

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.

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 9 August 2026

9th after Trinity

8.45 am Holy Communion service

10.30 am service for all ages summer series

Reading: Exodus 16: 1-15



Whitstable Community Wardrobe

~ recycling scheme for school uniform

Opening Times for self selection

Seasalter Christian Centre (Faversham Road, Seasalter CT5 4AX)	
Monday 10th August	10.00 - 16.00
Tuesday 11th August	12.00 - 18.00
St John's Centre (11 St John's Rd, Swalecliffe, CT5 2QU)	
Thursday 13th August	10.00 - 16.00
Friday 14th August	8.00 - 12.00
	16.00 - 19.00
Saturday 15th August	9.00 - 12.00
St Alphege Church (High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AY)	
Tuesday 25th August	time to be confirmed
Wednesday 26th August	time to be confirmed

Popping in to our Community Wardrobe this Monday or Tuesday?

Why not join us for refreshments including homemade cakes and sausage rolls in our pop-up cafe space in the auditorium?

If you are reminding your family or neighbours about the chance to find replacement school uniform items amongst our freshly laundered pre-loved donations they might like to know there are treats and

some activities for children too - all designed to make the school holidays that little bit easier for families.

Why not come along with your family or neighbours and join them as we celebrate the Youth Hub and Hub garden with our community?

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. 10** 10 am - 4pm Community Wardrobe
1.30 pm The Forge
- Tues 11** 12 midday - 6pm Community Wardrobe
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 12** 8 - 8.45am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881
Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion Service
- Thu 13** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
- Fri 14** 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 16** 8.45 am Holy Communion service
10.30 am service for all ages summer series



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.

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 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](https://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding)



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.

Church Family Sea Baptisms



On the **afternoon of Sunday 27 September**, Andy Twyman will be being baptised in the sea off East Quay beach and others will be reaffirming their baptism promises in the sea that afternoon too. 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 our YPs, Hannah and the leaders this week as they are in their last couple of days at the Satellites festival. For encounter with God and blessing.

Praying for:

- we pray for the Community Wardrobe sessions that will happen in the Team Ministry and for our own part in that as we offer hospitality and support, sign-posting to Youth at the Hub and Little Salties.



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.

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

You are invited FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Tankerton Slopes

Friday 2nd August 2026

Arrive 5.30pm. food at 6.30pm

More info. sign up & order food with Eve Twyman

07799887750



MEETING POINT: TANKERTON SLOPES
OFF MARINE PARADE BEFORE THE SAILING CLUB CT5 2BC

Rev. Simon Tillotson

Bishop Rose is pleased to announce that The Revd Simon Tillotson, currently Team Vicar of Whitstable Benefice and Area Dean for Reculver in the diocese of Canterbury, has been appointed as Rector of The Len Valley Benefice, subject to the usual procedures. Simon will continue in his current role here in Whitstable till 1st November which will be his final Sunday here. The date for the licensing occasion by Bishop Rose will be announced in due course.

Please pray for Simon as he takes up his new ministry and for Cathy as they prepare to move away after nearly 20 happy years serving the Whitstable Team.

NEED AN ARK TO SAVE SOME ANIMALS?
WE NOAH GUY
(Thank you Lizzie!)



Did you know "Food waste collections make a significant difference in both Canterbury and across Kent. Food waste collected from households is sent to an anaerobic digestion facility in Kent, where it is turned into renewable biogas and fertiliser for agriculture, rather than being treated as general waste. Canterbury City Council also notes that food waste is around 70% water, making it far more efficient environmentally and financially to recycle separately rather than incinerate with household rubbish".

"One of the key challenges is that many households still put food waste into their black bin despite having access to the service. Even small changes – tea bags, coffee grounds, peelings and leftovers going into a food caddy rather than the rubbish bin – can make a substantial difference when adopted across the district".

"For anyone who does not currently have a food caddy, Canterbury City Council provides orange-lidded food waste bins which can be ordered online through the council's bin and box service, [here](#)"

The Ecosurvey we did in church recently showed that many people don't use a food caddy so YOU could make a difference by collecting food waste.

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.
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