

Prayer at the Heart

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks



Please pray for:

Sheila (Pearse) would like to thank everyone for praying for her daughter-in-law, Jane; Jane died in hospital on Wednesday; please pray for Sheila's son, Anthony, his daughter, Laura, and Sheila.

Following a successful knee replacement operation, Pat asks for prayer for a good recovery on her own.

Stella and her family following the death from cancer of her nephew Justin. 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

Colin Curtis in hospital locally (and for the foreseeable future); please pray for healing and relief of pain in Colin's right leg. 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.



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

25 October 2020

Last Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 3:12-17 and
Matthew 24: 30-35

Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but my words
will not pass away.

Matthew 24:35

Say One For Me

A huge thank you to all of our church family who rallied round and answered the call to deliver the "Say One For Me" postcards in the local district ; it was a tremendous effort.

Can we please pray that people respond to the message and above all know that we are thinking and praying for them.

Phil and Vanessa Farnham





Booking for Sunday Services

Following our return to worship in the SCC building, we are delighted to say numbers attending have increased each week and both services are now equally attended. Numbers following online are also consistent and there is a real sense of God's presence with us in these strange times as we feel our way in worship.

To allow as many people to attend services as possible, we are able to increase our capacity to up to 40 people per service and hope that this will allow everyone who wants to attend to do so. We must however emphasise that it is important and a requirement that you book a place each week if you wish to attend on a Sunday. This is necessary as we need to comply with the rules set out by the Government and Church of England, all of which are designed to keep everyone safe. As previously mentioned, bookings may be made with Becky in the office from 9.00am Monday morning to 11.00am Friday morning. Becky will confirm your booking, so please do not assume that you have a place if you email or leave a message, particularly if you try to book after the deadline. Don't forget to include any others that you are booking for (i.e. married couples, families, etc.) as we need to account for everyone who attends, whatever their age.

Please attend the service you've booked - if you need to swap, let the office know or if it's after the deadline contact Ali Fuller or Andrew Crocombe. If you can no longer attend on the day and can let us know beforehand, please do as it then frees up that space for others.

If you have any questions, please contact Paulette, Andrew or Ali.

STRUGGLING TO FEED YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY?

Living in Canterbury, Whitstable,
Herne Bay or surrounding villages?

Canterbury Food Bank is here to help
 Speak to your local Citizens Advice Bureau, health visitor, family
 liaison officer, children's centre, social services, housing association or
 advice worker, who can issue you with a voucher to exchange for food.
 Not working with an agency? You can self refer.
 Give us a call or email us. We are here to help.

For more information visit our website
www.canterburyfoodbank.org
 or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org or phone 01227 936450

*Supporting local individuals and families in financial crisis
 by providing emergency food*

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Outlook Magazine

Is now available online!
Here is the address:

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/news-events/>

Used Stamps

Don't know what to do with your used stamps? Please collect them for a premature baby charity. You can give to Ann Price or can send direct to:

Octopus for a Premie UK
PO BOX 16992
Sutton Coldfield B73 9YA

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

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

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Paula. Email: deaneves@msn.com



Our Values

All involved
Bearing witness
Creating community
Deepening discipleship
Encountering God
Finding friendship: fun and food
Giving generously

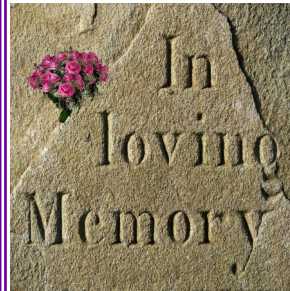
Everyone playing their part
Telling the Christian story
Loving and belonging
Following Jesus, becoming like him
Experiencing his presence
Laughing and sharing
Giving with gladness



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

A Time to Remember

Our Time to Remember Service will take place **on Saturday 31 October at 3pm**. If you would like to attend you will need to book a place with



Becky in the office and let her know the number of people who will be attending with you. You will need to wear a face mask whilst in the SCC building.

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 numbers require we will hold a second identical service.

If you would like the name of someone read out during the service, please let Ali Fuller know before Friday 30 October, either by email - alifuller@talktalk.net or message/text on 07960 709498. A new list is compiled each year so please do not assume that names from previous years will automatically be included.

Car Park Chat

Fancy a chat? We are still continuing with the car park chats.

Most weekdays from around 9-11 outside the front of Seasalter Christian Centre there will be a socially distanced chair and somebody to chat to.

Come say hello if you are passing, or ring ahead to Becky Whittaker in the office 01227 276923 just to check someone's there, then pop down.



Fill Us with Your Spirit

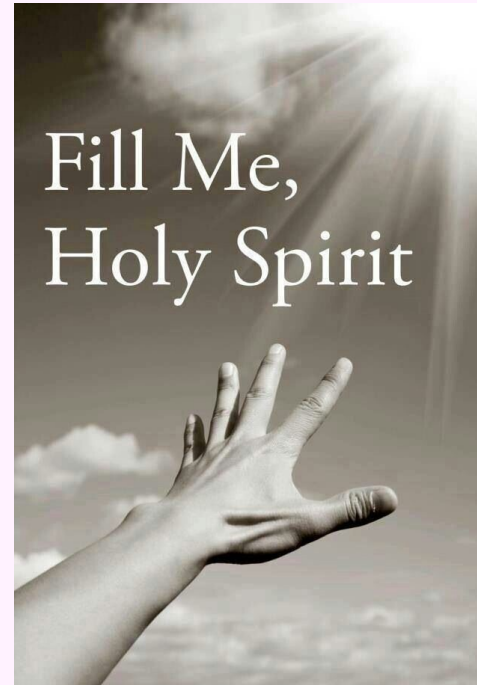
When I arrived for the second service last Sunday morning those who were at the first service were just coming out. One of them said to me 'There was a real presence of the Holy Spirit in the service this morning.' Thankfully there was at the second service too but why should that be such a surprise? It was something a number of us had prayed for at each of the 'Prayer Point' Zoom gatherings in the days before, something that no doubt many more of our church family members repeatedly pray for during their daily times of prayer over a longer period. Why should we be surprised when for several Sunday mornings recently our services have begun by asking God not once but many times for different purposes to 'Fill us with your spirit'. Why should we be surprised when the very subject of Paulette's forceful sermon was the need for and the work of the Holy Spirit?

The very day before the heading of the 'Every Day with Jesus' Bible Notes for the day was 'The Spirit - from First to Last'. This is what I read:

The Christian faith is a religion of the Spirit'. Jesus was conceived by the Spirit (Matt. 1:20), the Spirit descended upon Him at His baptism (Luke 3:22), He was led by the Spirit into the desert and came out in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:1; 4:14). At the beginning of His ministry He announced that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him (Luke 4:18). He cast out evil spirits by the Spirit of God (Matt. 12:28) and He offered Himself up as a sacrifice through the eternal Spirit (Heb. 9:14).

John the Baptist predicted that Jesus would baptise men and women with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33) and this was fulfilled when the Church was born of the Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:4). We are transformed into Christ's

likeness by the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18). Christians form a dwelling for God



through the Spirit (Eph. 2:22). We are given power by the Spirit (Eph. 3:16). The fruit of our Christian lives is produced by the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). Our mortal bodies are given life by the Spirit (Rom. 8:11). The law of the Spirit of life delivers us from the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:2). We receive power to witness when the Spirit comes upon us (Acts 1:8). Every Christian is guided by the Spirit: indeed, if we do not have the Spirit, we cannot be a Christian (Rom. 8:9).

Need we go any further to be convinced that from first to last the Christian faith is a religion of the Spirit? With all this emphasis on the Holy Spirit in Scripture, why is it that so many churches present a Holy Spirit-less form of Christianity? The Holy Spirit in early Christianity was at the centre of the believers' lives. So, He can be in our lives today.

Father, come and flood us out with Your divine power, we pray, until once again, as at Pentecost, Your Church overflows. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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