

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Peter (Biggs) for a good recovery following an operation.
- Carol (Crocombe's) brother Simon who is very poorly.
- Ian (Ruck) who unfortunately is experiencing ongoing infections which are continuing to be treated with antibiotics.
- Lee (Russell) and his wife Trudy.
- Frances (Crocker), recovering from a fall
- Steve, a member of our Old Church congregation, who has just been diagnosed with cancer.
- Joyce (Holland) for recovery after a fall.
- Amanda (Joanna's sister and Donald's daughter), waiting for radiotherapy.
- Jill Seddon and family on the death of her husband Tom.
- Donald. with back pain and previous health issues.

During August we will be praying for those living in The Oaze, Leysdown View, Sand End and Harty Ferry View.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Brian Evans. Gina Morton. John Judge. Lenni (Oakley). Gill (Campbell). Janice and Graeme (Allott). Ted North. Pat Wade. Paul Browning. Ann Shuttle and her sister, Joan. Dave (Remon). 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

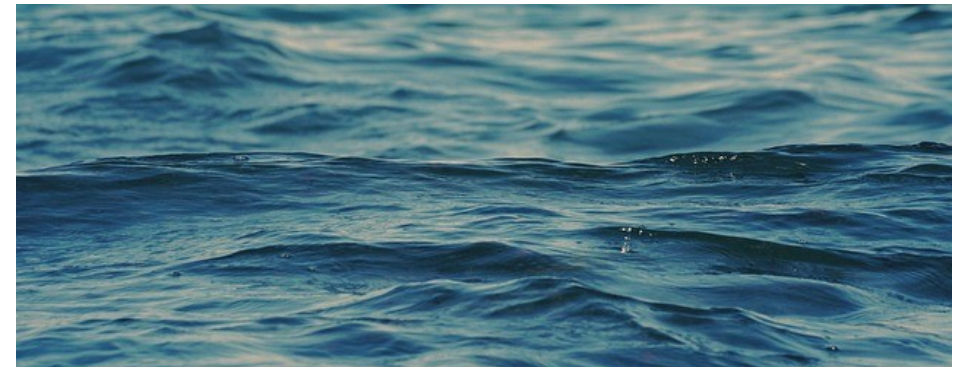
Sunday 17 August 2025

9th after Trinity

Readings: John 4: 1 - 26 (just one reading)

Sea Baptisms - 2 pm (for 2.15) Sunday 7 September

Location: on the beach near no.8 of the row of beach huts between the Sea Scouts' Hut and the East Quay Lobster Shack. Closest car park: East Quay, then Swimming Pool or Gorrell Tank. Ramped access along the sea front to the beach from the Hotel Continental end where there is also some parking.



Church members Jack Brunger, Jean Hunter and Lenni Oakley are being baptised, and Steph Gilder will be renewing her baptism promises.

Anyone else who hasn't been baptised (e.g. Christened as a baby or older) who would like to join the group (or in a Sunday service instead), please let me know asap. If you have been baptised but would like to renew your promises like Steph, speak to me and I'll explain how we do this.

It would be amazing to have a big group of people from church to come along and support them.

Love Paulette



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.

Used Stamps

Please let Ann Price have your used postage stamps and she will ensure that they will be processed to raise funds for Pilgrims Hospice.

Cursillo Picnic - 30 August, Canterbury Cathedral

The Cursillo Picnic is on Saturday 30th August. The Eucharist is in the **East End of the Crypt** and starts at 11.30 am. Dean David will be preaching and presiding.

The service is followed by a picnic, bring your own or share with friends, in the Community Studio, situated at the exit of the visitors' centre where there are table and chairs, toilets etc. You can also bring a blanket and picnic in the grounds if you prefer. A few guides will then lead shortened Cathedral tours for any who are interested and the Huguenot Chapel will be opened, which is not often opened to the public.

Please remember your Cathedral passes but as you are coming for the service it does not matter if you have a pass you will be welcomed in, (anyone who worships in the Diocese of Canterbury is entitled to an unlimited Cathedral Pass £6).

Lin Connor, Lay Director Canterbury Cursillo

Ready 2 Connect - Christianity Course coming in November

Paulette Stubbings and Joanna Young will be running a 6 session course at SCC on Thursdays between 6 November and 11 December - there will be an afternoon group and an evening group.

It will be ideal for people who want to go over the basics of the Christian faith, whether they have been going to church for a while, are new to church or have never been to church.

More information will follow, but please would you PRAY for this course, and especially for those who might come to it and could you also begin to pray about who you might invite along to attend the course - we will be producing some flyers and invites for that over the next few weeks.

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 18 | 10.00 am Woodcarvers at SCC
1.30 pm Flying Club at SCC
Also, Community Wardrobe at SCC, see separate notice. |
| Tue 19 | N.B. Little Salties Toddler Group back 9 September |
| Wed 20 | 8 - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881)
Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service SCC
Also, Community Wardrobe at SCC, see separate notice. |
| Thu 21 | 10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning at SCC |
| Fri 22 | 2 pm Social Games at SCC
6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437) |
| Sun 22 | 8 am prayer at SCC
8.45 am Service with Holy Communion at SCC |

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- Thanking God for the progress on the bungalow so far, continuing to pray for the refurbishment work, and for our Youth Minister, Hannah, and the team as they prepare for the youth provision.

Praying for:

- workable solutions to be found quickly for the users of St. Andrew's Church Centre (one of the Whitstable Team Ministry buildings, and for the work that is taking place to address the problems with the building.



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES:

We've got 3 special services coming up before the end of the year, on these Sundays there will be **one service for all** as we gather as a whole church community, young and old.

28 September 10.00 am Gather Round for HARVEST service, followed by a bring and share lunch together.

9 November 10.30 am: Gather Round for Remembrance Sunday including 2 minute silence, remembering the sacrifices made and praying for peace. (NB later time)

30 November 10.00 am: Community Sunday - to give thanks to God and pray for our local community, and to begin the Christmas Card delivery (with Christmas service times)

St Andrews Church Centre - Update

10 August

Dear church members,

As some of you are aware, the PCC standing committee have this week had to take the urgent decision to close St Andrew's Church centre with immediate effect due to significant safety concerns.

The timing is very challenging indeed, and we are receiving support from the Diocese. Please could I ask for your prayers particularly for the hirers who are immediately impacted, and all of us who are managing the situation.

On receiving a comprehensive safety report I immediately arranged an urgent meeting of the PCC Standing committee for last Wednesday at which the situation was discussed

fully, and eventually this difficult decision taken. We emailed all hirers that day to give them as much notice as possible, and immediately started liaising with other halls to find alternative accommodation, particularly for the summer bookings.

You may have seen some considerable traffic on social media over the past few days, which makes things harder. However, we are doing our best to find solutions for all hirers who are affected.

Please be assured that this was a completely unexpected turn of events, and one we regret having to take. However, we cannot in all conscience, put the safety of any of the children or adult who use the hall at risk, even if it would be easier in the short term.

Thank you for your prayers. Rachel Webbley (Team Rector)



families welcome

OPEN DOOR

Cafe and Community Hub

**EVERY THURSDAY
10-11.30 AM (DROP IN)**
through the school holidays

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

company and community for all with:

- a warm welcome for everyone
- refreshments, cakes, savoury treats
- support



The next Men's Meal is

Tuesday 26 August



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 - 18.00
Friday 15th August	12.00 - 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 Alphege Church, Whitstable

(High Street, Whitstable, CT5 2AY)

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

Prayer for the Bungalow (in SCC – The Harbour Room) Tuesday 26 August 11am



Prayer points

- Change of use application to go through smoothly
- Hannah and the volunteer team - for the recruitment and training process
- For the communications to the schools to be effective
- Young People and parents to be enthusiastic about the hub
- For continued good relations locally
- For a straightforward refurbishment and no expensive surprises
- For the money/grants for the garden Phase 2

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



**Your passion + Our Youth Hub =
Unlimited Potential!**

**We're building something
incredible for young people, and
we need your energy. Step up,
volunteer, and be the difference.**

Scan the QR code to explore all the exciting roles
and join the Youth Hub Project today!



Youth Club Volunteer Interest Form