

# Can you help?

This Easter we uncovering a mystery!

We are putting on a new event for our community that is focused around the easter story that is immersive & interactive for all ages! Nevertheless we would love some help with getting ready for this event and are in need of the following: -



Gazeboos, plants, materials, people who are good with a pair of scissors, people who are good at setting things up, people who like a challenge, people who are good at sharing news, people who can offer a helping hand.

You name it there is a job for everyone!

If you can help out in any way please do speak to Hannah directly or get in touch with her via email on

[hannah.rogers@stalphegesesalter.org](mailto:hannah.rogers@stalphegesesalter.org)

## Upcoming Services and Key Church Events

Please read the fuller notices for groups and other activities.

Wednesday 6 March

2.30 pm Midweek Holy Communion at SCC

Sunday 10 March

8.45 Holy Communion Service at SCC

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



## Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 3 March 2024 Lent 3

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18 to 2:5

*Please take this notice sheet home with you*

### 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@stalphegesesalter.org](mailto:tom.crocombe@stalphegesesalter.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.

Paulette, Andrew and Ali

## Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

*Celebrating:*



- Families bringing children to baptism, that they might find connection with the church and discover Jesus' love for themselves.
- Giving thanks for a lovely social time last week for the women and for the on-going men's gatherings. Praying this Lent for the love and compassion of Christ to be at the centre of all our relationships.



*Praying for:*

- We pray for the Runway service and the team who lead it, for all the new connections that have been made and for the weekly Connect Group.
- We pray for Dan, Natalie, Jonah and Ezra as Dan enters the final phase of his training and for the right Curacy placement for them..



## First Holy Communion

We are happy for all who know and love the Lord Jesus to come to His table for Holy Communion and some do from a young age - especially when this has been their experience in other churches. We will honour the parent's decision about that.

But we know that for some families, making a formal 'first communion' is an important step in the faith journey. If your children are at an age where you think they are ready and you would like to talk about this then speak to Paulette and we can arrange some preparation that builds towards receiving first communion on Easter Day.

## Birthdays

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.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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.

Paulette, Andrew and Ali

### Church Notices

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

### Reminder

Singing for Fun and Wellbeing  
Monday 4 March, 2.30 pm  
  
All Welcome.

Canterbury Music Makers  
 & citizens advice Canterbury District

**SPRING CONCERT**  
*Nostalgia*

Memories from yesteryear - works by Coates, Sullivan, Richard Rodgers, Grainger, Elgar  
 & featuring soloists  
 Alan Moore: Bassoon - Emily Higgs: Tuba

Conductor: Steve Wassell  
 Leader: Lucy Macgregor

**St John's Methodist Church**  
 Argyle Rd, Whitstable CT5 1JS  
**Saturday 23rd March 2024: 7.30pm**

Tickets: £12.00  
 Available from Simone Field: 01227 364725  
 distman@canterburycab.cabnet.org.uk  
 or from Canterbury Music Makers Orchestra  
 or at the door (cash or cheque)  
 Interval refreshments (non alcoholic)

All Proceeds in aid of  
 citizens advice Canterbury District

## Whitstable 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  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitstable-oyster-singers>

This year the choir's chosen charity is Revival

## ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and indicates that you would like to be formally seen as a member of this church. Every year the Electoral Roll has to be revised by adding or deleting names as necessary. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please complete an application form available today and subsequently from Elaine Oakley - Electoral Roll Officer, or a Churchwarden. Completed forms MUST be received by **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to do anything .**

**UNCOVER THE EASTER MYSTERY**

7 Stops, 1 Amazing Story - An interactive and immersive 'walk through' event for all ages followed by refreshments.

**Monday 1st April**  
**11am - 4pm**  
 At Seasalter Christian Centre  
 Booking is essential to be a part of this epic exploration!

Head to church suite to book in!

## 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.

# 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.
- Margaret (Tyce-Butcher) who has a serious knee injury and is in a lot of pain.
- Marcea Evans, for complete recovery from an operation 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 March we will be praying for those living in Eden Road, MacDonald Parade and Cordingham Close.

## 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.

## Dorothy (Vener)

Dorothy's funeral will be held at the Old Church on March 14 at 2pm, then at Herne By Crematorium. If you're able, wear something blue please.

## Are you in Year 8 - Year 13?

Check your diary NOW and pencil in dates 2 August to 7 August and keep checking these notices for information about an exciting summer event called

## SATELLITES



## Spring Quiz

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
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