

Prayer at the Heart

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks



Please pray for:

Freddie and Charlie Crocombe (grandchildren to Andrew's brother), born last week and now in special care unit, both with respiratory problems and Freddie with erratic heartbeat too. Melissa Clackett who has dislocated her left shoulder four times since 12 December and for Isaac who started portage (help with speech, language and mobility) on 22 January for ongoing problems. Gill, as doctors strive to find her more suitable and effective drugs. Pat Martin, making a slow improvement following a knee replacement operation.

Continued prayers for Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) as she undergoes chemotherapy. Pat Wade. 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. During February we will be praying for those living in The Grange, Chanctonbury Chase and St. Margaret's Close.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Sheila Pearse. Ray Clarke. Joan Moss. 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

21 February 2021

The first Sunday of Lent

Readings: Luke 11: 1-4; Matthew 6: 6-8 Message Translation
Romans 8:26-28



Announcing the St Alphege Seasalter Lent Course for 2021

From today onwards as a church we'll begin The Prayer Course, from the UK based but international 24/7 team. The founder, Pete Greig wrote an excellent book and although I recommend it to you, and there's lots of overlap in content with the book and the course, *you don't need it to DO the course.*

Prayer is the one thing Covid 19 can't take away from us, in fact many have found their experience of prayer has been an anchoring and essential thing in the pandemic.

And whatever happens next, we need to be a praying people.

The course is 8 sessions on prayer, based on the Lord's prayer. 5 weeks before Holy Week and Easter, then 3 sessions to finish afterwards.

We'll be tying in the Sunday sermons on the topics too.

There will be 4 ways you can join in with this course:

- 1) In a Connect Group online if you belong to one that's running it, or you can join in with a Connect Group that is doing the course just for these weeks.
- 2) You can set up your own small group with a couple of friends online if you want to do it.

- 3) You can join in with the Zoom sessions every Friday afternoon 3pm beginning 26 February. I'll be organizing these for those not in other groups who want to do the course with others. Contact me for the link: paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org
- 4) Those living alone who don't have access to things online can be sent paper resources and a DVD with the session videos on each week, (along with their usual Sunday Service DVD).

Any questions or concerns, or if you can't work out how you can participate, then please get in touch: paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org or 07305 611437.

I hope as many as possible will be able to join in and get much out of this course.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

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

OPEN DEANERY SYNOD MEETING



**Wednesday 24th
February 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom**

This is an opportunity for *everybody* engaged in the life, work and ministry of our parishes and churches in Whitstable and Herne Bay to come together to discern how God is calling us to *organise our 'faith-inspired activities'* when we emerge into 'Covid-recovery territory':

- What will we keep doing? *Do we have the resources, including people?*
- What will we no longer do?
- How will we use our buildings?

The Reculver Deanery 'Outline Deanery Plan (Edition 1)

"Moving Towards a Flourishing, Sustainable Future" refers (copy obtainable from a Deanery Synod rep, Churchwarden or PCC /DCC member)

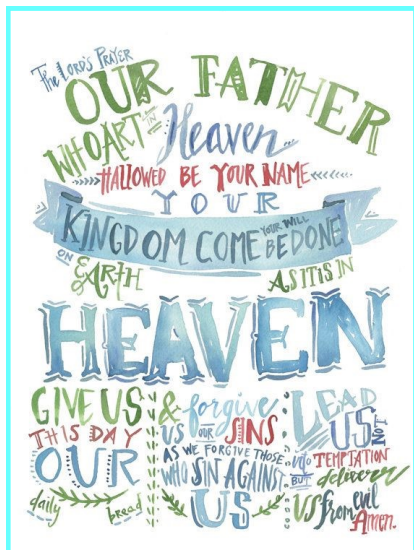
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3209487258?pwd=hKQeStuZWkbq8RL6n9p3MOxogKkNGQ>

In case of difficulty with this link, enter the following information into your device to access the meeting:

Meeting ID: 320 948 7258

Passcode: 080420



Metal three drawer lockable filing cabinet going free if anyone wants it.

Anyone interested should phone Keith (Berry) on 07487 587010.

We have a trained prayer ministry team at St Alphege Seasalter who are happy to pray with anyone who would like confidential prayer for themselves or someone else (our safeguarding policy applies). If you'd like that, please let Paulette

(paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org) or Diana High know, or message me in the chat privately and we can arrange for someone to get in touch to do that. Do offer this to friends or neighbours.



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.



24 hours of prayer and fasting

will take place on the first Wednesday in March i.e. 3 March.

There will be the opportunity to pray with others via Zoom at the 7 am slot. 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.

Prayer slots are:

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



Bookings can be made through Diana (High).



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We have two fabulous vacancies at [@HernhillSchool](https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=84982)
Site manager and key stage 1 teaching assistant.

Come and join us!

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From 'Celebrity' to 'Saviour'

As he neared his 100th birthday, Capt. Tom Moore decided that before he celebrated that milestone, he would try and walk a hundred times around his garden and raise money for the National Health Service to show his appreciation for all they were doing during the Coronavirus pandemic. As we all know, his original target of raising £1000 became £33 million and I suspect even more will come in as a memorial to him now he has sadly died. In and for just a few months, Tom became a 'celebrity' not only here in the U.K. but around the world. He was knighted by the Queen, made an Hon. Colonel and honoured in other ways and he deserved it.

Two days before he died, as I was having lunch with Joanna, Adrian and Joseph, I asked them to define a 'celebrity'. We all had slightly different ideas but all agreed that the number of 'celebrity' shows on T.V. were increasing but most of the time we had never heard of or seen the people being given that status. In a recent 'Celebrity Pointless' only one of the eight contestants was known to me and in 'Celebrity Best Home Cook', Ed Balls was the only familiar face.

Consulting four dictionaries to find the meaning of 'celebrity', the first said 'Someone well-known in the entertainment business', the second added 'Sport', the third 'Film stars, musicians and writers. The fourth simply said 'Any famous or well-known person'. That would of course include people of notoriety, like Hitler who indeed was treated like a 'celebrity' by millions of misguided people.

The Bible contains the names of many people who today would be regarded as 'celebrities'. Jesus being at the top of the list. Many of His followers treated Him as such. They travelled miles and did all kinds of things just to see Him. They wanted to touch Him, to hear what he had to say, watch what He did and often cheering and shouting at Him. Had they been able, I am sure they would have all been taking photographs of Him or wanting His autograph. Then, as now, followers of 'celebrities' often switch their allegiance, withdraw their support and even turn against the person they once idolised and 'worshipped'.

At 10.30 p.m. on Palm Sunday 1952, I was in my bedroom in the family home. I knelt down beside my bed, burst into tears and at the same time gave my life to Christ. The evening before I had attended a Christian gathering in London and following a great time joining in the rousing hymns, I settled down to listening to the evangelist Tom Rees as he preached the Gospel. I didn't go forward for prayer as many others did when we were invited to do so. That was then not compatible with my C of E upbringing! For 12 years already, I had been a keen member of my home Parish Church, I sung in the choir, taught a Sunday School Class, been a member of the Youth Club and various other church groups. I knew a lot about Jesus, or thought I did, until that evening in London when I heard for the first time about surrendering one's life to Jesus Christ and that the Christian Life is all about a relationship with Him. For the first time that evening, I began to realise just how much God loved ME and what His Son had done for ME when He died and rose again. A little over 24 hours later that same Lord and Saviour became MY Lord and Saviour.

Looking back, I guess I had thought of and treated Jesus more like a 'celebrity', someone famous and well-known, someone I was attracted to but never got close enough to have a life-changing, eternal relationship with.

What is He to you? A 'Celebrity' or 'Saviour'? There is a world of difference.

Donald

