

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Katy (Burney) after a recent operation on her thyroid.
- Sue Jones (Sarah Campbell's friend) for a complete recovery following a difficult operation.
- Janice (Allott) following treatment on her hip
- Ann (Donald's sister) with cancer of the mouth.
- Emm (Adamson). Please pray for her health to improve.
- Sarah (Long) following surgery for breast cancer.
- Vince and his family.

During May we will be praying for those living in May for those living in Borstal Hill (evens) including Windmill Court, Vulcan Close and Joy Lane.

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 3 May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7:55 to end & 1 Cor. 1: 1-9

Today's services: 08.45 Holy Communion Service ;
10.30 Service for all ages including groups for YP and children

Message from Paulette

On Sunday 26th we were all thinking about the Lord's prayer - the adults in the main auditorium and the children and YPs in their groups. The children wrote their own version of the Lord's Prayer which we then used in the service during Holy Communion:

Hi Dad,

God you are the most amazing person in the universe.

God help us be kind and do things your way down here.

Please take care of us.

Please forgive us and help us forgive others.

God be my superhero shield to protect me from bad choices and keep me safe.

God I know you've got this because you're the King of everything.

I totally agree!

I also recommended the NZ Anglican Prayerbook version of the Lord's prayer (drawing on Maori culture and tradition) which is as follows:

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DIARY DATE - Whole Church Annual Meeting.

Our Church Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday 10 May this year. There will be **ONE service at 10 am** where we look forward as a whole church community (all ages), **followed by a Bring and Share lunch**, and then we'll do the necessary business of the Annual Meeting at **1.30 pm** - including elections to the Church Council, PCC and Deanery Synod. There will be things for the children to do during this part, which won't be over-long. Please put this important date in your diary.

Please also see page 5.

Church Notices Please note that the deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday. Paula Email: paula.dean@stalphegeeseasalter.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 4** 2.30 pm Singing for Fun and Wellbeing
- Tues 5** 9.30 - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 6** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
- Thu 7** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
- Fri 8** 10 am Bible Study
2 pm Social Games at SCC
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 10** **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY**
ONE 10 am service for all ages at SCC following by a bring and share lunch then the 'business bit'

Come and see event Anna Chaplaincy 9 May 2026

Are you interested in helping older people?

This is aimed at anyone interested in finding out more about being an Anna Chaplain or Anna Friend.

It's being held on Saturday 9th May, from 1-3pm at Diocesan House, Canterbury. It will involve a presentation on Anna Chaplaincy, the training course, hearing from Anna Chaplains & Friends, and time for Q&A

To book contact: Nigel Collins
ncollins@diocant.org; or Sarah Lucas
slucas@diocant.org

Singing for Fun and Wellbeing

4 May, 2.30-4pm

We welcome back special guest Nicola Vella-Burrows (Lead Therapeutic Music Practitioner, Music4Wellbeing)
Open to all.



Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- We give thanks for the times when we learn from each other across the generations in the church community
- We pray for our 'Gather Round' services and the other opportunities we get to do this. Please work in our Lord.

Praying for:

- those in our church community and beyond who live with mental health illness, for their families and loved ones and for those who come alongside in support. That God's love would reach them when other things can't. For healing and wholeness and safety in the meantime.



CAN YOU HELP FUEL THE NEXT GENERATION!

We're asking you, our amazing church family to get involved in supporting our young people by cooking a Youth Lunch on the dates below!

7th June / 12th July / 20th September / 25th October / 29th November

This isn't just about food, it's about connection, laughter, and creating a space where our young people feel known, valued, and encouraged.

We'd love you to stay, hang out, and be part of the afternoon!
Every youth lunch is completely different & makes a real impact!

If you think this is something you would be up for supporting, please do
Email Hannah on Hannah.rogers@Stalphegeseasalter.org



Whitstable Eco Fair on Saturday 30 May
10am-4pm at St John's Methodist church,
Argyle road.

Come and browse the initiatives happening
in Whitstable!!

The Ladies' Meet Up

Next planned meet up is:
Tuesday 5 May
Wetherspoons
Whitstable 7pm.

SCC Worship Team

We are looking to grow our
community of musicians who
have a heart to help our church
enter into worship. Whether
you're a seasoned pro or a
'bedroom musician' looking to
serve, there is a place for you
here at SCC.



Talk to Paulette, any of
the worship leaders or
scan the QR code

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and indicates that you would like to be formally seen as a member of this church. Every year the Electoral Roll has to be revised by adding or deleting names as necessary. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please complete an application form available today and subsequently from Elaine Oakley - Electoral Roll Officer, or a Churchwarden. **PLEASE NOTE: If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to do anything.**

Whitstable Team Ministry Ascension Day Service

Thursday 14 May at 7 pm
St John's Church in Swalecliffe
All warmly welcome to attend
this joint service.



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Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come
on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.

And played the following song: Plowshare Prayer by Spencer LaJoye
https://youtu.be/MhOZv5i7CHY?si=qrwp5p5i-mr_-0_g

Video Recording Services

We already livestream and record the 8.45 Service regularly to the Church Youtube Channel for people to watch online. From time to time we will also be recording the 10.30 Service - it gives a more rounded picture of our worship if people are wanting to know what the church is like. The camera is pointed at the stage, but backs of heads and people moving around near the front may also in camera view. We won't be recording our Gather Round services because there's a lot of movement of all ages in the auditorium. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please speak to the churchwardens (who can be found at the back of church during the services).



BARN DANCE

with Ceilidh Band
Rejigged
Saturday 2nd May
7pm-10:30pm

St Peter's Church & Community Centre,
Herne Drive, Greenhill

£10 per person (under 16 free)

Book via our website

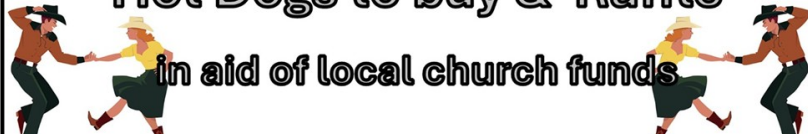
www.st-martin-in-herne.com

Click on the link to Eventbrite



BYO drinks & snacks

Hot Dogs to buy & Raffle



in aid of local church funds

Please book via Eventbrite using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/barn-dance-with-ceilidh-band-regigged-tickets-1982111495841?aff=oddttdtcreato>

ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING

The church's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 10 May at 1.30pm at SCC following a bring and share lunch after the 10.00 service. Please do try and attend this important meeting where we shall give thanks to the Lord for all that has happened over the last extraordinary year and a bit, and also think and pray about the people we need to represent us on various bodies.

One of the important tasks of the Annual Meeting is to elect those who will guide or represent the church over the next year. This year we need to elect to the Deanery Synod three representatives. There are four vacancies for our District Church Council (DCC) and two places on the Team Council (PCC) - if you are a member of the Deanery Synod or PCC you are automatically a member of the DCC too. We also elect two Churchwardens and a number of Deputy Wardens. If you would like to serve in any of these ways or know of someone who would be suitable for one of these roles (please talk to the person before nominating them!) please complete a nomination form (the one headed "Anyone for Service") available from the Churchwardens or the office.

If you would like any further information about any of the roles or the Annual Meeting, please speak to Paulette or Mark. Copies of the Annual Report Booklet are available.

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.