

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Graham and Janice Allott.
- Kim, Carol (Judge's) friend in King's Hospital.
- Ann, Donald's sister, is doing well following an operation for cancer on her leg.
- 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. He had surgery on 24 July but it was not as successful as they had hoped. Please keep Jonathan and the family in your prayers.
- Sarah Garton (Vince's daughter Kate's best friend) is doing well following brain tumour surgery.
- Lenni (Oakley) after surgery on her heel.

During August we will be praying for those living in Dove Close, Goldcrest Walk and Kingfisher Close.

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 2 August 2026

9th after Trinity

8.45 am Holy Communion service

10.30 am service for all ages

Reading: Exodus 3: 1-10

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.

Week of Accompanied Prayer 27 September - 3 October Whitstable Team Ministry

An invitation to go deeper in prayer and explore your relationship with God.

You can sign up for the week, praying at home by yourself using a short passage of scripture, then meeting in church with a prayer guide each day for 20-30 minutes to reflect on what God may be showing you. A limited number of places, so sign up promptly if interested.

The week is led by the Canterbury WAP team, there's no set cost but a donation to WAP gratefully received.

Booking form (by 13 September latest) available at the back of Church, or from the Vicar, Paulette.

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

Tues 4	4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
Wed 5	8 - 8.45am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH) 2.30 pm Holy Communion
Thu 6	10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning 2.30 pm All-In Additional Needs
Fri 7	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 9	8.45 am Holy Communion service 10.30 am Service for all ages summer series



**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**



Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks to God that we've successfully recruited to the role of Facilities and Bookings Coordinator - which replaces (and reconfigures) the existing SCC Admin job. Announcement soon introducing them, as we are still going through the appointment/referencing process etc. Please pray for them as they prepare to join us around early September.

Praying for:

- we pray for the young people, Hannah and the youth leadership team and final preparations as they are off to Satellites this coming week. For safety in travels and during the festival, for deepening connection with God and one another.



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.

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.



YOU'RE INVITED TO AN AFTERNOON TEA!

Sarah Long is holding a charity event to raise money for life-saving science and life-changing support.

Please come along and bring cake, buy cake and eat cake for charity!

When: Saturday 8th August
Where: Painters Forstal Community Hall, ME13 0EN
Time: 2 – 4 pm

**BREAST
CANCER
NOW**

<https://breastcancernow.org/>

Ladies' Meet Up

The next Ladies meet up is:



Tuesday 11 August from 7.30 pm
Wetherspoons' Whitstable

Open to any ladies connected with SCC and their friends. Come when you can, leave when you need, eat if you want or just chat. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

For more information contact Ann P or Claire W for more details.



**Belong
Grow
Share**

Singing for Fun and Wellbeing will be taking a break in August, returning on 7th September
Bible Study starts again on 18th September



A massive thank you to everyone who has already stepped up to fill our card slots! Your willingness to bless our young people while they are away at Satellites means the world to them (and us!). As the trip gets closer, we have two more ways you can help us out!!

Feed the Crew! 🍕🍷

Last time we went, we were so incredibly blessed to be sent off with amazing cakes and food, which the youth (and leaders!) absolutely loved. This year, we have a list of food items that would be incredibly helpful if you are able to help us out with – though please know there is absolutely no pressure, and we totally understand if you aren't able to this time! Find Hannah or Kirsty after the service this Sunday to see the list and sign up.



Grab your Satellites Wristbands! 📄

We want to bring the Satellites vibes right back home to you! We have written the name of all those who are going to Satellites and would love for you to take two wristbands and be praying for the names on the wristbands while we are away. Look out for these at the back of the church this coming Sunday!



Trip Donations 💰

If you would like to make a financial donation towards the trip, that is also absolutely not a problem at all and would be a huge blessing. Just chat with Hannah or Gail.

**You are
Amazing!**

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

Safeguarding Audit - Church of England - can you help?

The Church of England has been undergoing an audit of their safeguarding practices in Diocese and Cathedrals, and in November 2026 the audit of our own Diocese, Canterbury, will take place.

A wide selection of people are being invited to complete a survey in preparation for the audit.

It would be wonderful if you could support the Canterbury Diocesan audit by:

Completing the survey found using this link – the auditors want to hear from everyone in the diocese no matter their participation in parish life. <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/> . Unfortunately digital surveys are the only ones being accepted.

By taking part in the audit surveys, each of us demonstrates how we hold in mind that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. More information about our audit can be found on our website [Safeguarding Audit 2026 - Diocese of Canterbury](#)



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.

Calling all cakemakers!

Could you make a cake for Monday 10th August or Tuesday 11th August please?

These cakes will be used to offer families refreshments when they come to the Community Wardrobe event at SCC.

Cakes can be brought to church on Sunday 9th August or on the Monday or Tuesday.

No nuts please on this occasion.

Please let Karen know if you can help.
keskmt@outlook.com 07765 644688



Fruitful Conference 12 September 2026 - Riverside Church

This year's Fruitful Conference is being held locally at Riverside Church in Tankerton.

'Fruitful organise day conferences which bring together a range of charismatic, pentecostal and evangelical Christians who have a couple of things in common:

Firstly, we believe in **Jesus**. The Jesus we find in the pages of scripture, the Jesus we encounter through the Holy Spirit, bringing redemption, life and hope.

Secondly, we have all discerned or begun to discern that the Spirit is leading us towards becoming **a different kind of church**, one which is good for everyone, regardless of gender, sexuality, disability or cultural background.

In fact, that's our Fruitful theme for 2026: **Good for everyone.**
More info and booking: www.fruitfulconference.com