

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Lenni (Oakley) suffering from fibromyalgia.
- Caroline (Wiles) - please pray for her diagnosis, treatment and also for healing.
- Tom (Crocombe) - please pray for effective treatment, healing and to get enough rest.
- Graeme (Allott) recovering at home. Please keep Janice in your prayers too.
- 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*



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 20 September 2026

16th after Trinity

8.45 am Holy Communion service

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

Readings: Leviticus 25:1-5 & 10-13 & Luke 4: 16-21

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2026

Our weekly Open Door Community Coffee Morning on Thursday 24th September will pass on all donations to Macmillan.

Drop in between 10am and 11.30am and join us for tea or coffee, cake (and a sausage roll or two) and help us to support those living with cancer.



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

29 NOVEMBER 10:00 AM

ONE 'COMMUNITY SUNDAY' SERVICE

Summer Magnets Collection

We hope you enjoyed the summer series!
If you missed a week over the summer and weren't able to collect the full set of summer magnets, don't worry. These will be available for you to collect this Sunday right after the service so you can complete your collection!



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.

Saying Goodbye Baby Loss Remembrance and Support Service

3rd October at 11am in Canterbury Cathedral

For anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

*Be still
and know that I am God
Psalms 46: 10*

Our Church Prayer

**Lord Jesus, We long for more
of you in our lives, to grow in
our love for you, for one
another and for our
community.**

**We offer you ourselves, just
as we are; keep our feet firm
on God our Rock when things
feel uncertain, keep us
faithful in prayer and service,
help us share your gift of love
and grace with others and
grow your church here, we
pray. Amen**



Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- as we give thanks for all God has made in this Creation season, we pray our prayerful focus will change and shape us and bear fruit in us.

Praying for:

- those who are lonely or anxious in church or the wider community and for our part in the possibility of connection.



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!)



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

Paulette's Sabbatical

Next year in 2027 I'll be taking a Sabbatical. Every 9 years or so, Church of England Priests are encouraged to take three months out from their usual work for rest, spiritual reflection and refreshment, and usually for a bit of study or special project.

It's hard for me to believe that I've been your vicar for that long, but it's true!

I'll be on Sabbatical from the middle of May to the end of August, getting up and running again in the last couple of weeks with the parish as I return to work.

One of the things I'll be doing during this time is a small research project into the experiences of other Church of England evangelical churches that have made a similar journey to ours regarding inclusion. I'd like to find out what they've learned along the way, and what they've noticed God teaching them and doing in and through them in the process. I think this information will be useful for our church, and for other churches feeling led to do the same.

Sabbaticals help priests reflect on their ministry, deepen in their own faith, and grow – in other words, it should make me a better vicar!

I'll be planning with the Churchwardens, the Church Council (DCC) and the Ministry Leadership Team to make sure everything is covered. Pretty much everything will run as it usually does – because we are the sort of church where a lot of people share in the ministry. The Team Ministry clergy will help with any additional support that is needed.

If you've got any questions about it, please do ask me. I already know I'm going to miss you all a lot, but from what I've been told, it will fly by. And I suspect it will be good for all of us. Love Paulette

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.

Church Family Sea Baptisms



On the afternoon of Sunday 27 September at 2.30 pm (following the church Harvest Lunch at SCC) Andy Twyman and Jess Topping will be being baptised in the sea off East Quay beach and 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 them 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.



Here are some links which you might find useful: [WWF Footprint Calculator](#)

Reminder: LOAF stands for Local, Organic, Animal-friendly and Fairtrade when applied to buying food. Refill Faversham offers those in ME13 (orders over £20) and CT5 (orders over £30) free delivery - add 'STALPHEGE' in the 'enter a promo code' and the church gets a small percentage back - [Home | Refill Faversham](#)

A green energy tariff is one where your supplier matches some or all of the electricity or gas you use with renewable or low-carbon generation - switching is not as bad as it sounds! Energy plus list the green tariffs available [Green Energy Tariffs UK 2026 | Best Renewable Electricity & Gas Deals](#)

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 21	10 am Woodcarving Group 7 pm Flying Club
Tues 22	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 23	8.45am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH) 2.30 pm Holy Communion Service
Thu 24	10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning, raising funds for Macmillan (see separate notice)
Fri 25	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
Sat 26	3pm Big Connection - find out about our Weekly Groups (see separate notice)
Sun 27	8 am Prayer Meeting 10 am service for all ages with groups for YPs & children followed by a bring and share lunch, then the Baptisms in the sea at 2.30 (see separate notices)

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

Inclusive Church Database - helping people find us



Following discussions in the Church Council, St Alphege Seasalter will soon be joining the Inclusive Church register - it's the go-to place online for people to search for an inclusive church in their area that does not discriminate on the grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

We consider ourselves as a church to be committed to, and on the journey of inclusion - it's something that will never be finished because it's a messy business, we are human beings, and there are always things to improve. We already put these ideals across in our church Welcome Statement, but you have to have discovered us already to be able to read that - and the register will help people find us more easily.

We'll also put the Inclusive Church logo on our website and Welcome literature so people locally are made aware too. If you'd like to know more, talk to Paulette the Vicar, or have a look at the Inclusive Church website: www.inclusive-church.org.

Personal information - the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The GDPR sets out how organisations must act when dealing with the personal data of individuals. Personal data includes such information as name, address, telephone number, financial information, health records etc etc.

The church holds information/data about all its members, and we are committed to handling it legally, responsibly and carefully. For most members the church holds name, address, telephone number and email address and does not hold more sensitive information about bank accounts or health. Members will appreciate that these days information is held not only in paper files, but also on computers and phones. Most information is held under the legal basis of *legitimate interest*, i.e. the church has a legitimate interest in holding the data, and virtually all the data has been freely provided by the members themselves.

If you have any questions about your data, what is held and how it is held please look at the Privacy Notice on the church website or talk to Russell Wyles on 07526 978 080.