

Prayer at the Heart

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks



Please pray for:

Stella and her family following the death from cancer of her nephew Justin. Jane (Sheila Pearse's daughter-in- law) very ill in hospital. Carol Holgate, Beryl Davies and her daughter Karen - prayers for recovery from shock following a car accident. Sheila (Pearse) now suffering with painful shingles. Continued prayers for Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) as she undergoes chemotherapy. Patricia Page, following an operation for a broken hip. Melissa Clackett, undergoing tests, and for her baby Isaac for his ongoing conditions. Dorothy Vener. Bob Simmons. Debbie (Frances Crocker's daughter), having chemotherapy until the end of the year; unfortunately it is causing her to feel very unwell. Ann Harley, having episodes of problems with her heart. Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. Pat Wade suffering with painful shingles.

During October we will be praying for those living in Shamrock Avenue, Dorset Close and Somerset Close.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Ray Clarke. Joan Moss. Isaac Clackett. Dennis Spinner, please pray for him to get strong and stay free from illness. Lise Jennings, for relief from pain.

Prayer Needs

Please contact: Carol Judge 277752; or David and Lynda Kemp 272470

We also have a Prayer Requests page on Facebook, please let us know if you would like your prayer needs to be posted there.

Thank you

Ann Shuttle would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Chris, her son-in-law, he's doing well at the moment.

Gill and Vince would like to thank you for your prayers, Gill finished the antibiotics last Monday and they feel hopeful that the infection has been kept at bay.



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

11 October 2020
18th after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 22:1-14



The Living Well
St Lukestide Annual Service of Healing and Blessing
at Canterbury Cathedral
on Sunday 18 October at 7.30 pm in the nave
Do join us!

It will also be live streamed and you can access this through the Cathedral website on the evening if you are not able to come. The service will offer corporate prayer for the healing of the nations, for our loved ones and for ourselves, and our Patron and Bishop of Dover Rose Hudson-Wilkin will be our speaker.

You will need to book a ticket online to attend using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/service-of-healing-and-wholeness-st-lukestide-tickets-123020637037>.

If you are unable to do this, please contact Annelise Matharu, Administrator of The Living Well and she will book it for you. Places are limited, so please book as soon as you are able to. Please note that there is no parking allowed on the Precincts and entrance will be via Christchurch Gate only.

The Living Well – Canterbury Diocesan Centre for Healing and Wholeness
The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Nonington, Kent CT15 4JT
Tel: 01304 842847
Email: contact@the-living-well.org.uk
Web: www.the-living-well.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 1123791

How to Book to Attend a Sunday Service at St Alphege Seasalter

- 1) You will need to contact Becky Whittaker in the Christian Centre on 01227 276923 between 9 -11 am Monday to Friday, or via email: seasalterchristiancentre@yahoo.co.uk to book your place.
- 2) You may only book a place (or places, if booking on behalf of others) for that week. **Bookings may be made from Monday up to 11 am on Friday of the week in which the Sunday service falls.** Emails or phone calls received after this time will be too late. A new booking must be made for attending a service the following week, it will not be possible to book ahead.
- 3) When you book, please supply your full name and a contact number, and the names of any others you are also booking for who will be coming with you.
- 4) Your booking will be confirmed once you have had verbal or email confirmation from Becky.
- 5) Becky will keep a secure list of the bookings, names and contact numbers. When you arrive at SCC for the service, someone will tick your name off against that list for Track and Trace purposes.



building Faith

Changing Life one block at a time
430-510pm Tuesdays
Starting from 6th October
Primary school age
Contact lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org

St Alphege Seasalter

Update on Dennis Spinner

Hi everyone, thanks for your thoughts and prayers for Dennis. Yesterday's appointment went well. His last appointment was in January and plans were being put in place for surgery in the summer, but then all electives were cancelled due to Covid.

Yesterday Dennis' scan showed that the pulmonary hypertension that he was diagnosed as having when he was a year old (he is now almost 5) has now gone, his main vein leading to his heart is back to normal size and no longer swollen (and therefore at risk of collapsing).

One side of his heart is still larger than the other but this is due to the excess amount of blood flowing around his heart because of the two holes still open in his heart. The consultant felt that in comparison to Dennis' heart scan 9 months ago that one of the holes has actually started to close naturally on its own which is amazing. However it is not closing quickly enough and due to one side of his heart still being more swollen they want to go ahead with the plan to surgically close both of the holes in Dennis heart.

He will go for tests under general anaesthetic before the end of October and then before Christmas he will have the surgery. Facing surgery and two general anaesthetics with Dennis' underlying medical complexities, the approach of winter, flu season and Covid-19 is an anxious time, but the bigger picture is that the heart being rectified will help to strengthen Dennis' lungs and manage his dependence on oxygen support

Helen
6 October 2020



A happy-looking Dennis!



Bible Notes Library

This is now 'up and running'!

If you would like to borrow a copy or two, please pop into the office if you are coming to church. Otherwise you can contact Rachel Berner whose details are in the Church Family Directory or

Becky Whittaker
seasalterhchristiancentre@yahoo.co.uk
01227 276923

And one of them will arrange delivery for you.

Youth Library

I am planning to start a youth library of Christian books, and would like a wide variety of books such as books on faith, specific to a theme (book of the bible/prayer/evangelism etc), youth bible reading notes, Christian fiction or biographical books etc. Please let me know if you could help in any of these ways:

- If you have any books that you have finished with, think might be suitable for the young people and could donate to the library I would be VERY grateful!!
- If you have read a book yourself that would be suitable and could give me a short overview of what it is about then please send it to me, even if you don't have the book to donate.
- If you have other resources, such as DVDs, that you think the young people would enjoy and are able to donate them then we would really appreciate them too.

Please let me know if you can help in any way.
Many thanks
Georgina

This Harvest

If you are thinking of donating, this is what we would appreciate most:

- sun cream
- coffee
- deodorant
- tinned peas
- tinned pies (e.g. Fray Bentos)
- instant mash (e.g. Smash)
- chocolate
- soap
- carrier bags

Thank you, but we do **not** currently need:
pasta, rice, beans, tea or soup

If you need support, please call 01227 936450
or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org

 FoodBankCanterbury



Church History Course

I will be running a course on the English Church during the Middle Ages, from the Roman era to 1500.

It will be in six weekly sessions on Zoom starting on Thursday 15 October at 10am.



If you would like to join the course please e mail me – Chris Skingley at chris.skingley@btinternet.com

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Psalm 27:12

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.

'Every Day with Jesus'

What a wonderful thought!! However, for more than half a million people worldwide this is the title of the booklet they use as a help and guide to their regular reading and understanding of the Bible more fully. These Bible notes are just one of many available at St. Alphege Seasalter and obtainable through Alex Andreae. If you want a 'taster' of any of them there are back numbers to be had free at the church office or by contacting Rachel Berner.

Even after subscribing to, and using 'Every Day with Jesus' notes for over 30 years, I realise I still have much to learn about God and myself as well as others from reading and studying and applying God's word.

What follows is part of the notes that went with the Bible reading one day recently. I hope and pray they will challenge you as they challenged me.



Another issue is that when we open the Bible we may be challenged by it. John Stott puts it like this: Christians who pray, 'Please Lord, I want to see some "wonderful" thing in your word, may hear the Lord reply, What makes you think I have only "wonderful things" to show you? As a matter of fact I have some rather "disturbing things" to show you today. Are you prepared to receive them? Oh no, Lord, please not, we stammer in reply. I come to Scripture only to be comforted. I really do not want to be

challenged or disturbed.' John Stott went on to say: 'When we come to the Bible with our own agendas formed unilaterally, our expectations pre-set, our minds made up, laying down in advance what we want God to say to us, then instead of hearing the thunderclap of his voice all we want to receive is the soothing echoes of our own prejudice.'

The Bible has been given to us so that we can follow Jesus, and if we are not ready to become participants, then we may not fully understand what it is showing us. Instead, we will become bored with it and will settle, as many Christians do, for using the Bible merely as a directory – dipping into it only when we need help in an emergency. Eugene Peterson says: 'The Bible cannot be understood by watching from the stands – or even from expensive box seats. We are in on it.'

Donald

Message from Churchwarden!

We have been given a garden shed for the church garden and we need a tarpaulin to cover up the parts up until we have time to assembled the shed.
If anyone has such a tarpaulin could you please contact me.
Thanks Andrew



If you would like to contribute to these church notices; do please get in touch with me.

Please be aware when supplying contact information for notices, this notice sheet is circulated physically and digitally via our website, social media and email

Paula. Email: deaneves@msn.com