

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Ann (Donald's sister) with cancer of the mouth.
- Emm (Adamson). 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 foot.
- Sarah (Long) recovering at home having had further surgery.
- Vince and his family.

During March we will be praying for those living in Ladysmith Road, Pilgrims Lane and Harriet's Corner.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Derek (Becca's Dad).
- Steve, from the old church, with cancer.
- Jo (Amanda Humphrey's sister).
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Brian (Evans), Dennis, Denise, Donald, Emma, Joan (Ann Shuttle's sister), Joyce Holland, Katherine, Katy, Lenni (Oakley), Rosalind, Ruth Saleh, 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 March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Acts 1: 4-8 & Luke 24: 36-49

Today's services: 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am All-Age Service with groups for Children and YPs

Wednesday 25 March at 2.30 pm BBC1 will be broadcasting the installation service of our new (and the first female) Archbishop, Dame Sarah Mullally, from Canterbury Cathedral.



Almighty God,
you call your Church in every age
to proclaim the Gospel of Christ:
look with mercy upon your servant Sarah,
and grant that, as deacon, she may care for those in need,
as priest, sustain us with the ministry of word and sacrament,
and as bishop, guard the faith
and build up the body of Christ in holiness.
Give her wisdom and kindness
that as archbishop, she may promote unity, seek truth,
and lead us in the way of righteousness and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- giving thanks for those helping keep our young people and adults safe in places of education in the area. Praying for safety in the wake of the recent meningitis outbreak.

Praying for:

- those in our church family who can't physically get to church at the moment and for all who feel disconnected or lonely. Giving thanks for all who are good at noticing and responding with connection and support.

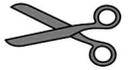


THIS WEEK at St Alphege Seasalter

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** 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
- Sun 29** 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am Gather Round for Palm Sunday a service for all ages



Save The Date Beach Party

All Church Family Invited

Sat 11th July 2pm - Sunset
Minnis Bay

More details to follow.....

Relaxed Picnic Beach Olympics Sand & Sea Glass Creative Sand Castle Competition Camp Fire Songs

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



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

Local support for our Community Hub/Youth at the Hub

As we look at new ways of securing the long term sustainability of our outreach through the Hub we are approaching local businesses which support local causes. Do you/do your family and friends have any links with local businesses, especially with supermarkets? Would you/they be able to help us to approach local businesses? Or, if you have any ideas or contacts how we can support the ongoing costs of the hub?



If so please let Karen or Mark, the Churchwarden, know -
 keskmt@outlook.com 07765 644688
 mark.arnold@stalphegeseasalter.org

OYSTER Singers PRESENT
Songs FROM THE SHOWS
 DIRECTED AND CONDUCTED BY VICTORIA ROWCROFT
Monday 30th March 2026
7.30pm
Playhouse Theatre, Whitstable
 104 High Street CT5 1AZ
Tickets £14 Adults / £7 Students & Under 16
www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitstable-oyster-singers
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Please note that tickets for the Oyster Singers' concert are only available via the theatre or by scanning the QR code.

As at 18 March there were only 28 tickets left!

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.

Holy Week

8.45 HC and 10.30 Gather Round on Palm Sunday 29 March at SCC

6 pm Maundy Thursday 2 April SCC - we explore the events before and after the Last Supper with a bring and share meal, Holy Communion and a little bit of drama. For all ages.

9.30 am Good Friday 3 April starting by the Skate Park in Swalecliffe - Whitstable Churches Walk of Witness along the coast and through the town.

2 pm Good Friday Old Church, An Hour at the Cross

8.30 am Easter Sunday 5th April Seasalter Beach Celebration Service followed by bacon rolls/tea and coffee at SCC before

10.00 am SCC Gather Round for Easter Celebration with HC - for all ages

11.15 am Old Church traditional HC Easter Day Service

St Alphege, Seasalter

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 Ladies' meet up

Next planned meet up is:

Thursday 9 April

Wetherspoons
Whitstable 7pm.

Confirmation, Baptism or First Communion at Seasalter



Are you growing in your faith and feel you would like to mark that in some way?

Confirmation

On Saturday 16 May at 5 pm at St Bart's Herne Bay, a number of people of all ages, from churches in our Deanery will be Confirmed. Confirmation is an opportunity for people who were baptised/ Christened as a young child or baby to affirm for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf by parents and godparents. It can be a significant step on the journey of faith. At this special service, the Bishop lays hands on your head and asks God's Holy Spirit to strengthen you as you commit to live God's way. If you are interested in being confirmed please talk to Paulette as soon as possible.

Baptism

Being baptised is an important step on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ. It's a wonderful experience and there's no age limit. As an adult, or older child, you can choose to be baptised with poured or sprinkled water from a bowl or font, or even have your baptism in the sea! If you were baptised as a child or in a different Christian

tradition there are ways to renew those promises if you'd like to do that. Again, talk to Paulette if you are interested. We usually hold our sea baptisms in September.

First Communion

We are happy for all who know and love the Lord Jesus to come to the table for Holy Communion and some do from a young age. But we know that for some families, making a formal 'first communion' is an important step in the faith journey. If your children are at an age where you think they are ready and you would like to talk about this then speak to Paulette, and we can arrange some preparation that builds towards receiving first communion on Easter Day. In the same way, if you are an adult who has never received Holy Communion and would like to start, speak to Paulette about it.



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[Week 5: DRIVE DOWN emissions FROM TRANSPORT](#)

Click on the link above.

Carol Marks

Carol has moved house. If you would like her new address it can be found on ChurchSuite.

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