

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Graham and Janice Allott.
- Ann, Donald's sister, following tests on her leg, Ann had an operation on 6 July.
- Val and Paul Browning's nephew, Jonathan; he is 49 and vicar to 5 parishes in Norfolk. He has been diagnosed with stage 3/4 stomach cancer. Major cancer surgery is scheduled for Friday 24 July.
- Sarah Garton (Vince's daughter Kate's best friend); Sarah had a partial removal of a brain tumour four years' ago, but it is now regrowing.
- Lenni (Oakley) after surgery on her heel.
- Sue Jones (Sarah's friend), making a good recovery.

During July we will be praying for those living in Valkyrie Avenue, Cypress Close and Shearwater Avenue.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Derek (Becca's Dad).
- Steve, a member of the Old Church congregation, very poorly in hospital with cancer and for Janet his wife.
- Jo (Amanda Humphrey's sister) - that she is strong enough for the stem cell therapy to go ahead.
- 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, 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 12 July 2026

6th after Trinity

8.45 am Holy Communion service

10.30 am service for all ages with groups for children and YPs

Reading: 1 Corinthians 4: 6 - 13

Beach Party

POSTPONED

Hi everyone, due to the intense heat we've been having lately, we've decided to postpone this weekend's church beach party. It's just going to be a bit too hot to be out in the sun safely!

So sorry for the last-minute change, but we'll share details about a new date very soon.

Mid Week Holy Communion - 2.30 pm Wednesdays at SCC

Following a sudden drop-off in attendance at the mid week Holy Communion service, we held a meeting to discuss what to do. It became clear during the discussion that the main issue is one of access - it's hard for some attendees to hear what's said, and health issues have made it more difficult for some to attend. It was also clear that people still value and want this service to continue, so we will continue on the usual day and time, but work on enabling access and participation, with a new seating arrangement and a technical solution to help with audibility, and some friends from the wider congregation who are happy to help those who need a lift in order to attend.

I'd like to encourage all who are around on a Wednesday afternoon to come along and join this gentle and reflective service with Holy Communion. It's usually just under an hour in length, and perfect if you find larger or noisier services a little overwhelming.

Now we're cooking..

Thank you to the kind donor who enabled the purchase of the new cooker. It's settled in brilliantly, able to produce sausage rolls by the gazillion, and is a very much appreciated upgrade by its regular users!

A side note (pun intended) to last week's thank you about the keyboard for the auditorium, Joan Moss's legacy also helped to fund this - she played regularly for the church as part of the music ministry during her time as a member and would have greatly appreciated us using her gift in this way.

Praying in Church

Prayer is vital to healthy growth as a Christian - it's our main form of communication with God, and we can pray about anything and everything, on our own or with others, with and without using words.

In church, we have a well-trained prayer ministry team - they are the ones we tell you about every service who are usually located in the front left corner of the auditorium, and will also pray with or for you about anything and everything - perhaps about a need you have, or someone you know has, or if you want to give thanks for something, or if you are stepping out in something new in your life, whether that's faith-related or otherwise. But you don't have to wait for the prayer team if there's a queue.

As fellow followers of Jesus or 'siblings in Christ' we can pray for one another too - if you are chatting with someone over coffee and they share they are going through a difficult time, do offer to pray - either then and there if you feel able, or to remember them in your prayers in the week. If you need prayer, do ask one or two people in the congregation you trust to pray with you. Don't worry if you are new to prayer either - you don't have to use special words or make it complicated. Just ask God for the help the person needs. Let's be a church who PRAYS for one another.

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

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| Mon 13 | 1.30 pm The Forge Craft Group |
| Tues 14 | 9.30 am - 11.30 Little Salties Toddler Group
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13) |
| Wed 15 | 8 - 8.45am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
4 pm Youth Yr 6 Taster Sessions @ The Hub |
| Thu 16 | 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning |
| Fri 17 | 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 19 | 8.45 am Holy Communion service
10.30 am Service for all ages groups for children and YPs |

Church Family Sea Baptisms

On the **afternoon of Sunday 27 September**, Andy Twyman will be being baptised in the sea off East Quay beach. All are invited to attend and celebrate with him. If you'd like to join him that day and be baptised or re-affirm your baptism in the sea (for example, you were already baptised as a child) then please talk to Paulette (the Vicar) about it as soon as you can. Baptism is an important and public step in the Christian journey of faith and following Jesus. It symbolises what's happened between us and God.

If you are interested in being baptised but don't want to do that in the sea, there are other options, again, please have a conversation with Paulette.

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for the different age groups in our church family, praying for deepening relationships and for joy in learning about God together and from each other.

Praying for:

- we pray for individuals and families in our church community and beyond who are struggling with one setback after another - health, life circumstances, worry about loved ones. Praying for hope, protection and healing and redeeming presence of God.



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.

Green Fabric Wanted

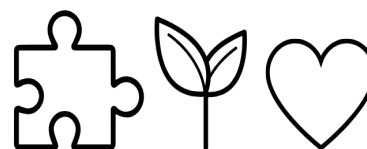
Eve Twyman is on the look out for green fabric in all different kinds of shades for a church-related project. So if you have any in your sewing stash you could spare, or spot any going cheap in a jumble sale or charity shop, please do pass it on to her. eve.locktongoddard@outlook.com or look out for her in a service - she often attends both with her husband Andy.

Dave Remon

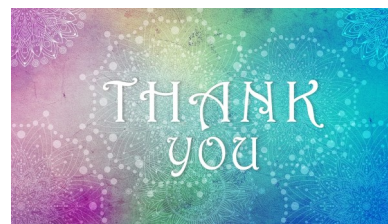
Dave was a much-loved member of this church, a kind, funny and servant-hearted man, one of the first Street Pastors, and latterly living at Bradbury Grange, died on Friday 3 July. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for his family, and for those who loved and knew him best, especially praying for Valerie. Dave and David Harwood were also good friends of his, and this picture was of David and Jeannie's visit to see Dave (who is on the right) just 4 days earlier.

Funeral information to follow when we have it.



**Belong
Grow
Share**



A BIG THANK YOU TO.....all of you that prayed for me, phoned me, visited me, brought me communion, took me to hospital, and my wonderful Connect Group for their support and to all who welcomed me back to church the week before last!

Love Margaret Tyce-Butcher

The next Men's Meal is
Thursday 30 July



The end of an era

Many of you will know that for the last few years I have served on the General Synod of the Church of England. For those who don't know this is the "parliament" of the CofE to which all the 42 dioceses (constituencies) send representatives, lay people, clergy and bishops - over 400 people in all. It meets twice a year for a few days, in February in London, in July in York. After 16 years I come to the end of my term this month.

The General Synod debates and passes church law, and talks (endlessly) about all sorts of issues in the Church's life. The meeting this month will discuss neurodiversity in the Church, digital communications, clergy conduct, promoting unity in the nation, hope, Palestine, same-sex relationships, trustworthiness and eco matters. As well as worshipping together every day, formally asking and answering questions, eating together and watching the football!

Days are long - 9am to 7pm with an hour for lunch - so one dips in and out depending on one's interest and the perceived importance of the subject. Or how long it is since you had a drink. I was elected in 2010 to support the cause of women



bishops (so +Rose and ++Sarah are partly my fault 😊), and to push for gospel inclusion for all who come through our doors. I've made perhaps a dozen speeches - usually only 3 minutes because so many people want to speak - gone to dozens of meetings, read mountains of fringe papers, made some friends, got quite tired, and (mostly) enjoyed my time.

Thank you for your prayers, especially during the controversial times - they have been very much appreciated.

David

PS I am also stepping down from the Diocesan Synod after nearly 40 years. But that's another story.

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.



Summer Concert
Monday 13th July 7.30pm
St Alphege Church, Whitstable CT5 1AY

Tickets £10 per adult £5 per child / student
Payable on the door – cash or card

Traditional Airs, Spirituals, Folk Ballads, Sea
Shanties and Songs from around the World.

Special Guests
Canterbury 4 Ukraine Ladies' Choir



Many thanks to all at Open Door on Thursday 2nd July - you raised £289 in donations which will be passed on to the Disasters and Emergency Committee's collection for Venezuela.

Singing for Fun and Wellbeing will be taking a break in August, returning on 7th September