

## Prayer at the Heart



*Please pray for:*

### **Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks**

- Donald, for a complete recovery from his recent operation.
- Gill (Campbell) has started on a new drug as well as a cardioversion on her heart.
- Marcea Evans, for complete recovery following an operation.
- 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 April we will be praying for those living in The Grange, Chanctonbury Chase and St. Margaret's Close..

### **Long term needs - up to 3 months**

- Janice and Graeme Allott.
- Dave (Remon), suffering from Parkinson's.
- Frances Crocker.
- Ted North, awaiting an operation following a hip dislocation.
- 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).
- 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, Rosalind and Stella (Masters).

*If you would like someone to be added to the prayer needs,*

*Please contact: Carol Judge 277752*

*or David & Lynda Kemp 272470*

### **Message from Phil**

Dear all

I would like to thank you all for the valuable and encouraging prayers that you sent up for me following my recent health problem. I have been discharged from hospital so hopefully normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

God bless you everyone  
Phil Farnham



## Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

**Sunday 7 April 2024**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**Readings: Psalm 133 & Acts 4: 32-35**

### **ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING**

The church's Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 15th April at 7.30pm at SCC. *Please note that this is an in-person only meeting and there will not be a Zoom link as in previous years.* Please do try and attend this important meeting where we shall give thanks to the Lord for all that has happened over the last extraordinary year and a bit and also think and pray about the people we need to represent us on various bodies.

One of the important tasks of the Annual Meeting is to elect those who will guide or represent the church over the next year. This year we need to elect to the Deanery Synod one representative. There are the usual three vacancies for our District Church Council (DCC) and two places on the Team Council (PCC) - if you are a member of the Deanery Synod or PCC you are automatically a member of the DCC too. We also elect the two Churchwardens and two Deputy Wardens.

If you would like to serve in any of these ways or know of someone who would be suitable for one of these roles (please talk to the person before nominating them!) please complete a nomination form available from the Churchwardens or the office. If you would like any further information about any of the roles or the Annual Meeting, please speak to Paulette, Andrew or Ali. Copies of the Annual Report Booklet are available now..

### **Reminder**

**Singing for Fun and Wellbeing,  
Monday 8 April at 2.30 pm at SCC**

## Confirmation? Baptism?

Are you growing in your faith and connection with God? Would you like to recognise that in a special way?

### Confirmation

On 6 June, 7 pm at St Mary's Reculver, a number of people from the churches in our Deanery will be Confirmed. Confirmation is an opportunity for people who were baptised/Christened as a young child or baby to affirm for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf by parents and godparents. It can be a significant step on the journey of faith. At this special service, the bishop lays hands on your head and asks God's Holy Spirit to strengthen you as you commit to live God's way. ***If you are interested in being confirmed please talk to Claude or Paulette as soon as possible.***

### Baptism

Being baptised is an important step on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ. It's a wonderful experience and there's no age limit. At Seasalter, you can choose to be baptised with poured or sprinkled water from a bowl or font, or even have your baptism in the sea! If you were baptised as a child or in a different Christian tradition, or if you would just like to recommit your life and faith journey.

### Seasalter Values

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| All involved                     | Everyone playing their part        |
| Bearing witness                  | Telling the Christian story        |
| Creating community               | Loving and belonging               |
| Deepening discipleship           | Following Jesus, becoming like him |
| Encountering God                 | Experiencing his presence          |
| Finding friendship: fun and food | Laughing and sharing               |
| Giving generously                | Giving with gladness               |



St Alphege, Seasalter ~ making disciples of Christ, growing the church of God



## 2nd August - 7th August 2024

This Summer we will be taking some of our young people away to a summer event called SATELLITES!

It is a five - day gathering designed to inspire teenagers to live with God at the centre of their lives for the other 360 days of the year! This specific trip is open to any young person who is currently in Year 8 - Year 13!

We would love for all our young people to go and so if you have anyone who would like to come please speak to Hannah as there is a deadline in securing tickets. We are so in need of a Male volunteer to be part of the support team for the trip. If this is something that you could consider offering to do then again please speak to Hannah.

### Church Notices

Please note that the deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday.  
Paula Email: [notices@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:notices@stalphegeseasalter.org)

## BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON

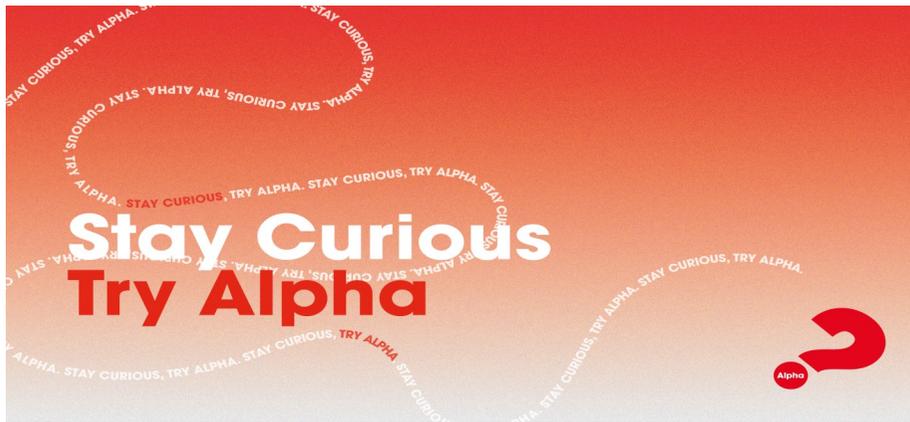
with tea & cake!

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 3.30 - 5.30pm

Friday Connect Group invite you to join them for an afternoon of fun and games - Uno, Scrabble, Cluedo, Monopoly etc or bring your favourite!

ALL WELCOME





Join a series of group discussions that freely explore the basics of Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session there will be a light snack, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith—then have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like or nothing at all.

Everyone's welcome. You're invited no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

**Starting here at St. Alphege Seasalter Sunday May 5th, 12, 19th 26th, June 2nd, 9th and 16th 4 - 5:30pm.**

For more information contact Reverend Claude 01227 657877 or email [claudette.gayle@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:claudette.gayle@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.

## Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

### *Celebrating:*

- We give thanks for Jack Greenhalf's ministry as Curate in the Whitstable Team and pray for him and his family as they relocate to the Romney Marsh Benefice where Jack will take up his next post.
- We give thanks for the Easter events and Lego Club and all who have attended and pray for the 'All In' sensory Bible/craft/construction play session on 11 April for children with additional needs.

### *Praying for:*

- We pray for those who badly need a rest - for carers, leaders, parents, those who serve, those with jobs that deplete them. Lord, help us keep our own rhythm of rest and re-creation.
- Praying for those who support their working family by looking after their grandchildren - for joy, flourishing relationships and for energy and stamina.



## Upcoming Services and Key Church Events

Please read the fuller notices for groups and other activities.

### Wednesday 10 April

2.30 pm Midweek Holy Communion at SCC

### Sunday 14 April

8.45 Holy Communion Service at SCC

10.30 All-Age service with groups for children and young people



**11th April  
2.30pm to 4pm**

**Sensory session for children with additional needs  
Bible story with craft zone & construction zone.**

**Booking Essential  
lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org**

St Alphege Seasalter

## Message from Donald

What a lovely Church Family you are. It was great to be back with many of you last Sunday and to receive such a warm welcome.

The purpose of this message however is first and foremost to thank you for all your prayers, which undoubtedly have resulted in my not only coming through my recent operation but also the rapid healing which has followed it. Thanks too for the few of you who made the journey either to Margate or Deal Hospitals to visit me over the three weeks. Not only is that greatly appreciated but so are the meals many of you have prepared, cooked and delivered to me and the visits from visitors with cakes, sweets, biscuits since I returned home. No wonder I look so healthy as many of you have pointed out. I shall be keeping to read over and over again the cards and letters I have received wishing me well. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

May the Lord Jesus Christ always bless you in your time of need as He has blessed me in mine.

Donald

I am looking to run a basic Alpha course, that would suit people exploring faith, those new to faith and those with a faith and Jesus, but seeking to equip themselves with sound teachings from the Bible.

I need a group of volunteers to support this and be there to head up and guide table discussions that will take place.

I am planning to run Alpha on Sundays from 4pm—5:30pm.

Training will be given. If this is something you have done before or would like to do, please contact me.

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claudette.gayle@stalphegeseasalter.org.



## Christian Aid Spring Quiz

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Spring Christian Aid Quiz on 16 March which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by everybody, including the fish and chips!

Also, many thanks for your generosity, raising a much needed £816 for Christian Aid.

Gordon Williams



**OPEN DOOR**  
Community Hub

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

## Money

Managing your money doesn't have to be a pain. Learn the skills to make it simple at The Harbour Church Whitstable. Best bit? It's totally free.

Next course is on Wednesdays 10.30am to 12 midday

17 & 24 April + 1 and 8 May 2024

You will need to attend all four days in order to complete the course.

Give Joyce a call to find out more.

Book your free place, contact: 07599 281586

capuk.org/trymoneycoaching

