

## Prayer at the Heart

*Please pray for:*



### **Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks**

- Donald (Lugg).
- Janice and Graeme (Allott).
- Carol (Crocombe's) brother Simon who is very poorly.
- Lee (Russell) and his wife Trudy.
- Steve, with cancer.

During December we will be praying for those living in (Mariner's View Continued) Portlight Place and Royal Native Way.

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

- Dianne Dom (who lives in San Francisco). Joyce (Holland). Frances (Crocker). Jill (Seddon). Brian Evans. Gina Morton. John Judge. Lenni (Oakley). 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 Ann Shuttle's sister Joan, Brian (Evans), 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*

### **Gill Campbell's funeral**

Gill's funeral will take place at SCC at 11 am on Wednesday 3 December with the burial following at Canterbury Cemetery. All are warmly welcome to attend. We continue to pray for Vince and the rest of the family.



## Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

**Sunday 30 November 2025**

**Advent Sunday**

Reading: Isaiah 2. 1 - 5

Services: 10 am One 'Community Sunday' Service

Last week we finished a seven week sermon series looking at seven letters to seven churches (Revelation 2:1 -3:22).

Here is a summary of the messages.

- **Ephesus:** The danger of losing our first love:
- **Smyrna:** God's presence with us if persecution or trials come our way:
- **Pergamum:** Holding on when Satan attacks:
- **Thyatira:** Know what we believe so that we can avoid being seduced by false teaching:
- **Sardis:** Ask the Holy Spirit to fan the embers of our faith so that the fire doesn't go out:
- **Philadelphia:** God's ordinary people doing the extraordinary:
- **Laodicea:** Make sure church life and faith has Jesus Christ at the meal table.

**CAKE MINISTRY** last request for cakes for Sunday 30.11.2025  
10:00 Community Sunday Service and 17:00 Team Ministry Carol Service

### **Our Church Prayer**

Lord Jesus, We long for more of you in our lives, to grow in our love for you, for one another and for our community.

We offer you ourselves, just as we are; keep our feet firm on God our Rock when things feel uncertain,

keep us faithful in prayer and service, help us share your gift of love and grace with others and grown your church here, we pray.

Amen



St Alphege, Seasalter



# OPEN DOOR CAROLS

Cafe and Community Hub

**THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER**  
**11.45-12.15**

(following our usual open door session from 10-11.30 am)

**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



## ***Celebrate Advent and Christmas 2025 with us*** ***at Seasalter Christian Centre and the Old Church***

**Saturday 13th December 2-5 pm Christmas Spirit at the Old Church**

(at the top of Freemans Close)

Drop in on your own or with family, light a candle, leave a prayer on our tree, enjoy refreshments; for all ages ending with carols at 4.30 pm

**Sunday 14th December 8.45 Service as usual,**  
**then Christingle Service 10.30 am Seasalter Christian Centre**

A service for all, making Christingles with oranges, sweets and a candle

Also **Sunday 14th December Carols by Candlelight 4 pm at the Old Church**

**Tuesday 16th December Carols, Beer & Christmas Cheer 7 pm Rose in Bloom Pub**

**Sunday 21st December 8.45 Service as usual,**  
**then Nativity Service 10.30 am Seasalter Christian Centre**  
a joyful retelling of the Nativity story for all ages

Also **Sunday 21st December Contemplating Christmas 3 pm at the Old Church**  
An hour of Meditative prayer

**Christmas Eve 24th December Crib Service 4 pm, Seasalter Christian Centre**  
For all ages & perfect for younger families as we tell the Christmas story.  
Come dressed as a nativity character or borrow one of our costumes and join in!

**Christmas Eve 24th December Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm,**  
**Seasalter Christian Centre**  
Refreshments from 10.45 pm - a special and reflective service

**Christmas Day Thursday 25th December Seasalter Christian Centre**  
Christmas Day service 10 am, all ages, Holy Communion, refreshments from 9.30 am





'L is for Lifestyle ' is a book by Ruth Valerio and we are continuing the series so that we can live more ethically.

B is for Bananas!!

Bananas are a staple food for many of us but many producers live in poverty and use chemicals or pesticides in production. This applies to other items too, such as chocolate, tea, coffee....

Key actions - buy fairtrade items. It can seem expensive BUT ethically we are giving people a living wage and better working conditions.

Other environmentally conscious standards to watch out for are the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Rainforest Alliance and Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

Also see if there is organic option.

You don't have to miss out to be ethical and environmentally friendly.

#### 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.

#### Message from Vince

A big thank you to all the church family for the loving prayers and kind words on Gill Cambell's passing. It felt like the family and I had a giant HUG. X

### Safe Families - Exciting Update

When I shared in September about the work of Safe Families in East Kent, we were only supporting families in Thanet and Canterbury.....but God has gone before us and we have just accepted our first referral for Whitstable! This is so exciting but now we need to find the next pieces in the puzzle. Please join me in praying for some caring and compassionate volunteers who might be able to pop in for an hour or so each week to see her and her baby during school hours. We would love to connect them with this church family especially as they live towards this end of the town. Please do get in touch if this is something you might be able to help with or speak to Mark at the end of the service.

Thank you so much, Sarah  
[sarahhammond@safefamilies.uk](mailto:sarahhammond@safefamilies.uk) or contact me via Churchsuite



## 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*

### All at SCC unless otherwise indicated

<b>Mon 1</b>	2.30 pm Singing for Fun and Health 7 pm Flying Club
<b>Tues 2</b>	10 am - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm Youth Drop In @The Hub (school yrs 7 - 13)
<b>Wed 3</b>	8 am - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881) Password V3pXbH) 2.30 pm Holy Communion 7 pm Christian Meditation Group
<b>Thu 4</b>	10 am - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
<b>Fri 5</b>	10 am - 12 noon Bible Study Advent Course 2 pm Social Games 6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437) 6.30 pm - 8 pm Friday Night Club for Youth (school yrs 7 - 10) @The Hub
<b>Sun 7</b>	8 am prayer 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion 10.30 am service with groups for children and young people 11.15 am Traditional Holy Communion service at the Old Church

Wood carvers are on Christmas break resuming on Monday mornings at SCC in mid-February 2026



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

## Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

### Celebrating:

- Giving thanks for the gift of prayer that we can bring our needs, feelings, gratitude and concerns to God knowing we are heard.

### Praying for:

- wisdom as we think about how to support and strengthen the children and families ministry. For those who plan and lead our Sunday groups, Little Salties and All In..



## Ladies' Meet Up

The next Ladies meet up is:



**Wednesday 10 December  
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. This time it is a Christmas event and ladies who wanted to take part in 'Secret Santa' can bring a wrapped up present worth £5 or less to swap.