

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Sarah, daughter of Gill and Vince, undergoing ectopic intervention. Elaine (Oakley) waiting for an MRI scan and an op/radiotherapy to deal with an early stage cancer. Rob and Moira Clark and family following the death of Ray. Freddie and Charlie Crocombe (grandchildren to Andrew's brother), in special care unit, both with respiratory problems and Freddie with erratic heartbeat too. Melissa Clackett whose health is deteriorating please pray for it to improve and for baby Isaac. Gill, as doctors strive to find her more suitable and effective drugs.

Continued prayers for Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) as she undergoes chemotherapy. Pat Wade. Dorothy Vener. Bob Simmons. Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. During May we will be praying for those living in Ashley Drive, Gateacre Road and Milner Road.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Daniel Hampton with Long Covid. Barry (Paula's brother-in-law). Sheila Pearse. 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, 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

9 May 2021

6th after Easter

Readings: Acts 10: 44-end; John 15:9-17

Doreen Flanagan

Our sister in Christ, Doreen Flanagan who was a resident at Bradbury Grange care home, died in the early hours of Tuesday 27th April and is now with the Lord she loved so much. Her son Declan would like to thank all who visited, telephoned and prayed for her while she lived there.

Her funeral is on 13th at Barham (restricted numbers have been filled by family), so please pray for her family now and on the day.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Paulette.



'Encounter' - Wednesday 26 May (7.00 for 7.15 - 8.15 pm)

A gathering on Zoom to listen to God through the Bible, worship, reflection and prayer as we make space to seek to hear what God might be saying to us at this time. Adults and young people welcome to attend, the children will have their own opportunity to do this at another time.

Zoom opens from 7 pm with music and quiet reflection and the meeting begins at 7.15.

Contact Paulette for the Zoom link
please: paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org

ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING

The church's Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18 May at 7.30pm.**

We will hold a hybrid meeting, with some in the SCC and the rest on Zoom. If you would like one of the spaces at SCC which will be on a first come first served basis, please contact Becky at the Christian Centre. If you are intending to participate online

The Zoom password and code for the meeting are:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87115945376?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87115945376?pwd=TnUySkNjQ013Ri9yU3FZK3JmMTVYZz09)

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Meeting ID: 871 1594 5376; Passcode: 791735

The link to the Annual Meeting booklet is https://issuu.com/stalphegeseasalter/docs/2020_annual_report_st_alphege_seasalter

One of the important tasks of the Annual Meeting is to elect those who will guide or represent the church over the next year. So, attached is a page setting out the roles we need to fill, together with a nomination form. If you feel you can offer to fill one of these positions, (or you know someone who might be suitable and have checked they are happy to be nominated), I encourage you to complete the form and send it to Ali Fuller (alifuller@talktalk.net or 07960 709 498 or 3 Tassells Walk, CT5 2NQ). It will also be possible to make a nomination at the Meeting itself (with the exception of churchwardens). It is important that the voting process should be confidential so, after the Meeting, if elections are necessary, ballot papers will be circulated to the members of the Electoral Roll. If you are not already on the Roll and would like to be, contact Elaine Oakley (eoakley37@hotmail.com or 275417).

It really IS good-bye to Ginny and Keith and family who are at last getting to move house this week, love and prayers for you as you settle into your new home and community.



What's on your heart?

Reminder! We need your speech bubbles by **Sunday 23 May.** (If you missed this article last week, let me know and I will forward it to you. Paula. Email: deaneves@msn.com)



Come and sing praise to God outdoors!

When? Saturday 22 May 2021

Where? Seasalter Christian Centre, side garden
(to the left as you approach the building)

What time? Two options:

- 1) 11.00 -11.30 Hymns and older worship songs
- 2) 12.00 -12.30 Contemporary worship songs

!m in—do I have to book? Yes, we've space for 18 households or bubbles to safely distance and sing. **Book in advance for ONE service only please, with Becky in the office on 01227 276923 from**

Please bring something to sit on if you can, but if that's not possible for you, please let Becky know when booking.

Food Friends

Could you cook an extra portion of food to share with one of your neighbours? If that is something that interests you please open the attachment entitled Food Friends.

Community Wardrobe is back up and running and Lise needs help with washing and sorting of school clothes and for the clothes to be delivered to St Andrews. If anyone would like to help can they contact her on lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org



Parent support group for non-mobile babies born during lockdown

Wednesday 1 to 2pm
26th May, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th June
Limited spaces One parent/Carer per baby
To book place email lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org

Seasalter co-ordinator for Ride and Stride event needed



Ride and Stride is a yearly charity event (11th September 2021) that raises money by walking or cycling around churches. Our church benefits



from some of the money. A co-ordinator is needed to advertise the dates, encourage people to participate, organise set up on the day and collect sponsorship if needed (there is online option now). If you want to know more please talk to Ann Price.

Easter Cook Along Update

We wanted to let you know how the Cook Along went in the Easter holidays but first of all THANK YOU to everyone who supported this financially and/ or who prayed for this project in the lead up and as we were doing it.



The cook along is a project that aims to teach basic cooking skills to those who don't have experience or confidence. We try to use a variety of ingredients and a variety of dishes. We provide recipes and the ingredients needed to make a nutritious family meal, we have been doing videos of the recipes too up until this point.

We had 27 families who were part of the cook along during the easter holidays and some others who sourced their own ingredients. We did three main meals and three puddings each week. We have had lovely feedback saying how much the participants enjoyed the recipes and trying different things. Children and teenagers also got involved in the cooking and some families have revisited their favourites since. Some had tried things they do not like and now will eat. There is, like any project, things to tweak each time too. There was a lovely buzz when meeting the participants when they collected their parcels, its lovely to be meeting people within our community too.

How can you support the cook along?

We are looking forward to May half term and the summer holidays now and trying to work out how we deliver this and the funding of it. So far the church families across the team have been so generous in supporting this financially, we ask that you pray about whether you can again for the upcoming school holidays. For details on this please speak to any of the team vicars who will direct you to the right person.

If you would like to get involved in serving in this project please do get in touch with any of the team vicars.

Please continue to pray for this project ☺

Best wishes, the Cook Along team!

A TRAGEDY AFFECTING THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE

Shock, horror and even disbelief, swept through the police stations of Kent as the news came in that Police Community Support Officer Julia James had been brutally murdered in woods near her home whilst out walking her dog. I was one of those people. As a Police Chaplain for the past 23 years at Canterbury I had seen and chatted with her many times during the time she worked in and from that Police Station. She was always smiling and friendly and generally a likeable person who cared about other people whoever they were and she was greatly loved and respected by the communities she served. Her death in the village and surrounding villages in which she lived has brought not only great sadness but anger and fear to the residents who are in need of our prayers at this time along with those for her family and colleagues in Kent Police and the special team of police working around the clock to find, arrest and convict Julia's killer who also needs our prayers. Whoever that person is will have come from a family and lived in a street in a town or village somewhere who in all probability are also going to be faced with shock, horror and even disbelief.



Please pray for me too as I attempt to give all the support I can to the police officers and police staff at Canterbury, Herne Bay and Nackington at this very sad time. Exactly a week after Julia is thought to have set out for the walk with her dog, 2.30 pm on Tuesday afternoon, a minute's silence was held at most police stations throughout the county to remember her.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Donald

I DREAMED A DREAM

Having watched and listened to the BBC 1 pm news last Sunday, I remained in my armchair for 'Songs of Praise'; I joined in the first hymn and the last one. In between, quite unintentionally, I dropped off to sleep!! In many hot countries it's the done thing to take a rest or a nap early afternoon and as we know they actually have a name for it, 'a siesta'. Here in the U.K., we have lots of different

names for it and talk about 'having a lie down', 'going for a snooze', 'having 40 winks', 'having a kip'. My Swiss friend has a lovely name for it, I shall never forget the first time heard him say it. He got up from the lunch table, walked towards the door and announced 'I am just going to listen to the pillow'.

At present I am reading and reflecting on the book of Genesis as part of my daily Bible reading, following 'Essential 100, a journey through the Bible in 100 readings. In chapter 28 of Genesis there is the account of Jacob's dream. It tells us that when he reached a certain place, to which he gives the name Bethel, he stopped for the night, took a large stone, put it under his head and lay down to sleep and had a dream about a stairway stretching from earth to heaven with the angels of God running up and down it and God Himself speaking to Jacob and making a promise to him. A wonderful passage. It has led me to look up other passages in the Bible where God uses sleep and dreams to give a specific message to and through people. God uses this means to speak not only to Jacob but also Laban, Joseph, Pharaoh, Gideon, Solomon and on a number of occasions to Daniel. Then of course in the New Testament God speaks to Joseph both before and after he married Mary the mother of Jesus.

Although as yet I am not aware of God speaking to me through dreams, I am confident that one night He will, so when I go to bed and 'listen to the pillow' I pray that when God does speak to me through a dream I will be ready and listening to what He has to say. If God speaks to any of us through a dream that surely is a real bonus – and He does and He will and it could be you and it could be me.

Donald

WHITSTABLE TEAM

ASCENSION DAY
SERVICE

Thursday
13th May
7.30pm



Livestreamed on the All Saints Whitstable
Facebook page and Youtube channel

Celebrant: Revd Rachel Webbley
Preacher: Revd Rob Tugwell