

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Emm (Adamson) with a painful shoulder. Please pray for her health to improve.
- Brian Bennett, recovering at home after his recent heart attack and for Jan as she supports him.
- 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) having further surgery on 24 February.
- 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 22 February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Reading: John: 16-24

Today's services: 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am Gather Round Service with Holy Communion

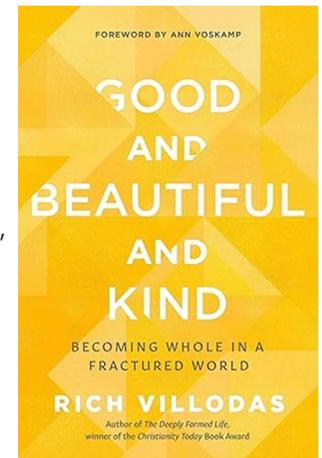
Lent @ St Alphege Seasalter

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.



Prayers for Whitstable

(which takes place on the fourth Monday evening of the month)

at Harbour Street Church

7.30 pm for 30 minutes

ECO CHURCH

This lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation.

Beginning on 18th Feb, you will receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season.

Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation.

Find out more and sign up at

<https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email:

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.

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

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)

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 23** 10.30 am Woodcarving group
1.30 pm Forge Craft Group
- Tues 24** 10 - 11.30 am Little Salties
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 25** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
- Thu 26** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
- Fri 27** 10 am- Lent course
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
- Sat 28** 7 - 9 pm Fuse Diocesan Youth Worship Event (see separate notice)
- Sun 1** 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am All-Age service with groups for Children and YPs
11.15 am Traditional HC at Old Church.



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.

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch

Helen & Jo took part in this in the church garden. Birds spotted were:



- 3 Collard Doves
- 2 Bluetits
- 2 Magpies
- 1 Starling
- 2 Pigeons.

The church is working on encouraging birds into the garden, come and join us next year and see it we can up the total!



Spring Quiz

Saturday, March 21st

Seasalter Christian Centre

7.30 p.m.

£10.00 per person including

FISH AND CHIPS

Please feel free to bring your own drinks and glasses

To book a table or just yourself please contact
Gordon Williams, 275179
David Kemp, 272470

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.

Don't forget Quiz Night at St. John's Centre, this coming Saturday (28th). Contact Jane 07761 963971 for more information.

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for those involved in running All-In (holiday activity group for children with SEND and their families) and Jesus Online - a weekly Zoom church service for SEND teens. We pray for the families involved and for those in our community with children with complex needs.

Praying for:

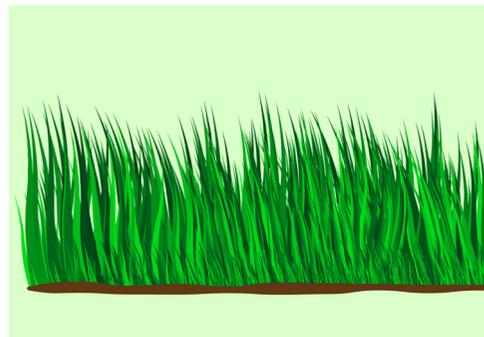
- we pray for our Connect Groups, the leaders and the members and the small Connect Supporters team that (as the name suggests) helps support and encourage this work.



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Grass-cutting at SCC

We are looking to form a team of volunteers willing to help with grass cutting at SCC (immediately and/or long-term). If you are interested please contact Mark Arnold or Helen North.



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

Save The Date

Beach Party

All Church Family Invited

Sat 11th July 2pm - Sunset

Minnis Bay

More details to follow.....

Sand & Sea Glass

Sand Castle Competition

Camp Fire Songs

Relaxed Picnic

Beach Olympics

For your diary:
The next Ladies Meet Up is planned for Wednesday 11 March at 7pm at Wetherspoons.

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.

STREET PASTORS

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

A FREE WORSHIP EVENT HOSTED BY SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE AND THE DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11-18

EVENING YOUTH WORSHIP

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

7 - 9 PM

WORSHIP PRAYER FOOD DRINK

Following God
Psalm 119

Seasalter Christian Centre, CT5 4AX

YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A YOUTH LEADER. TO BOOK YOUR SPACE SCAN THE QR CODE BOOKINGS CLOSE 23RD 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.

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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.