

The World Day of Prayer is Friday 1st March

This year there will be a service to mark this at 12 noon at All Saints church hall (Church Street, Whitstable CT5 1PG).

The liturgy has been prepared by three Christian women from the Palestinian territories in the West Bank and there will be a special focus on this part of the world as part of the service.

All welcome.

Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 25 February 2024 Lent 2

Reading: Luke 23:26-43

Please take this notice sheet home with you



Birthdays

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

It has been a tradition in the past, and in particular at the 10.30 service, to acknowledge and celebrate church family members' birthdays. We know that this is a bit like marmite, you either like it or you don't, and we are aware that some people have stayed away from church their birthday week in case someone says something.

We more or less stopped celebrating birthdays after the pandemic, but recently we have received a number of requests for birthdays to be acknowledged. As a church family we want to celebrate with each other, but at the same time we do not want to upset anyone or make them stay away for fear that their birthday may be mentioned. We have therefore decided that, if you would like your birthday or that of someone **CLOSE** to you, i.e. spouse/partner/child/parent/friend to be acknowledged, please speak to the churchwardens before the start of the service. **Please do not ask for a birthday to be mentioned for someone who will not appreciate it or without their permission.** Please bear in mind that if you ask for someone else's birthday to be mentioned, we will check with you that you have their permission.

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THE ST ALPHEGE
fundraising
Race

12.4km RUN or CYCLE
SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 11.30am
Registration from 11am at St Alphege Church
WHITSTABLE - CRAB & WINKLE - CANTERBURY

ENTRY & FUNDRAISING
stalphege.org.uk/fundraising/st-alphege-race-2024
Recommended £15 donation per participant.
Contact: Lorna Payne, Race Director, lornawarden@stalphege.org.uk

Family fun, raising funds!

Important Notice about changes to our CLA Church Licence - please read

There have been some changes to our CLA Church Licence which covers us for things such as photocopying, use of songs for worship, videos and music. The terms of our licence require us to periodically submit a report detailing our usage on various things such as the hymns and songs that we use for worship and how often they are used. We are now also required to report details of when we take photocopies from any non-music publication and what genres of music we use.

We already have a system in place to record information about hymns and songs that are used during worship. To assist us record the information that we require for photocopying and different music genres, please can you help us in the following ways:

Photocopying

If you make any photocopies from a non-music publication, please enter the details that are required into the blue and purple exercise book that is next to the photocopier at the time that you do the photocopying.

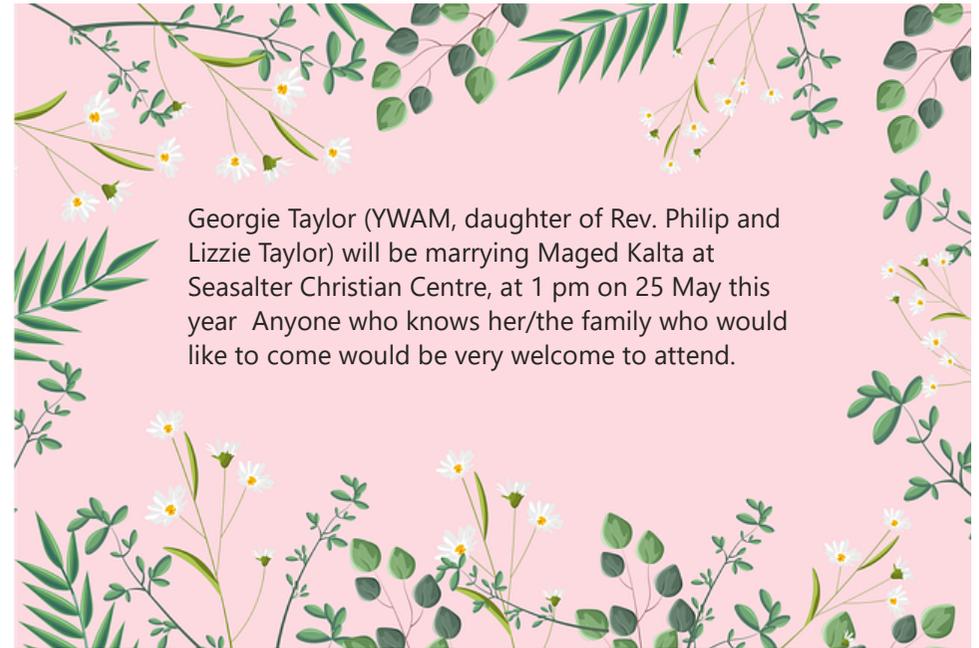
Use of Music

Please email Tom Crocombe with the date and details of the genre of music that you use in any church related activity. Please do this either before or immediately after use. Tom's email is tom.crocombe@stalphegeseasalter.org

We know that sometimes these requirements are a bit inconvenient, but it is very important that we abide by the conditions of our licence as the consequences can be a potentially heavy fine or our licence being revoked, neither of which we can afford or allow to happen.

Thank you for your help.

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Oyster Singers

Spring Concert

Saturday 23 March 2024 at 3 pm

St. Alphege Church, Whitstable High Street

Tickets £10 (£5 for children)
available on the day at the church
or beforehand from members of the choir or online at

This year the choir's chosen charity is Revival

St John's Methodist Church, Argyle Road
Whitstable CT5 1JS



invites you to

**Psalms, Hymns
& Songs**

**An Evening
with
Roger Jones**



Musician, composer of over 20 Christian musicals

**Friday 8th March
7.30pm**

No charge but donations will be welcome



For more information contact Angela ang.pom@btinternet.com



OPEN DOOR

Community Hub

**EVERY THURSDAY
10-11.30 AM (DROP IN)**

Church Notices

Please note that the deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday. Paula

Email: notices@stalphegeseasalter.org

Upcoming Services and Key Church Events

Please read the fuller notices for groups and other activities.

Wednesday 28 February

2.30 pm Midweek Holy Communion at SCC

Sunday 3 March

8.45 Holy Communion Service at SCC

10.30 All Age service, with Holy Communion and Groups for Children and Young People

11.15 Traditional Holy Communion (BCP) at the Old Church

6.30 pm SCC RUNWAY

Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

Celebrating:

- We give thanks for the fellowship and friendship we have been truly blessed with in David and Jeannie Harwood; as they prepare for their move to Leicester, we ask for God's blessing on them in their new home and new friendships. We'll miss you very much!
- We give thanks for Lynda and her many hours of work to do with the Old Church and Churchyard, supporting the Churchwardens and Paulette with funerals, burials, administration and the condition of the churchyard and overseeing the completion of the refurbishment project. We pray for that work and for every person from the community and church we serve through occasional offices and by keeping the churchyard in good order for their loved ones.

Praying for:

- We pray for the DCC meeting 5 March as we agree the details of how we will address the deficit and meet our costs. Giving thanks for all in the church and beyond who have responded with great imagination, energy and with generosity of all kinds to the 'all hands on deck' presentation about our financial situation, we pray for wisdom and for us to hear God speaking as we plan forward.
- There are a large number of people in our congregation suffering in body, mind and spirit at the moment, with several people awaiting major surgery or treatment. Please pray for healing, wellbeing and protection.



Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Donald, for a complete recovery from the operation on 21 February.
- Gill (Campbell) has started on a new drug as well as a cardioversion on her heart.
- Margaret (Tyce-Butcher) who has a serious knee injury and is in a lot of pain.
- Marcea Evans, having an operation on 29 February for the removal of a cancerous growth on her face.
- We continue to pray for Lee, for strength and recovery as he battles severe anxiety and depression and for Trudy, his wife, as she supports him.
- Ann (Shuttle's) sister, Joan, whose health is deteriorating.

During February we will be praying for those living in George's Avenue, Hazlemere Road and Corylus Drive.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Baby Joshua for continued recovery.
- Janice and Graeme Allott.
- Susan, Margaret Tyce-Butcher's daughter-in-law, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Dave (Remon), suffering from Parkinson's.
- Frances Crocker.
- Stella (Masters) for a full recovery following an operation.
- Ted North, recovering from a 3rd dislocation of his hip, please pray for healing and strength and for a long term solution
- Graham Goldstraw, for his health to continue to improve.
- Brian Evans, whose condition continues to deteriorate and for Jane and their family.
- Ruth, (Bob Simmons daughter).

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- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Audrey, Bob, Denise, Dennis, Emma, Katherine, Katy, Lise, Pat Wade and Rosalind.

*If you would like someone to be added to the prayer needs,
Please contact: Carol Judge 277752
or David & Lynda Kemp 272470*

Thank You

Pat (Wade) would like to thank everybody for their prayers, love, kindness and support both during Peter's illness and his passing on. Also for their messages and cards of sympathy during this difficult time.

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.



Spring Quiz

Saturday, March 16th
Seasalter Christian Centre
7.30 p.m.
£10.00 per person including
FISH AND CHIPS
Please feel free to bring your own drinks and glasses

**To book a table or just yourself please contact
Gordon Williams, 275179
David Kemp, 272470**