

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Becca (Newlyn) who has sprained her ankle and has a broken bone in her toe. Please pray for Becca to have patience at this trying time.
- Jane and Brian (Evans).
- 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

- Derek (Becca's Dad).
- Graham and Janice (Allott).
- 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 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 15 February 2026

Next Sunday before Lent

Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

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

Calling all bakers!

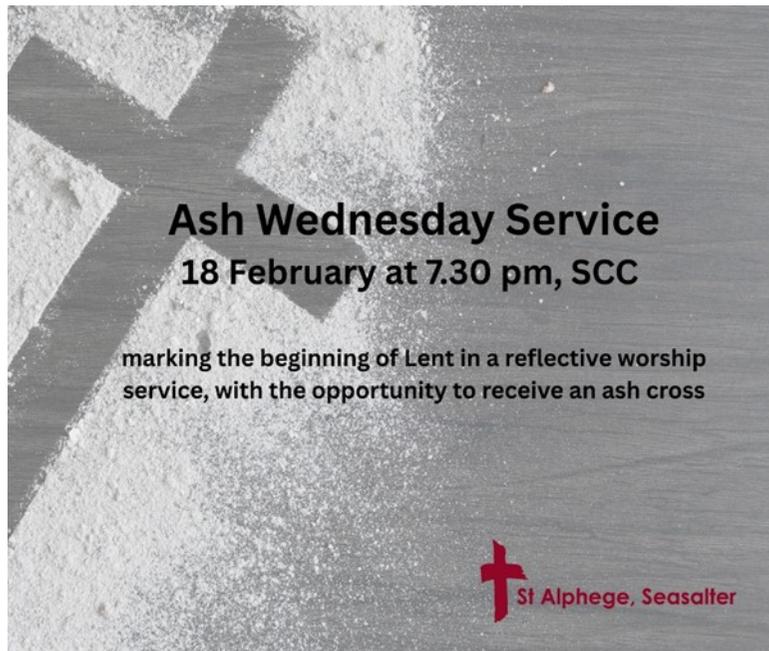
Can you bake a cake (no nuts please) for Saturday 28th February to help us welcome the young people of the Canterbury Diocese and the Rochester Diocese when they meet at SCC for "Fuse - an evening of worship, prayer, food and community, exploring what it means to follow God." This is an opportunity for us to help our young people make their visitors feel welcome.

Please sign the sheet at the back of the church. Please bring cakes to SCC by 6pm on Saturday 28th February.

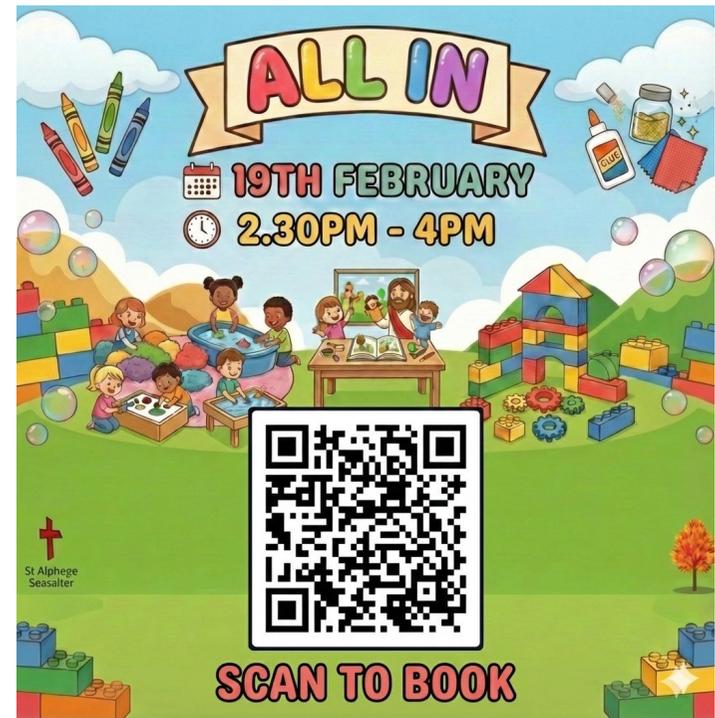
Please Pray with us!

As we look forward to hosting 'Fuse' (an event for church youth groups in the Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester) please pray with us:

- for the practical arrangements involved when so many young people come together
- for the Holy spirit to inspire those who are leading worship and speaking
- for encouragement for all the youth leaders accompanying each group
- that each young person who attends will know God's blessing.



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:

- we give thanks for our Welcome team and all who are involved in helping others join and become part of the church community at Seasalter.

Praying for:

- we pray for those who feel on the edge of our community; that we all might find ways to deepen friendship and connection as we travel and learn in faith together.





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 Highland 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.

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.

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.

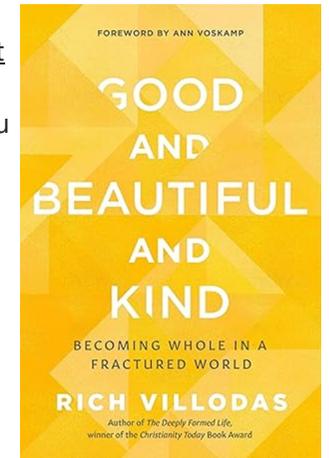
Chris Skingley will be running a Lent Course 'Caring for Creation' at his mid week Bible Study Group 10 am for 5 weekly sessions from Friday 27th February. If any Connect groups would be interested in the sheets for each session, he's happy to supply these: chris.skingley@btinternet.com

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



Easter and the Tomb

The Tomb needs repairing and Pam Crocombe has volunteered to co-ordinate this.

Can people bring in any old newspapers to the office and let Pam know if you can help with the repairs please?

Date of doing the repairs will be confirmed.

Could you be a Street Pastor or a Prayer Pastor?

Currently out on Friday nights between about 7pm and midnight, Whitstable Street Pastors (or Beach Pastors) are a great witness to God's love of the town. Known by the younger generation for their supply of lollipops, and well-supported by local businesses and police, they offer a calming presence and listening ear to the community. They couldn't do this without the support of a prayer team who meets in a local church to pray for them.

To find out more, come to St. Alphege, Whitstable, Saturday 28 Feb 2026 - drop in anytime between 10 am and 1 pm



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.

Free!

Miele dishwasher free to a good home.

If you are interested

contact Margaret - 07544

488673 to arrange

collection.

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 16** 10.30 am Woodcarving group
7 pm Flying Club
- Tues 17** **No Little Salties this week**
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 18** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
7 pm Christian Meditation Group
7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- Thu 19** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
All-In Additional Needs group (see separate notice for sign up)
- Fri 20** **No Bible Study this week** - Lent course starts next week
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 22** 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am Gather Round Service with Holy Communion followed by Youth Lunch.

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.



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.



Prayers for Whitstable

(which takes place on the fourth Monday evening of the month)
at Harbour Street Church
7.30 pm for 30 minutes