

Prayer at the Heart

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks



Please pray for:

Becky (Whittaker) recently tested positive for COVID. Jane, (Colin Curtis' daughter) and her family. Stella for a good recovery following a hip-replacement operation. Jill Wimsett, for better health than she has at the moment. Gill, as doctors strive to find her more suitable and effective drugs. Following a successful knee replacement operation, Pat asks for prayer for a good recovery on her own.

Carol Holgate, Beryl Davies and her daughter Karen - prayers for recovery from shock following a car accident. Continued prayers for Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) as she undergoes chemotherapy. Melissa Clackett, undergoing tests, and for her baby Isaac for his ongoing conditions. Dorothy Vener. Bob Simmons. Debbie (Frances Crocker's daughter). Ann Harley, awaiting a diagnosis for ongoing heart problems.. Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. Pat Wade suffering with painful shingles. During January we will be praying for those living in Eden Road, MacDonald Parade and Cordingham Close.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Sheila Pearse. 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.

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



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

24 January 2021

3rd Epiphany

Readings: Revelation 19: 6-10; John 2: 1-11



Church family news..

Keith and Ginny Berry, Sky, Connor and Eloise are moving out of the area in the next few weeks, they've been at the heart of our church family life and mission for many years and in so very many ways - from the building project that is now SCC, to crazy warm up routines for holiday clubs and Lighthouse leadership just to pick a few - we are going to miss them so much but wish them all every blessing for this new season as they settle in a new place.

Keith has held the role of Treasurer for the church with dedication, wisdom and faithfulness and a passion for mission that has helped us steward our resources as faithfully as possible. I'm delighted to say that we have already found someone who will ably step into this role, Gail Arnold, who is a current member of the DCC, takes on the task from now on, and as Gail has a forensic eye for process and detail, an acute financial brain and shares Keith's passion for mission and social justice, I know that our financial affairs are once again in safe and prayerful hands along with the wider DCC.

Every blessing to the Berrys, and our love and prayers as you move and settle in, and grateful thanks to Gail for taking on the Treasurer role.

Paulette



24 hours of prayer and fasting

will take place on the first Wednesday in February i.e. 3 February.
This time there will be the opportunity to pray with others via zoom at:-

7 am
12 noon
3 pm
6 pm
9 pm
12 midnight



If anyone wants to do this please contact Tobi who will send them the link for the zoom prayers.
It is possible to pop into the zoom meetings for a short while.

Seasalter Parish Charities - prayer and support

A few of our St Alphege Seasalter members serve/have served as Trustees to this charity. Its aim is to provide alms to the "ancient parish of Seasalter". This is done, currently, by the provision of alms-houses in the shape of 5 self-contained flats in a house in Tankerton and a flat in Swale Park.

The current trustees would really welcome prayer for these 3 key areas, for God's guidance and help:

- The well-being and health of the 6 current residents
- The development of the charity in terms of how it delivers for those from Seasalter who will benefit the most
- Attracting new people to help manage the charity

If you'd like to know more information about this or think you could help, please get in touch with Richard Candy
at: richardcandy@me.com

Laptops etc

Going in to our third lockdown last week I've really felt for all the teachers who are busting a gut trying to organise online learning. Again! Whilst also juggling all those who are still going in to school. We have several teachers amongst our congregations so please keep them in your prayers.

One of the biggest problem is for those children who don't have a laptop/tablet to be able to access the work that is set for them. It got me thinking of what we could do to help.

I'm trying to get hold of as many unused laptops and tablets as possible and aim to get them to children and young people who really need them in order to access school work being set for them. So they don't get left behind.

The government have recognised this as a huge problem and are trying nationally to do what they can. I'm going to focus on our area and see if we can make a difference here.

So if any of you have any old iPads, tablets or laptops' to donate to help local children and young people please contact me ASAP. We will then get them swiped clean (if you're unable to do so) before passing them on.

Thanks
Georgina



PCC Secretary Needed for the Whitstable Team Ministry

We've got a vacancy for the PCC Secretary, a really important role in the Whitstable Team Ministry. The PCC meets quarterly, with an annual meeting and is drawn from representatives of the 5 Church of England (Anglican) churches: St John's Swalecliffe, St Alphege Seasalter, St Alphege Whitstable, All Saints and St Peter's. The PCC Standing Committee meets to prepare the PCC agenda, conduct any urgent work and follow up on work following the meetings.

The PCC Secretary ensures the vital flow of communication to enable this work to be done so that ministry and mission can be effective across the Team.

Please pray for the right person to come forward and to be appointed.

Please contact Paulette (paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org) as soon as possible if you'd like a copy of the role description for this key volunteer role. We're hoping for anyone who is interested to make contact by 22 January, details about that in the role description.

Reduce Food Waste

Reduce food waste - there are now excess food deliveries to Seasalter Christian centre on Monday and Tuesday mornings - free for anyone to collect from 9-11am.



This has been a really successful initiative, and I want to thank the team behind the scenes who are picking up, dropping off and delivering food.

Ann Price

Zoom Coffee 11 am after the Sunday Service

Some connect groups do this already but for those who don't there will be an opportunity for 'Coffee after the service' on Zoom from 11 am for half an hour following the pre-recorded service on YouTube each Sunday.



It will be good to see each other even if it's only from the waist up! We join the zoom then go into a series of random smaller groups to chat more easily (managed by the Zoom host). You don't have to stay for the whole half hour.

Zoom Link available from Paulette - paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org if you email her she'll email the link to you.

Please don't share the link publicly or with anyone you don't know.

It will be a re-usable link for that weekly post-service meeting, so you should be able to re-use it for future weeks

Bible Readings, Prayers and Testimonies in the Sunday Services

If you'd like to go on the list for Bible Readings, Prayers or to share something of your story in the short testimony slot during the Sunday Services I'd love to hear from you.

I know some who responded to the request in the early days of the pandemic now find it hard to fit that in around work/changed life circumstances, so it would be good to grow the list a bit and have more involved.

You need to be able to record yourself (or within what's permitted with the Covid restrictions get someone else to help) on a smartphone/laptop or pc with a camera, then upload the video to Tom by the deadline for that week - I will send you full instructions about that when I send out the order of service.

If you'd like to go on the list for any of the above, please email me: paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org
Thank you, love Paulette

Boxing Day Lunch 2020 Style

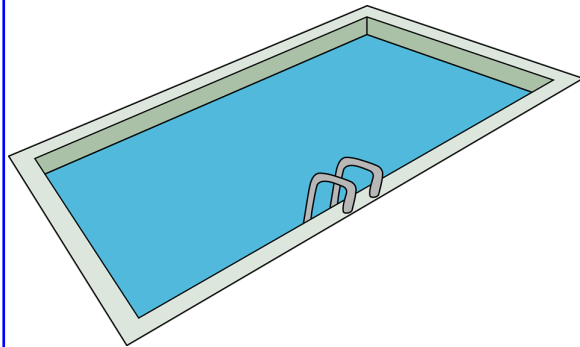
Despite our best efforts to see if it was at all possible to provide a meal for our usual lovely Boxing Day Guests, it sadly could not happen. Not only did we have the Covid19 restrictions, the logistics required to comply with the rules of health and safety for food distribution unfortunately proved too complicated.

We thought about what we could do and to that end we sent cards, which our own lovely Paula created and made for us. Four of us, Lynn Newman, Ann and Chris Skingley and myself shared the list out to call the guests over the Christmas period to let them know that they were being thought about and still very much cared for in our hearts and prayers.

It didn't feel or sound like much to what we normally provide but I would just like to share with you the experience I had in making these telephone calls.



'Stoic' would be the first word that comes to mind throughout all the conversations that I had. Everyone was accepting of the situation but clearly remaining very upbeat. It was also reassuring to learn that most had helpful neighbours, friends or relatives who were providing support. But they missed the Boxing Day get together and expressed their hopes that it could be reinstated in 2021.

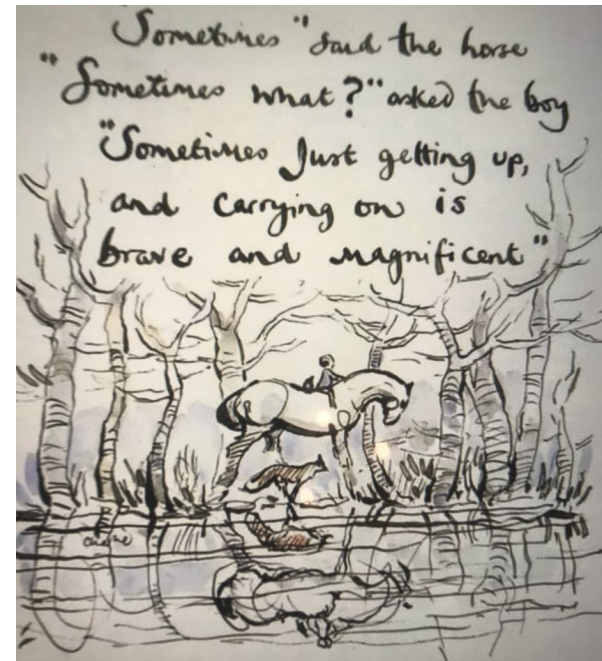


I chatted to a 91 year old man, who didn't sound 91 at all, as he was telling me how much he was missing the gym and swimming pool; certainly putting me to shame at a mere 56!! This man's sister was also on the list and when I looked at the

name I realised that it was a lady I had worked with back in the eighties at Amphenol. We had a good old reminisce and there was the lady who told me about how her dinner was cooked by a blind man for her and how delicious it was. I moved down the list to speak to the blind man who is from St. John's church and I know well. He is hoping to have laser surgery on his eyes as soon as possible which will hopefully allow him to be able to read. He knows that I am praying for him now and I would invite you all to hold him in prayer. I am sure that he wouldn't mind me sharing his first name Michael.

This is just a tiny reflection of the conversations that I had with some of them; they appreciated both the card and the call, knowing they were not forgotten. It was a time of real blessing and the best part of the Christmas personally for me.

Rosalind



Submitted by Colin

Donald will be back next week.

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31