essential scan the qr code



or contact

pam.crocombe@stalphegeseasalter.org



Calling all cake makers...

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.)



THIS WEEK at St Alphege Seasalter (Half Term)

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 26	1.30 pm Forge Craft Group SCC
Tue 27	(No Little Salties until it returns on 10 June)
Wed 28	8 - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH) 2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service SCC 7pm Christian Meditation Group at the Old Church
Thu 29	10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning at SCC 2.30 pm All-In Sensory Group at SCC (see separate notice in order to book)
Fri 30	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 1	8 am prayer at SCC 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion at SCC 10.30 am Gather Round Service for all ages at SCC 11.15 Traditional HC service at the Old Church



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.



Fundraising



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

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.

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): chris.skingley@btinternet.com

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

Reminder!



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

~ 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

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.

Prayers for Whitstable

(which takes place on the fourth Monday evening of the month)
at

Harbour Street Church
7.30 pm for 30 minutes



Next meeting is 26 May

Wedding Day Good Wishes

There will be a card in church as from Sunday 25 May for members of the church family to write their good wish messages to Andrew and Mary.

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for our school connections, especially for Joy Lane Primary School, praying for the children and staff, and for wisdom for the leaders in the highly challenging economic times for schools nationally.

Praying for:

- we pray as we discern what God is saying to us about the bungalow.
- we pray for all in our congregation who are struggling with their mental health.

Annual Meeting

At the last Annual Meeting 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)