

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Lucy Stubbings - for healing and strength for upcoming surgery.
- Praying for Brian and Jan and the wider family on the sudden and tragic loss of their son David.
- Lisa Barnett and family on the loss of her dad Paul.
- 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 October we will be praying for those living in Sceptre Way, April Rise and Sandpiper Road.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Derek (Becca's Dad).
- Steve, a member of the Old Church congregation, prayers please for his upcoming oncologist's appointment on 5 October.
- Jo (Amanda Humphrey's sister) had her stem cell transplant in July. Although she had some complications, she was discharged from hospital four weeks' later and is slowly getting stronger. Prayers please that the transplant is successful and that she will go into a good long remission.
- 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).

*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 11 October 2026

19th after Trinity

8.45 am HC Service at SCC

10.30 am service with groups for Children and YPs

Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

New Preaching Series

This autumn, preachers will be using Donald Lugg's booklet: "Yoked to Jesus" as our source book. Copies of the booklet will be available on the information table. No charge but you can make a donation. You may wish to read the relevant chapter before or after hearing the sermon. The series will cover the first seven chapters. Series runs from October 11 to December 6 (excluding Nov 8 & 29).

Tariq Hussain



Church of England Online Service Sunday 11 October

If all goes to plan with the editing, St. Alphege Seasalter will be 'hosting' the Church of England weekly national online service for Sunday 11 October. This is a pre-recorded service, compiled from different filmed segments that were recorded over late summer - so it's kind of been going on in the background! Grateful thanks to all who participated. I'll circulate the link once we have it, but it should be viewable on the Church of England videos page on

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheChurchofEngland/videos>
Love Paulette

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

St Andrew's 'Futures'

The PCC of the Whitstable Team Ministry are inviting applicants to serve for one year on a small (10 member) St Andrews 'Futures' Sub- committee which will consult on and propose options for the future of the building and land of St Andrews Church, Grimshill Road in Whitstable.

Joining local residential and council representatives, we are particularly seeking applications with skills and experience in the following areas: Chairing of committees, buildings and planning processes, finance. For more information and terms of reference please contact Rachel Webbley: vicar@stalphege.org.uk

A Time to Remember

Our Time to Remember Service will take place on **Sunday 1st November at 3pm** with refreshments available after the service. If you would like to attend, please let Rachel in the office know together with the number of people attending with you. If you are able, please collect a purple tag from the office before the day of the service, write the name of your loved one or a message on it and bring it with you to the service. During the service the tags will be hung on our Tree of Remembrance which will remain in the Auditorium throughout Advent.



If you would like the name of someone read out during the service, please let Ali Fuller or Rachel in the office know before Friday 30th October - alifuller@talktalk.net / office@stalphegeseasalter.org A new list is compiled each year so please do not assume that names from

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for the All-In team and those who attend, as they plan towards their next session for families with children who struggle to access mainstream church because of neurodiversity or disability.

Praying:

- for all who encounter and have to daily navigate barriers to things others find straightforward to access because of disability. May we continuously improve what we do as a church community to help overcome these issues in our buildings and practices.



Time to Remember Service - Sunday 1st November 3pm

We will be offering refreshments in the form of tea, coffee and cake after the Time to Remember Service to all who attend. Would you be able to make a cake or help out in the kitchen?

Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you can help in either of these ways. Thank you.



BSL

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE SESSIONS



Learn a communication skill with Janet
 at
Seasalter Christian Centre

	12 weeks beginner's sessions
	Monday evenings 7pm - 9pm
	Commencing Monday 19 th October 2026
	£2.00 per person per session

For more information or to sign up please contact
Gilly Gurr: 07956679309

Tea & Coffee Included

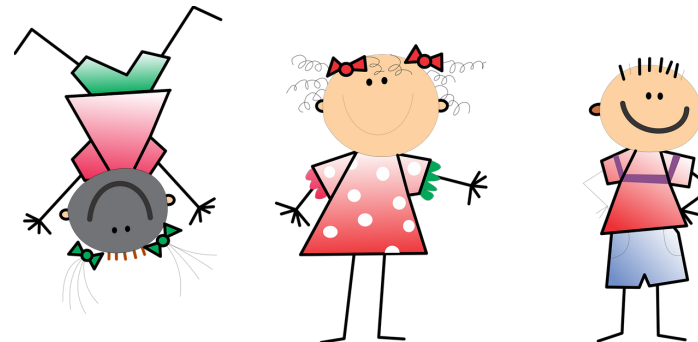
Safeguarding is the name for the way all of us help to keep each other safe and supported at St Alphege Seasalter, especially those who might be particularly vulnerable to harm - children and vulnerable adults.

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.

Children and Families at St Alphege Seasalter

We want to be a place of welcome and belonging for everyone. We also know it can be challenging bringing young children to church. Here are some things we want you to know:

- 1) God made children wriggly, giggly, fast and noisy, quiet and shy. It's normal for them to want to explore their environment. We want to celebrate children as the unique little humans they are.
- 2) Parents/guardians - you are doing a great job. It's not easy - and we want to support you. We are thankful to God for you and your family.
- 3) We know that children who feel welcome and able to be themselves here will learn about God's love for them, and how to join in with worship as they grow.
- 4) We are working on some practical changes and resources that will help younger ones to feel settled and happy. Different children like different things. Please tell us what will work best for you and your family - especially if there's neurodiversity in the mix.
- 5) Some of us older ones grew up being told we had to behave like mini adults in church - to sit still, be seen and not heard. It's hard to unlearn some of that! Some of us aren't steady on our feet and are worried about being knocked into, or find it really hard to hear when it's noisy - BUT - we are still very glad you are here.
- 6) We'll get it wrong sometimes. But we'll keep working at it together, because it is a gift to be a church community of people at all ages and stages of life and everyone is important.



WE ARE RECRUITING!

Children and Families Worker – St Alphege Seasalter

Part-time | 15 hrs/week | Fixed term 1+1 years | £14.56 ph

In this vibrant Church of England parish in Seasalter, Kent, we run a weekly toddler group (Little Salties), a term-time group for children with additional needs and their families (All-In), and Sunday children's groups — all led by a dedicated team of volunteers. We are looking for an enthusiastic, warm-hearted Children and Families Worker to bring oversight, support the teams and to help these activities flourish and grow.

You will coordinate our children's and families work (ages birth to Year 6), and be a visible, welcoming presence both inside the church and out in the community. You will build relationships with parents and carers, connect with local schools and community groups, and use social media to communicate and invite. You will help plan seasonal events and all-age services, working closely with church members, leadership and the Youth Minister. Safeguarding, good record-keeping, and regular liaison with the Team Vicar are central to the role.

For a full job description and application pack, please contact: paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org

Closing date: Monday 19 October, Interviews: Saturday 31 October.



Autumn Quiz

Saturday, 17th October 7.30 pm

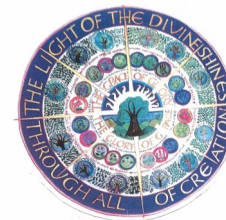
Seasalter Christian Centre

£6 per person

Please feel free to bring your own food and drink
Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated

To book a full table of 8 people
(or individuals are welcome)
please contact

Gordon Williams 01227 275179 or
David Kemp (kemps@btinternet.com)
01227 272470



THE BLESSING OF LIGHT +TAIZE' CHANT

Wed. 14 Oct. 6.30-7pm
St. Peter's Church CT5 1HN
Led by Rev. Dr. Julie Hopkins

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.

Date: Sunday 11 October
Speaker: Becca Newlyn
Topic: My Journey with Jesus

Do come and join us to sing, pray and listen.
Refreshments afterwards.

Ladies' Meet Up

The next Ladies meet up is:



Tuesday 13th October 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 12** 10 am Woodcarving Group
1.20 pm Forge Craft Group
- Tues 13** 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 14** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881
Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion Service
- Thu 15** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning,
- Fri 16** 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
- Sun 18** 8 am Prayer Meeting
8.45 am Holy Communion Service
10.30 am Service with groups for Children and YPs



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.

Saturday 21 November Christmas Fayre 11.30 am to 3 pm - tell your friends too!



Thank you!

If you are interested in being involved in any way including setting up beforehand and clearing up afterwards, please contact:

Rosalind Drewitt at
rosbeth50@outlook.com
Karen Esland at
keskmt@outlook.com
Paula Dean at
(deaneves@msn.com) or
Lynda Kemp at
(lynda.kemp@stalphegeseasalter.org)

Christmas Fayre Saturday 21 November

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

We would welcome:

- Hand-crafted items and new or as-new unwanted gifts
- Children's books and toys (must be in excellent condition)
- Bottles for tombola
- Cakes, Bakes and Preserves - please bring donations of these to church on the morning of Thursday 19 November or on Friday 20 November with a full list of ingredients attached.

Please bring your non-perishable donations between 1 November and 15 November.



**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**



WANTED! FareShare Organiser for SCC

Fareshare (FareShare - Getting Food) is a project that aims to minimise food waste and redistribute food that would normally be discarded. At SCC we have supported this for a number of years but we are looking for someone new to take over the running of the scheme. We already have in place a group of volunteers that collect the donations and another group that distributes them, so the organising role involves:

- 1 – organise rotas so that people can collect/distribute on days agreed (WhatsApp group), advertise for volunteers, keep volunteers updates.
- 2 – liaise (when needed) with area co-ordinator for CoE churches.
- 3 – ensure local policy is updated/ distributed /communicated as needed to meet food hygiene standards.

The commitment is only a couple of hours a month and Ann Price is happy to discuss the role and share information needed. Could you help?

Contact Ann: ann.price@stalphegeseasalter.org



<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/bins-and-waste/bu...>



Confused about what goes into which bin? Use the QR code to link to Canterbury council list of yes/no and where items go.

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/bins-and-waste/why-you-should-recycle-your-waste>

People's Emergency Briefing

People's emergency briefing is a film about the issues of climate change. It is highly recommended from eco team and the next local showing is on Sunday 15th November at 2pm at Horsebridge Centre. Please use the link to book your place <https://thehorsebridge.org.uk/films-theatre/peoples-emergency-briefing?occurrenceID=231988> or use the QR code

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Gather Round 2027 - PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY!

This is the Church Weekend we are holding again (2 years on from our first one), at SCC.

All Day Saturday 24th and the morning of Sunday 25 April 2027. Wonderful worship, inspiring guest speaker, special sessions for Children and Young People, good food and good things to do together. More info to follow very soon.

