# Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

# Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Dianne Dorn, who lives in San Francisco, with a cancer diagnosis Dianne is a close Christian friend of Paul and Val (Browning).
- Andrew (Crocombe's) brother, Peter, who is receiving treatment for prostate cancer and has now been diagnosed with bowel cancer. He has a Royal Marsden specialist appointment on 2 September to discuss the way forward
- 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), as had her treatment and is doing well.
- Donald. with back pain and previous health issues.

During September we will be praying for those living in (Mariner's View) Emiline Way, Speedwell Road and Trilby Way.

#### Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Jill (Seddon). 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 31 August 2025 11th after Trinity

Readings: Psalm 23 & John 10:1-18

# Welcome Aleksey!

Aleksey will be joining us for a placement between now and November. You may have spotted him playing guitar as part of the worship band who came from Holy Trinity Sittingbourne to support us during our Gather Round weekend in February. He introduces himself here in his own words:

'My name is Aleksey. I was born in Vilnius, Lithuania. My dad was a carpenter, and my mum was a teacher. I became a Christian in my teens while trying to persuade my best friend that Jesus was a myth. Thirty years later, I'm trying to persuade people that Jesus is the Messiah.

I travelled quite a bit as a student, missionary, and later as a lecturer. That missionary zeal I got from the love of my life, Natasha and



the smiles of our four sons and two daughters. I love OnScript theology podcasts, playing bass and our cat Kenneth.

This is my last year of studies at St. Augustine's College, where I'm an ordinand in the Church of England.'

Thank you for prayers for Peter Biggs who is recovering well after an operation.



### **Community Wardrobe**

We ran the community wardrobe at SCC over 3 days, with 58 families who attended and collected 504 school uniform items



for 138 children.

Well done to anyone who washed, ironed or staffed the community wardrobe stall.

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





#### <sup>1</sup>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 10 - 12 Woodcarvers at SCC ı Mon 1 2.30 pm Singing for Fun and Wellbeing at SCC 6.30 pm Flying Club at SCC Tues 2 N.B. LITTLE SALTIES BACK 9 SEPTEMBER Wed 3 8 - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881) Password V3pXbH) 2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service SCC I Thu 4 10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning at SCC I Fri 5 2 pm Social Games at SCC 6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437) 8 am prayer at SCC Sun 7 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion at SCC 10.30 am All-Age Service for at SCC

#### **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.

2 pm sea baptisms (see separate notice)

- **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)

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## **RIDE AND STRIDE – Saturday 13 September**

Would anyone like to join me on a not-too-arduous cycle round some local churches?

We'll start from SCC at about 10, take a packed lunch, and aim to be back at the Old Church in time for tea.

David Kemp (01227 272470 - kemps11@btinternet.com)

# Ladies' Meet Up

The next Ladies meet up is:



# Wednesday 10 September from 7 pm Weatherspoons' Whitstable

Open to any ladies connected with SCC. Come when you can, leave when you need, eat if you want or just chat. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

For more information contact Ann P or

Claire W for more details.



# 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.



Jack Brunger and Jean Hunter are being baptised, and Steph Gilder, Lenni Oakley and Mark Arnold will be reaffirming their 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 do this in a Sunday service instead), please let me know asap. If you have been baptised/christened but would like to reaffirm your original baptism in some way, 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.

# How's it all Going?

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# READY TO CONNECT

#### **Explore the basics of Christian faith**

New to faith or church, or want to revisit the basics? These six sessions will help you explore, discuss and learn in an enjoyable, friendly and open environment. Come just for yourself or bring someone with you.

#### More info:

Speak to Paulette (Vicar) or email/phone paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org

six Thursday sessions 6 Nov-11 Dec 2025 2-4 or 7-9 pm





#### Personal information - the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The GDPR sets out how organisations must act when dealing with the personal data of individuals. Personal data includes such information as name, address, telephone number, financial information, health records etc etc.

The church holds information/data about all its members, and we are committed to handling it legally, responsibly and carefully. For most members the church holds name, address, telephone number and email address and does not hold more sensitive information about bank accounts or health. Members will appreciate that these days information is held not only in paper files, but also on computers and phones. Most information is held under the legal basis of *legitimate interest*, i.e. the church has a legitimate interest in holding the data, and virtually all the data has been freely provided by the members themselves.

If you have any questions about your data, what is held and how it is held please look at the Privacy Notice on the church website or talk to Russell Wyles on 07526 978 080.

# Yay! and Pray



This week we are . . .

# Celebrating:

 giving thanks for the opportunities to gather at Christian festivals and camps over the summer and for the freedom and privilege to gather and worship like that, which we enjoy in the U.K.

#### Praying for:

 all for whom life feels challenging, overwhelming or fragile in any respect.
 Praying we might be a people who don't 'look away' but who seek to support and to act with prayer, hope and love.







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