

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Myrtle Stroud, for a good recovery following a hip replacement. Elaine (Oakley) having chemo for breast 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.

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.

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@stalphegeseasalter.org



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

6 June 2021

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1; Mark 3:20-end

1st after Trinity

Environment Sunday

Seasalter Youth's Environmental and Upcycling Challenge

The youth have set ourselves a challenge for 2021 and we will be having an exhibition toward the end of the year to display all that we've done. Some of these items will be donated to various charities and some will be sold off to raise money for an environmental project. As part of our challenge we would like to do some upcycling and so initially are asking for you to collect and donate a number of items please:

- Fabric (especially thick or upholstery fabric), old clothes and blankets
- Old bikes
- Old books, magazines and sheet music

Also if anyone has a usable sewing machine that they don't use anymore and are willing to lend to us that would be great.

Please drop these off to the office week days between 9 and 11am. Also if you have any ideas of other things we can upcycle then please email me on georgina.hedley-smith@stalphegeseasalter.org



Seasalter co-ordinator for Ride and Stride event needed

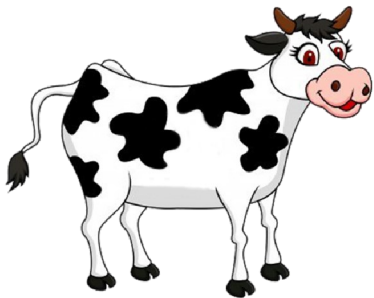


Ride and Stride is a yearly charity event (11th September 2021) that raises money by walking or cycling around churches. Our church benefits



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.



This week in Planet Protectors the children looked at the story of Elisha feeding 100 people with a bag of bread.

Their challenge is to have 1 or 2 meals this week without meat in them. The average cow releases 250 litres of methane a day, mostly from burping!

If we can reduce our meat intake we can help the planet. Is this something you could try?

Special Announcement

We are delighted to announce the birth of baby Isla Miriam Webb, to Emma and Chris, 7lb 1oz born Tuesday 25th May at 10.30am.



Something to Share?

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.

The deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday.
Paula. Email: deaneves@msn.com

Chuckle Corner - More from BHC

Here is the challenge to all the Church Family please send in your one -liners, an amusing quote, something you observed which made you smile or maybe a line from a book which made you laugh out loud.



Blake got taken home for tea at his friend James' so by around 5pm gets on the phone to Mum "Can I stay with James tonight please?" "You better come home because James' mum is very busy." "Oh ok I will come back by 11-30"!!!

Later the same evening at home he goes out to water the plants and returns soaking wet and Mum mildly annoyed says "You've got water all down your front"

"Well I won't need a shower now WILL I?" comes the reply!

There must hundreds better than that so in the words of the great Delia Smith "Lets be 'aving You"

Love to all BHC

Awesome Sunday

I went to church on Sunday. What is so special about that you may ask? It was the first time I had been to church since February 2020. I had been advised to start shielding a good month before lockdown occurred.

I would like to share with you the feelings and emotions that I experienced last Sunday but I would also like to say at this point that this does not take away or distract from how valuable the online services have been for me and many these past 12 plus months and beyond.

Being up and ready for 10.30 am was the first challenge! How lovely it was to have a reason to dress up, I even put lipstick on which I then realised was pretty useless as no one would see my mouth and I ended up with lipstick smeared across the back of my facemask!

On arrival I was surprised at how many cars were in the carpark, in my head there was only going to be a few. Walking in my legs felt as if the bones had been removed and were made of jelly. It was very well organised and I had a flag to wave when the songs were being sung.

The joy of being back in church was overwhelming; I shed tears of joy despite my anxiety levels being through the roof at times. I couldn't sing but I could wave my flag and raise my arm in praise and wonder. There was also a point when every part of my being wanted to get up and lay at the foot of the cross in thanks.

I have tried to find an experience that I can use to liken the experience and for me personally they are that moment that Jesus meets you and you truly become one. Confirmation and several times I have renewed by baptismal vows simply because my faith and strength in God had grown and I needed to publicly acknowledge this.

And finally to see my members of my church family in person despite wearing masks the smiles and the love shone through. It was an awesome Sunday that will stay with me always.

Rosalind

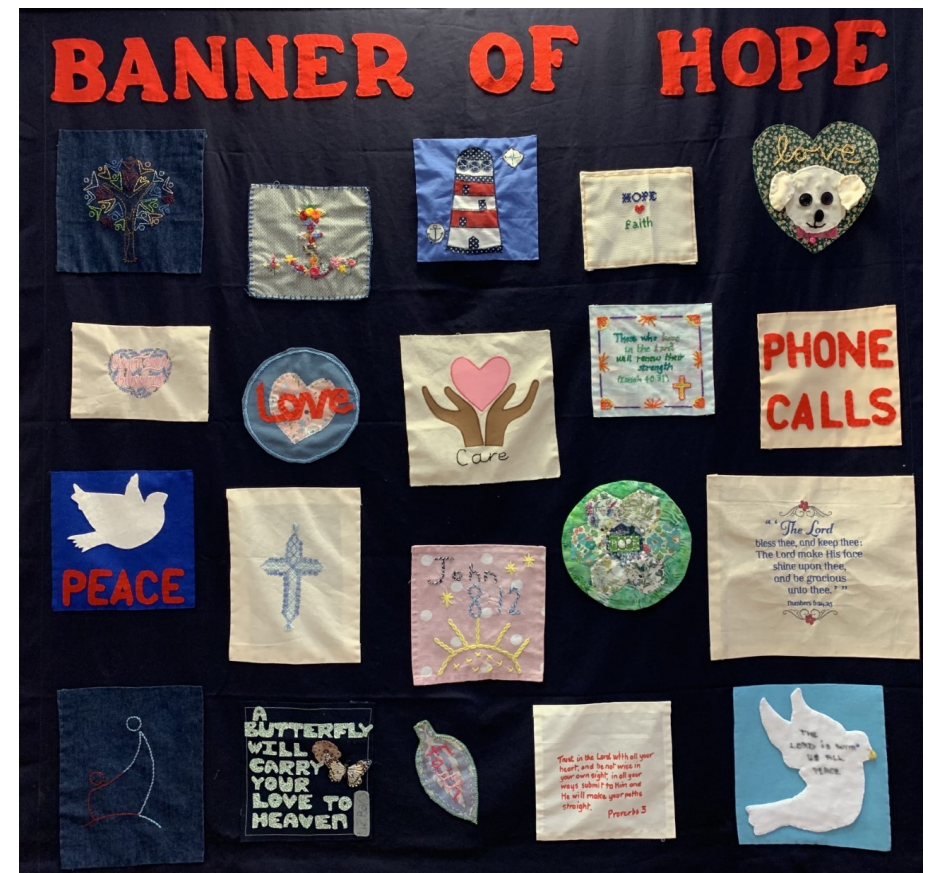
Holy Spirit Course

A 6-week course on the Holy Spirit will commence on Monday 14th June at SCC.

The time is to be arranged but probably 7 – 7.30pm commencement and will last approximately one to one and a half hours.

We can only take 10 people because of the current COVID restrictions.

Bookings should be made through Diana (High).



Who Makes the Decisions Around Here?

Grateful thanks to all who serve this church in the various leadership groups and to those who have served faithfully and now stepped down (Alex Andreae, Jeremy StJohn and Tom Hedley-Smith). Following our Annual Meeting held 18 May, these are the members of the church community serving in this way.

On the MLT (Ministry Leadership Team): Ali Fuller, Andrew Crocombe, Tobi Osinaike, Rachel Berner, Georgina Hedley-Smith, Lise Jennings/ Andrew Price, David and Lynda Kemp and Paulette.

On the DCC (District Church Council):

(Numbers in brackets are the years left to serve from 31 May 2021)

Jonathan Montealegre (1)

Gary Smith (1)

Becky Whittaker (1)

Paula Dean (2)

Daniel Hampton (2)

Emma Webb (2)

Emma Rafferty (3)

Dan Ralph (3)

Joanna Young (3)

Rosalind Drewitt (Deanery Synod *ex officio*)

Phil Farnham (Deanery Synod *ex officio*)

Lynda Kemp (Deanery Synod *ex officio*)

One vacancy on Deanery Synod

Gail Arnold (PCC *ex officio*)

Helen Prettyjohn (PCC *ex officio* and Vice Chair)

Alison Fuller (Churchwarden, *ex officio*)

Andrew Crocombe (Churchwarden, *ex officio*)

Elaine Oakley (Deputy Churchwarden, *co-opted*)

Neil Robertson (Deputy Churchwarden, *co-opted*)

David Kemp (General Synod *ex officio*)

Mike Barnett (Diocesan Synod *ex officio*)

Paulette Stubbings (Team Vicar)

What does it do?

It meets 5 or 6 times a year to make decisions about the life and mission of the church - for example, concerning outreach or youth ministry, or suggestions made by the MLT or members of the church family. It can receive guidance from the wider Anglican Church, and make its opinion known to it. Worship and Bible study is a priority at the DCC. Its members may serve on action groups – *Finance, Closer to Home, Safeguarding, the Old Church project*. If you want to know more about the DCC, or you think there is an issue which the DCC needs to discuss, simply contact one of the members above.



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



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Church Ministry