

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Graeme Allott who has been in QEQM for 5 weeks; pray also for Janice as she makes the journey to visit him most days.
- 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 and is having ongoing treatment. 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 and in September for those living in Osprey Close, Hawk Close and Britannia 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 30 August 2026

13th after Trinity

8.45 am Holy Communion service

10.30 am service for all ages summer series with HC

Readings: Jonah Chapter 3 to verse 4 of Chapter 4

We welcome Rachel

Hello! I'm Rachel Dance and I'm really excited to begin the role of Facilities & Bookings Coordinator for St Alphege Seasalter, in the second week of September.

I'm looking forward to helping further promote the wonderful buildings that St Alphege, Seasalter has so they are regularly supporting the local community, and beyond.

My varied career includes marketing, communications, content writing, and administration, so I believe that I have a background that will lend itself to showcasing the fantastic buildings, and supporting the people who use them.



Outside of this role, I am Mum to my two young daughters Willow (4.5yrs old) and Wren (2.5yrs old) and wife to Harry. We love getting the girls outside where we live in Faversham, and spending time with family.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know the St Alphege, Seasalter community.

Kind regards,

Rachel

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES

FOR YOUR DIARY!

27
SEPTEMBER
10:00 AM
 ONE HARVEST SERVICE
 FOLLOWED BY
 HARVEST LUNCH
 AT SCC
 AND THEN
 2.30 BAPTISMS FROM
 EAST QUAY BEACH

SEPTEMBER & NOVEMBER

29
NOVEMBER
10:00 AM
 ONE
 'COMMUNITY
 SUNDAY'
 SERVICE

Rosemary Simmonds has a lever arch file and several A4 ring binders looking for new homes. If you are interested please see Rosemary in church. Thank you.

BEACH PARTY 5 SEPTEMBER CANCELLED!!!

Clearly we attained all sea-side fulfilment through the Fish and Chips event recently - there's been no take-up for the Minnis Bay Beach Party planned for 5 September.

This is not a problem; there will be an opportunity to gather on the East Quay beach on the 27th September for the baptisms - for those that long for shingle and sea, we've got the church Harvest Lunch that day too, and Eve and Andy will be putting their energy into plans for a New Year's party at SCC which was an epic occasion last year.

Yay! and Pray
 This week we are ...

Celebrating:

- giving thanks for the journey we've made through the summer series on journeying with God. May God keep us close and give us all we need to follow Jesus.

Praying for:

- for all involved in education in any way, as children and young people go back after the summer break and for all who teach, support, care and lead.

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.

A Message from Carol

Please pray for Mick, Matt and the wider family of Kim Crooks. Kim died on 7 August at Kings Hospital. She was a good friend and colleague at All Saints Nursery School and we give thanks for all the lives she touched whilst she was working there.

May Kim Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Carol Judge

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

Funeral of Peter Clements (St Peter's Congregation)

Friday 4th September 2026 2pm at St Peter's Church, Whitstable with Committal afterwards at Herne Bay Crematorium.

Everyone would be welcome, family flowers only and donations to www.macularsociety.org

Please pray for his wife Diane, their son and family, and the St Peter's community as they mourn him.

Big Connection

Saturday 26 September 3 - 4.30 pm at SCC

If you are in a weekly Connect Group (our small weekly groups for faith, fellowship and support) or would like to be and want to learn more about the existing groups join us at SCC just for an hour and a half, for tea and cake and to come together and hear all about it. We'll begin with a little worship, hear from the groups, and then there will be a chance to chat to the leaders and members and find out more.

For more info, speak to Connect Supporters: Russell, Lynda, Annie or Paulette (our faces are on the slides every week on the screens!)



Helen Jones

For the next part of her ordination training, Helen Jones will be starting a placement with Stone Street Group, which is part of Wye Benefice.

From September until Christmas, Helen will serve in the Stone Street churches and will not be in church at Seasalter.

Helen will miss the church family at Seasalter very much, but will be back with us around Christmas.

Helen would deeply appreciate our prayers this time.

Heritage Open Day Saturday 12th September 2026

Join us at the **Old Church** from 9am to 5pm as we take part in the 2026 national Heritage Open Days.

Enjoy the special atmosphere of the Old Church and the churchyard.

Learn more about the history of our church and the current church family within this community, with a special focus this year on a congregation that met locally before the current Seasalter Christian Centre was built.



Find out about the many opportunities to take part in a wide range of events run by our church at St Alphege, Seasalter.

This Open Day also welcomes those taking part in the Kent Churches Trust **Ride and Stride** - a sponsored walk or bike ride between local churches which raises money that is shared between the participant's local church and the Kent Churches Trust.

Refreshments available throughout the day.

Child-friendly activities also available.

For full details and information about other venues open during the Heritage event please see

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/the-old-church-st-alphege-seasalter.html>

Please let Lynda Kemp know if you can be part of the welcome team on the day. lynda.kemp@stalphegeseasalter.org

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.

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. 31	Bank Holiday
Tues 1	4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
Wed 2	8.45am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH) 2.30 pm Holy Communion Service
Thu 3	10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
Fri 4	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 6	8.45 am Holy Communion service 10.30 am service for all ages with groups for YP & children

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.

Fruitful Conference 2026 - day conference

Riverside Church Whitstable on 12 September 2026.

Booking: www.fruitfulconference.com

"Fruitful organise day conferences which bring together 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.**"



Church Family Sea Baptisms



On the afternoon of Sunday 27 September at 2.30 pm (following the church Harvest Lunch at SCC) Andy Twyman will be being baptised in the sea off East Quay beach and Alex, Hilary, Brooke and Jim will be reaffirming their baptism promises in the sea that afternoon too. All are invited to attend and celebrate with them. 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.