

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Brian (Jean Hunter's brother) who is very poorly with congested lungs.
- Vince and his family.
- 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 Dorn (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*

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



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 7 December 2025

2nd Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-9 & John 1: 19-28

Today's services:

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

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- Giving thanks for a well-attended half day of prayer and Team Advent Service last week. Praying we will move through the Advent season with anticipation and hope and not be too distracted to appreciate.

Praying for:

- We pray for those for whom Christmas and the run-up is particularly stressful or difficult. For the lonely, the bereaved, the estranged and for those who struggle to make ends meet.



Personal thank you

Thank you so much for your love and support, and for your prayers and the many messages, cards and kindnesses - I felt so tangibly and amazingly held by God as I took Mum's funeral on 28/11.

Love Paulette



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



Free Tickets

Paul and Val Browning have two tickets to attend Anna Lapwood's Christmas at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday 18 December at 7.30 pm. They would like to donate these tickets to the church family at Seasalter.

If you are interested, please contact Paul on 07891 639256.



***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



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'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



**The next Men's Meal is
Wednesday
17 December**

St Alphege Seasalter

Little Salties

Toddler group
Tuesdays

9.30am - 11.30am, Term time only

Seasalter Christian Centre

Contact Pam for more info

pam.crocombe@stalphegeseasalter.org



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

- Mon 8** 2 pm Forge craft group
- Tues 9** 10 am - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group
4.30 pm - 6.30 pm Youth Drop In @The Hub (school yrs 7 - 13)
- Wed 10** 8 am - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881)
Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
- Thu 11** 10 am - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
followed by Open Door Carol Service
- Fri 12** 10 am - 12 noon Advent Bible Study 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
- Sat 13** 2 - 5 pm Christmas Spirit Day at the Old Church, ending with
carols at 4.30 pm
- Sun 14** 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

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.

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

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