

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

12 December 2021

Third of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 12:2-end; Luke 1:57-80*

Covid-19 Update - Sunday Services

Following the Government's recent changes regarding restrictions, please note the points below:

- Although masks continue to be optional, the Government advice is that face coverings are worn in crowded spaces. It is the consensus of views from the DCC that we should be wearing masks and therefore please will you bring and wear a mask or face covering whilst in the building if you are able to.
- Please make sure you use the hand-gel on entering SCC.
- We are continuing to ventilate the building well and are monitoring CO2 levels.
- Please do not attend if you are unwell or feel unwell.
- We will continue with current Holy Communion practice as we are taking care to keep elements covered etc.
- We will resume a contact-less Peace.
- We will continue with singing unless advised otherwise.
- We will continue with refreshments unless advised otherwise.
- Online services are available and offer opportunities for those who want to/need to stay away from gathered services to do so.
- Mid week Holy Communion provides an opportunity for worship and Holy Communion that is less crowded than a Sunday. This is at 3pm on a Wednesday afternoon at SCC.

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything, please speak to Paulette, Andrew or Ali.

*Please see page 2

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

Sunday 12 December 2021

Please note that the 10.30 am service will be a Christingle service, the reading will be Matthew 5:14-16 (from The Message) and the service will NOT be live-streamed.

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

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

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.



Please note: this is a youth Christmas party

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.**



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.

Website

We're seeking a couple of people who would be happy to work together on helping get our church website into shape and then keeping it streamlined, up-to-date and user friendly. You don't have to be a website building expert, but someone who is comfortable with computers, happy to learn how to update the pages on ours, and who knows a good website experience from a bad one. It shouldn't be a hugely time consuming task, but it's a really important one - most people search for churches and information about them this way.

If you are interested, please speak to Paulette Stubbings (Vicar), Ali Fuller or Andrew Crocombe (Churchwardens)

A date for your diary... Burns Night Saturday January 22nd All Saints Hall

Come with friends to enjoy a three course meal,
& Burns Night entertainment including The Address to the Haggis!
Tartan attire or a ribbon is welcome
Fundraiser for the German Exchange - Tickets will be available in January

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.



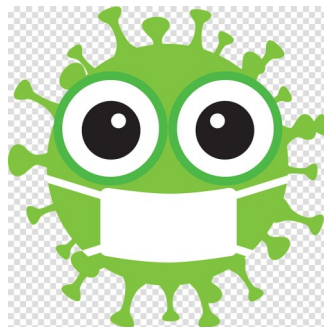
Non perishable items only please!

Please leave at SCC by Sunday 19th December

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

A Ditty from Phil Farnham

To mask or not to mask
That is the conundrum
What a masquerade
A song and dance
An aid or encumbrance
To silence the doubters
Certainly muffles the shouters
Covering the vicinity
To protect anonymity
Not the serenity everyone's craving
What a pity!



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