

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Jane and Brian (Evans).
- Graham and Janice (Allott).
- Graham Dorkins (who did a Reader Placement here at SCC whilst he was training), for healing and recovery following an operation.
- Sarah (Long) recently diagnosed with breast cancer, for a complete recovery.
- Prayers please for M undergoing tests.
- Vince and his family.
- Donald (Lugg).

During February we will be praying for those living in Wraik Hill, Willow Road and Royal Avenue.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Steve, from the old church, with cancer.
- Carol (Crocombe's) brother Simon who is very poorly.
- Jo (Amanda Humphrey's sister). 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, 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 8 February 2026

2nd Sunday before Lent also Racial Justice Sunday

Reading: Galatians 5

Today's services: 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am Service with groups for children and YPS

Lent @ St Alphege Seasalter

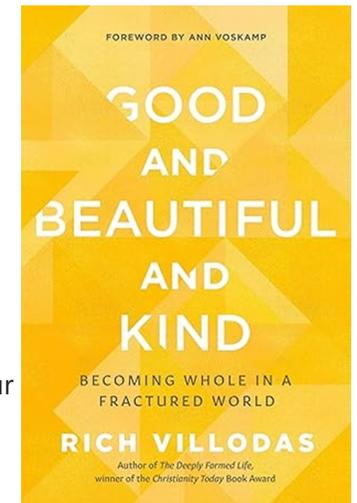
This year we are running a sermon series through the Sunday Services up to the end of April entitled 'Christians are people of...' and covering topics like 'peace, joy, power, worship, forgiveness, witness, prayer.

Chris Skingley will be running a Lent Course 'Caring for Creation' at his mid week Bible Study Group 10 am for 5 weekly sessions from Friday 27th February. If any Connect groups would be interested in the sheets for each session, he's happy to supply these: chris.skingley@btinternet.com

If Connect Groups would like a recommended Lent Book to follow, the one I'm suggesting this year is: 'Good and Beautiful and Kind' by Rich Villodas (you might remember we did a sermon series on his book 'The Narrow Path' which people appreciated. There are questions for each section suitable for small groups.

Blessings to you as we acknowledge our humanity and God's forgiveness, and prepare our hearts in this season of Lent together.

Love Paulette



Safeguarding is the name for the way all of us help to keep each other safe and supported at St Alphege Seasalter, especially those who might be particularly vulnerable to harm - children and vulnerable adults.

If you see or experience something that worries you, speak to: Hilary Poulton our Safeguarding Coordinator 07375 535198, Paulette Stubbings our Vicar 07305 611437, Hannah Rogers our Youth Minister 07477 493874 or Mark Arnold our Churchwarden 07545 775860. You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding or the Police if necessary.

Ladies' Meet Up

The next Ladies meet up is:



**Tuesday 10 February
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.



ALL IN
19TH FEBRUARY
2.30PM - 4PM

SCAN TO BOOK

St Alphege Seasalter

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy at the Wynn Ellis Alms-houses. It is for an upstairs flat, which is up quite a steep set of stairs. Rent is just over £80 a week plus utilities. The Wynn Ellis Alms-houses are situated very close to Whitstable Castle. Applicants must be over 60 and be both single and female. This is due to the Charitable Trust requirements set up in the 19th century when they were originally built. They must have also have lived in Whitstable for over 10 years and be able to prove this. Also, they need to show they have very limited savings and income to be shortlisted. Any ownership of property for example, would not be possible.

If you are interested, please send a letter to Mr G S Wootton at P O Box 1247 Whitstable CT1 9UT explaining that you fit the criteria, and he will then send you an application form. Thank you to those who have already been in touch with us. We will be shortlisting in the next few weeks. Rev Simon Tillotson, Chair of Wynn Ellis Alms-houses.

HERNE BAY LITTLE THEATRE presents

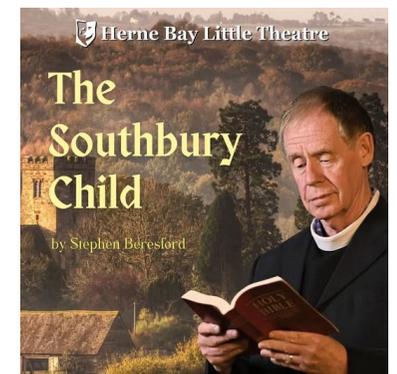
The Southbury Child by Stephen Beresford

Monday 16 – Saturday 21 February @7.30

Raffish, urbane and frequently drunk vicar David Higland has kept a grip on his remote coastal parish through a combination of disordered charm and high-handed determination. When his faith impels him to take a hard line with a bereaved parishioner, he finds himself dangerously isolated from public opinion. As his own family begins to fracture, David must face a future that threatens to extinguish not only his position in the town, but everything he stands for.

The Southbury Child is a hard-hitting, darkly comic play exploring family and community, the savage divisions of contemporary society and the rituals that punctuate our lives.

Book through hernebaylittletheatre.co.uk
Tickets £12



Diocese of Canterbury courses:

Deepening Discipleship Courses 2026

Explore your journey of discipleship and unique calling and gifts, identify key gospel discipleship practices as a basis of service and reflect on the growth and development of Christian communities.

Spring online	Mar-May 2025	Wednesdays (+ Saturday face-to-face lunchtime induction)
Spring face-to-face	Apr-June 2026	Thursdays (Canterbury)
Autumn online	Sep-Oct 2026	Wednesdays (+ Saturday face-to-face lunchtime induction)
Autumn face-to face	Oct - Dec 2026	Thursdays (Canterbury)

For more information go to: www.canterburydioces.org and search for Deepening Discipleship. [Diocese of Canterbury](http://www.canterburydioces.org)

Come and See (Exploring Reader Ministry)

Saturday 14 February 2026, 10.45 - 1 pm
Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury CT1 1NQ

A session for anyone wanted to find out about the ministry of Readers as licensed lay ministers:

- What is Reader Ministry? (a brief presentation)
- What does Reader Ministry look like ? (hearing form some Readers)
- What does the training look like?
- Question Time! (ask any question you like)

To book a place, please email Nigel Collins: ncollins@diocant.org, Diocesan Lay Ministries Adviser.

Free!

Fridge-freezer and Miele dishwasher free to a good home.

If you are interested contact Margaret - 07544 488673 to arrange collection.

P Free Parking

Canterbury City Council is running free parking on Thursdays at Middle Wall and Gorrell Tank. The offer will run until Easter but you must register for the Residents' Rate to access it. You can register for free at <https://tinyurl.com/mvr3u6pf> and, even better, you will get a 10% discount on parking in town well after this offer ends.



Yay! and Pray

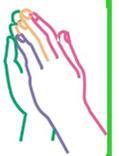
This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks that Open Door has won a Revival Community Award 2026 which will be presented at a ceremony in March. We thank God for the dedicated team that runs it with energy, imagination and love and care for all who come.

Praying for:

- Colleagues at the Diocesan Hub are meeting with Church of England funding people over the next few weeks. We've asked for funding for continued Youth Ministry beyond 2026 (and Children's Ministry as well if possible). Please pray funding will be granted. Our regular giving doesn't currently cover bungalow running costs and the cost of our Youth Minister.





Friends of St John's present



Saturday 28th February

Doors open at 5.30pm, First question at 6pm

St John's Centre,

11 St John's Rd, Swalecliffe

Teams of 6 - 8

(we can help make up teams)

£5 per person

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles
All proceeds to support the work of St John's

To book a table or places contact

Jane 07761 963971



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.

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 9** 1.30 pm The Forge craft club
- Tues 10** 9.30 - 11.30 am Little Salties
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 11** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
- Thu 12** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
followed by 'Soup and Story' at midday.
- Fri 13** 10 am Bible Study
2pm Social Games
6pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details 07305 611437)
6.30 - 8 pm Friday Night Club for Youth (school yrs 7-10) @ The Hub
- Sun 15** 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am Service with Holy Communion and groups for children and YPs.

Open Door wins a Community Award!

Our Open Door Community Hub coffee morning has won one of 45 regional **Revival Community Awards 2026**. These annual awards (East Kent Mind) celebrate the unsung heroes in our community who are helping to revive our charities, schools and businesses - and make the Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay area a better place to live and work in.

Huge **congratulations** to the wonderful and dedicated team led by Karen and Vaughan, who show love, care and a special welcome to all who come, and to those from the congregation who attend and come alongside our community in friendship and support. The award will be given at a ceremony in March.

