

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Our much-loved friend, Emm (Adamson)
- Craig (Newlyn's) dad, Trevor, following a recent cancer diagnosis.
- 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.
- Sarah (Long) following surgery for breast cancer.
- Vince and his family.

During May we will be praying 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*

Thank you very much from the Long family for the delicious meals, prayers and love from our church family as we navigated our way through the last 4 months. We feel very blessed.



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 10 May 2026

10 am One service for the whole church

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3.1 - 17



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.

Community Production: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Rev Ripeka and Rev Eddie Bijl (Whitstable Team curates) will be putting on a **community Shakespeare production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"**, the rehearsal dates will be **20th-31st July** rehearsing at **St Peter's Church**, and the two matinee performances will be on **1st and 2nd August in the All Saints vicarage gardens**. All are welcome to be part of this and absolutely no experience is required, apart from enthusiasm.

They are looking for actors, musicians, costume design and makers, stage management and prop masters, and all are welcome to join. *Please note, stage direction and assistant direction is already in place at this stage of pre-production.*

Rev Eddie and Rev Ripeka are both trained actors and have mostly worked in theatre, Rev Eddie has worked both as an actor and director, and will be directing this production.

Save the Date:

To give you a flavour of the process, there will be **two Shakespeare Workshops at St Peters, 7pm on Friday 15th May, and 9.30am on Saturday 16th May**, please join if you are free. From there the company will be assembled, the roles cast, and from there costume and stage design will move forward, before commencing proper rehearsals in July.

Something to ponder before the workshops: *Would you be free for the rehearsal and show dates and interested in joining, and in what capacity would you enjoy taking part?*

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Rev Ripeka or Rev Eddie
revripeka@stalphege.org.uk
reveddie@stalphege.org.uk

Christian Aid Week – 10 – 16 May



Please click on this link to donate

[Fundraise | Christian Aid Fundraise](#)

or see David Kemp for an envelope

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- as we have our Annual Church Meeting this Sunday, we give thanks for all who serve the church in positions of leadership, praying wisdom, inspiration and a desire to align with God in all we do.

Praying for:

- Hannah and the team as they develop a 'transition workshop' in school and some fun sessions for the year 6s from Joy Lane at the Youth Hub in the coming weeks to help them prepare for secondary school. Giving thanks for our connection there.



" Christianity is the only co-operative society that exists for the benefit of non-members"
William Temple

[with thanks to Lizzie for this]

Connect Groups are the small group programme within St Alphege Seasalter.



Groups meet at various times and venues and cater to most needs and tastes.

All groups attempt to support each member physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Are you 'Connected'?

Speak to anyone wearing a Connect Badge to get involved or email connect@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!!

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.



Also in Eco news, please see the attached list of recycling advice.

Our Church Prayer

Lord Jesus, We long for more of you in our lives, to grow in our love for you, for one another and for our community.

We offer you ourselves, just as we are; keep our feet firm on God our Rock when things feel uncertain, keep us faithful in prayer and service, help us share your gift of love and grace with others and grow your church here, we pray. Amen



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

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).



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



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

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WHITSTABLE TREES

A PROJECT FOR FAMILIES

GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL TREES TOGETHER

**4 FUN SEASONAL WALKS
WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE GUIDES
TREE MAPPING
TREE ID & CARE**

**FUN CRAFTS
STORIES
NATURE CONNECTION
TREE THEMED SNACKS**

**LOOKING FOR FAMILIES
IN SEASALTER TO JOIN IN**

**CONTACT JO FUTUREFOODFORESTS@GMAIL.COM
TEXT 07747386994**



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 11** 1.30 pm Forge Craft Group
- Tues 12** 9.30 - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 13** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
- Thu 14** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
- Fri 15** 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 17** 8.45 am Holy Communion service
10.30 am Service for all ages with group for children and YPs

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.

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.