

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Myrtle Stroud, for a good recovery following a hip replacement. 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. Freddie and Charlie Crocombe (grandchildren to Andrew's brother). 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

23 May 2021

Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; John 16: 4b-15

Pentecost



'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

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Although in the Christian Church this is one of the major festivals, the coming and outpouring of the Holy Spirit and with it the birth of the Christian Church ten days after Jesus Ascended into Heaven, I believe it should be celebrated every day of the year.

In his Bible commentary, 'The Message of Acts', the one-time Bible expositor, mission leader, author and for many years Rector of All Souls, Langham Place, London, John Stott, writes 'Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding, without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from the Spirit's fruit and no effective witness without the Spirit's power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Holy Spirit is dead.'

Even Jesus was dependent on the Holy Spirit which descended upon Him when John baptised Him thus enabling Him to carry out His public ministry 'full of the Holy Spirit', 'led by the Holy Spirit', 'in the power of the Holy Spirit', 'anointed' by the Holy Spirit. This is the same Holy Spirit that 'filled' the first disciples of Jesus and equipped them for their mission in the world. We each need a continual outpouring of that Holy Spirit on each of our lives not only for our own benefit but for the benefit of the whole church and for the world.

In one of His appearances to His disciples, following His resurrection, we are told that 'He (Jesus) breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20 v 22). A number of hymn writers have used the word 'breath' and related it to the work of the Holy Spirit. 'Breathe on me breath of God' being a prime example. But how about making the words of the hymn by Elizabeth Ann Porter Head into a prayer for the church at Seasalter, throughout Whitstable and around the world at this time. Here are the words: -

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive Your Church with life and power;
O breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us
And fit Your Church to meet this hour

O Breath of Love come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart,
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us
revive Your Church in every part!



O Wind of God, come bend us, break us
till humbly we confess our need,
then in Your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore – for this we plead

Revive us, Lord; is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting –
equip Your Church to spread the light.

AMEN

COME HOLY SPIRIT COME FILL US WITH LIFE ANEW

Donald

Help Needed!

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@stalphgeeseasalter.org



Whitstable Team Eco Forum

Open to all



Whitstable Churches
Eco Forum

Please join us for the first Whitstable Churches Eco Forum on the Tuesday the 1st of June @ 7pm on Zoom. It includes sharing ideas, offering support & pooling our resources to care for God's amazing creation. We will also link into the EcoChurch programme.

Please contact either Daniel & Jo Hampton (St Alphege Seasalter daniel.o.b.hampton13@gmail.com) or Kirsty McNicol (All Saints, Whitstable kirsty.mcnicol@googlemail.com) for more details and the zoom link



This week in Seasalter Planet Protectors (Eco group for primary school children) we learnt about God using Moses to part the Red Sea. So we challenged the children to turn off the taps whilst they clean their teeth or when washing themselves during a shower.

If you leave a tap on whilst brushing your teeth it wastes 18 litres of water each time. That's enough water for 100 four minute showers a year.

Lise