

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Graeme Allott who has been in QEQM for 7 weeks; pray also for Janice as she makes the journey to visit him most days.
- 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.

During September we will be praying 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*

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.



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 6 September 2026

14th after Trinity

8.45 am Holy Communion service

10.30 am service for all ages with groups for

Readings: Genesis 1:26 & 2:15; Psalm 19: 1-6

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

ALL HANDS ON DECK! for Sunday 27 September...

Sunday 27th will be a wonderful day for our church community - our Harvest service, Harvest lunch and the Sea Baptisms happening all on the same day!

To make it work, we'll need to pull together. So, dear family of God, can we please:

- 1) **SIGN UP** to bring something towards the lunch on the list at the back of church over the next couple of weeks - this helps us plan the food/numbers.
- 2) **BRING THE FOOD PREPPED** and covered on a plate/dish wherever possible. PLEASE DON'T just bring it in the packaging for others to prepare/cut up - the kitchen team won't have time to do that.
- 3) **HELP CLEAR UP** after the lunch on the day - and take your dish home with you dirty if you can - this will lift the burden off the kitchen team to sort it all out, and help everyone who wants to get to the baptisms in time.
- 4) **COME ALONG to the Sea Baptisms** and support those who are affirming their faith in this way.

Thank you - it's going to be lovely! Paulette



The next **Soup and Story** (testimony of faith journey) after Open Door Coffee Morning is on 17th September. It would be lovely to see you there. And we would appreciate prayers for its success - thank you.

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



Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we are grateful for Rachel Dance starting her role as Facilities and Bookings Co-ordinator at SCC this week. We pray for her as she settles in and gets to know us.

Praying for:

- we pray for all going through times of change and transition at work, home, place of study or relationally. For them to know God as their anchor and peace.



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

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!)

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.

We'll gather on the East Quay Beach near Beach Hut 8. Nearest car parks are East Quay Car Park near the 2nd Whitstable Sea Scouts Hut, but Gorrell Tank and in front of the Hotel Continental are also nearby for parking. Accessible on tarmac/path until you reach the beach itself when you'll need to step over shingle/between the huts.

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.

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

We welcome Rachel!



Ladies' Meet Up

The next Ladies meet up is:



Wednesday 9 September 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.

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. 7	2.30 pm Singing or Fun 7 pm Flying Club
Tues 8	9.30 am - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group 4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
Wed 9	8.45am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH) 2.30 pm Holy Communion Service
Thu 10	10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
Fri 11	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 13	8.45 am Holy Communion service 10.30 am service for all ages with groups for YPs & 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.

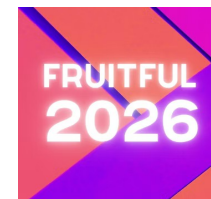
Booking form (by 13 September latest) available at the back of Church, or from the Vicar, Paulette.

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.**"



COME AND JOIN US FOR 'MISSION PRAISE'

Very few churches have a Sunday Evening service these days

However St. John's Church, Swalecliffe do have one at 6.30 pm on the second Sunday of every month, held in the Church Centre. Members of other churches or those with no church affiliation are invited to come along and join in.

Previously titled 'Village Praise' it will now be known as 'Mission Praise' with 'Songs of Praise' features.

The speaker on Sunday 13 September will be Phil Greig who works on the Isle of Sheppey for the national Christian charity 'Oasis'.

Do come and join us - refreshments afterwards.



If you are able to occasionally open up or lock up at SCC when we have events going on, would you please contact Andrew Crocombe.

With a few more people to help it will only be once in a while that you will be required.