

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Joan Moss, following a short spell in hospital. Emma (Rafferty) suffering with fibromyalgia. Gill Campbell (see below). Elaine, recovering following surgery which went well. Julia (Angie Essex's sister-in-law), following a knee replacement operation. Julia, (Sue St John's god-daughter). Katy (Burney) with a deteriorating knee condition. Freddie and Charlie Crocombe (grandchildren to Andrew's brother). Beth (Stan and Carol's daughter) having treatment. Pat Wade. Bob Simmons. Audrey (Porter) for continued healing of her back. During December we will be praying for those living in Grimthorpe Avenue, Martindown Road (including Columbine Heights) and Ashurst Avenue.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Barbara Boyall, George's (Charilaou) mum, who is ill and starting chemo. Melissa Clackett, whose health is deteriorating please pray for it to improve and for Isaac with chronic lung disease and underlying health issues, but (as Melissa says) he is a strong little fighter. Sheila Pearse. 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



Thank you to everyone who prayed for Gill Campbell and Vince and Gill's daughter, Gillian.

Please could you now pray for Gill who started treatment this week at the Maxiofacial Clinic in Ashford.



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

5 December 2021

Second of Advent

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Luke 3: 1-6



A special welcome to Gift and Kathryn Asiku and family over in the UK from Uganda to tour and speak at their supporting churches.

A prayer for this season at St Alphege Seasalter

This is a prayer we will be using regularly in church for this season. Please join us in praying it, at home and in your groups as well.

Lord Jesus

We long for more of you in our lives,

**To grow in our love for you, for one another
and for our community.**

We offer you ourselves, just as we are;

**Keep our feet firm on God our Rock when things feel
uncertain,**

Keep us faithful in prayer and service,

Help us share your gift of love and grace with others and

Grow your church here, we pray

Amen.

Singing for Fun and Wellbeing

The next singing for Fun and Wellbeing will be on Monday 6th December at 2.30pm in SCC. All welcome.



Please note: this is a youth Christmas party

Red Zebra are in need of more volunteer drivers to take people to hospital and other appointments.

Is this something that you could help with?

If so, please contact Sharon at/on:

sharon.brittain@redzebra.org.uk

01227 262313

Something to Share?

If you would like to contribute to these church notices; or subscribe to the (electronic) mailing list 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

Whitstable Oyster Singers invite you to their Concert

**in aid of the Bright Shadow charity which
helps people with dementia**

Saturday 11 December 2021

3.15 pm

Seasalter Christian Centre
Faversham Road, Whitstable, CT5 4AX



The second half of the programme will include Christmas carols and songs with audience participation.

Tickets needed in advance or on the door BUT ADMISSION IS FREE with the opportunity to give generously to the charity at the concert.

For more information contact
Donald 01227 770434.

Christmas Card for the church family

Last year I designed a Christmas card for us all to share with each other and to print off to display in our homes if we wished to do so.

I am planning to do the same again this year so do please get in touch with your messages for our brothers and sisters.

If you can email me please do so, if not please drop them off at the Christian Centre and I will collect them from there.

Paula
deaneves@msn.com

Paulette's usual day off is changing

I'm changing my usual day off from a Thursday to a **Friday** from this week onwards for various practical reasons. I usually don't respond to emails and messages after 5.30 pm on Thursday until I'm back at work on Saturday. If it's an urgent matter, contact Ali Fuller or Andrew Crocombe (details on the website) or Becky in the church office.

Thank you, Love Paulette



OPEN DOOR
Community Hub

**CHRISTMAS RE-LAUNCH
THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER
10-11.30 AM (DROP IN)**

**Seasalter Christian Centre, 49 Faversham Road
CT5 4AX 01227 276923**

Company and community for all with:

- a warm welcome
- tea, coffee and cake
- support
- meeting weekly on Thursdays
10-11.30 am from January 13th

A huge thank you to all who helped to make the Christian Aid Quiz such fun and for your generosity, including those who donated but did not attend. We raised the grand total of **£780!**

Our next Quiz is planned for March 19th at Seasalter with fish and chips.

David and Jeannie



  **Stamp Recycling**  

Christmas is coming, so many of us will have more post coming through the door, please remember to save the stamps for us and also throughout the year, as even a few pennies gained from each batch of stamps sent in, benefits us as a charity

If you would like to help us with this then please save your old stamps. They can be sent direct to the recycling company at this address:

Octopus For A Preemie UK
PO Box 16992
Sutton Coldfield
B73 9YA

Your help as always is very much appreciated. Or welcome to give to Ann Price who can send off.

Christmas Spirit Day
St. Alphege Old Church, Seasalter
(via the top of Freemans Close)
Saturday 18 December 10.30 - 4.30 pm

- **Make a decoration or write a prayer to hang on the tree**
- **Light a candle to remember a loved one**
- **Write your hopes on our graffiti wall**

Join in with carols at 4pm
Refreshments and fun for all ages!

AND

Help needed!
The above event is being run by the St. Augustine's ordinands together with St. Alphege Seasalter.

Could you:

- **Bake some festive cookies, biscuits, cakes or mince pies?**
- **Lend some Christmas tree decorations, lights or bunting?**
- **Spare a couple of hours on the day?**

If you can help, please email Vicki: vickijyoung40@gmail.com or call the SCC office 9 - 11 am on 01227 276923

**Holy Communion (BCP) at the Old Church -
Sunday Service 11.15 am 19
December**



This will be our first Sunday service back in the Old Church since March 2020.

From January, services will resume at the Old Church as per the pre-pandemic pattern: at 11.15 am on the first Sunday in the month.

Please dress warmly as we will need to keep the church well ventilated, and feel free to wear a face covering if you wish to.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**It's that time of year
again!!**

Please consider
putting aside some
items for the calendar
over the next few
weeks!



Last year we
delivered 36
hampers.



Non perishable
items only
please!

Please leave at SCC by Sunday 19th December

For any questions please contact Georgina on
georgina.hedley-smith@stalphegeseasalter.org



CHURCH FLOWERS

would you like to sponsor a flower arrangement in church for a special anniversary, a birthday or any other occasion? If so, contact Hazel and she would be happy to discuss the options. Mobile 07769 735336.

Reverse Advent

As you may know the last few years we have been running the Reverse Advent Calendar in the run up to Christmas. This is where we put aside an item of food each day over a few weeks, these then are combined and redistributed over a number of hampers. These hampers are then delivered to people in the community around our church who may find Christmas a financially difficult time of year. The items could be a tin (soup/vegetables/chilli/fruit/pies etc) a packet (pasta/breakfast cereal/jelly/crisps) items of toiletries (toothpaste, nappies, toilet roll, shower gel), a jar (jam/cooking sauce/hot dogs etc) and gifts for adults, youth or children (gloves/books/games/toys). Ideally we would like a mix of some meal essentials and some nice Christmas treats such as chocolates or mince pies (please check best before dates). Last year our church family was incredibly generous and we distributed 36 hampers.

This year we are also partnering with the Haven project, which is a homeless charity here in Whitstable. The young people will be making up a bags of essentials and treats for the homeless and these will be delivered to the Haven Project to distribute. Items particularly useful for the homeless are thermos flasks, underwear, toiletries, torches with batteries, ring pull tins, hats, gloves and scarves and wrapped chocolates and sweets.

This year has been tough and we know that many families are struggling, so we would love to be able to give out even more hampers to bless our neighbours. If you are able to help please could you start putting aside an item as often as you are able to, many shops have offers so maybe you could donate the 'free' item to the hampers? The items can then be dropped off at the Christian Centre during the week leading up to the 19th of December. They can be sorted and delivered the following week. If getting them to the Christian Centre will be a problem for you then please contact Andy or Georgina Hedley-Smith or Becky in the office so that we can arrange to collect them from you.

Many thanks
Andy and Georgina