

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Joan Moss. Emma (Rafferty) suffering with fibromyalgia. Gill Campbell receiving treatment at the Maxi facial Clinic in Ashford. Elaine, having another operation on 5 January. 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 January we will be praying for those living in The Heights, Spring Walk and Meadow Walk.

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

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



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

9 January 2022

1st Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Luke 3:15-17 and 21-22



²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

New Wine (Kent Network) Celebration

at St Mary Bredin Church in Canterbury

with Archbishop Justin speaking

30 January 6.30 pm (subject to change due to Covid restrictions).

59 Nunnery Fields, Canterbury Kent CT1 3JN. SMB office:

Phone: 01227 453777, Email: office@smb.org.uk

Covid-19 Update - Sunday Services

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

Face masks are now mandatory in Places of Worship so please bring a face mask with you and wear it whilst you are in the building, unless you are exempt.

- 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.

Personal information - the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The GDPR sets out how organisations must act when dealing with the personal data of individuals. Personal data includes such information as name, address, telephone number, financial information, health records etc etc.

The church holds information/data about all its members, and we are committed to handling it legally, responsibly and carefully. For most members the church holds name, address, telephone number and email address and does not hold more sensitive information about bank accounts or health. Members will appreciate that these days information is held not only in paper files, but also on computers and phones. Most information is held under the legal basis of *legitimate interest*, i.e. the church has a legitimate interest in holding the data, and virtually all the data has been freely provided by the members themselves.

If you have any questions about your data, what is held and how it is held please look at the Privacy Notice on the church website or talk to Russell Wyles on 07526 978 080.

**Connect Groups are the small group programme within
St Alphege Seasalter.**

**Groups meet at various times and venues and cater to
most needs and tastes.**

**All groups attempt to support each member physically,
emotionally and spiritually.**

Are you 'Connected'?

**Speak to anyone wearing a
Connect Badge to get involved or email**

connect@stalphegeseasalter.org

War Graves

There are two graves in the churchyard of servicemen who died in the Second World War.



Sergeant Allan Williams (26) of the RAF was involved in bombing raids over Germany. He was the son of a Whitstable couple, Arthur and Elizabeth Williams. On the night of 31 January 1943 he was the navigator in a Lancaster bomber which took off from Waddington in Lincolnshire as part of a raid over Hamburg. When the plane returned it was diverted because of bad weather and crashed into a hillside in Yorkshire.

William H Mitchell (45) was an Engineman in the Royal Naval Patrol Service. He served on HMS Liffey and was taken ill and died on 3 March 1944. In the Second World War the RNPS consisted of thousands of small boats such as trawlers (like HMS Liffey), motor launches and fuel carriers, which carried out convoy escort work, minesweeping and anti-submarine patrols. More than 15,000 RPNS servicemen died doing this work around Britain's coasts. Churchill said of them "No work has been more vital than yours; no work has been better done. The ports were kept open and Britain breathed. The Nation is proud of you."

In the corner of the churchyard nearest to the car park are two graves which are reputedly those of two German airmen who died near Whitstable. The crosses marking the graves are dilapidated and are being restored. If anyone has information about these graves we would be interested to hear it.

David Kemp

Please keep your used stamps!



Please save used stamps for us 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 Premie 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.

.... and/or

Here is the address for Redwings Horse Sanctuary if anyone wants to send stamps to them direct. I am also more than happy to take them and post them on with my own.

Supporter Engagement
Redwings Horse Sanctuary
Hapton
Norfolk
NR15 1SP

Can you also write on the envelope that it is 'Used stamps enclosed'.

Redwings is a sanctuary dedicated to the care and wellbeing of horses and donkeys who have found themselves homeless, neglected or ill-treated. They provide the horses with a home for life. No animal is put down unless it is too ill to be saved.

I have visited the sanctuary several times and it is a beautiful place, and I would highly recommend that if you are ever in Norfolk, it is well worth a visit.

Rosalind Drewitt

TEAM BELIEVE – Rev Sara-Jane Stevens

B -baby in Bethlehem born for us
born under **a star**
seen by local visitors,
and some from **afar**
bringing gifts of great **wealth and**
some coming just - with their heart **in their hand...**

E-manuel
God with us
Eternal Superior entity entered into our earth
to **live with us**
live **with** us
live **like** us
experience life as a human **being**
and understand what it is like to - **be me**

L-love, saw our sin and **came down**,
Took up our mortal state and **laid down**
his crown in order to free us
to love us
to live with us and heal us.
To be judge and jury,
judiciously justifying the need for our **punishment**
taking our sentence **on his own head**.

I –I believe, **do you believe?**
Can you open up your heart and even **try to believe?**
This faith is not **passive**.
My faith is not **massive**
just a grain of mustard, **a seed**,
daily dying and trying to live out the “I believe”

E- every Christmas the message is the same,
we get told **repeatedly**,
bible readings **repeating the**
message of hope -
God became **a person**
to bring us new life for real - this is not **a rehearsal**.
Maybe this mysterious multiplying **missive**
needs to repeat
because we are just so **dismissive?**
I dare you! **Try!**

This faith is not bull - it will give wings to **fly!**

V- very small
very God **made babe**
lies not in hospital cotton - but **edible hay**
saviour of me and **you**
surrounded by flees and animal **poo**,
God compacted
humbled
willingly contracted to save you!
very small
yes God **with a mission**
will you open your heart and give him **permission?**

E-every Christmas the message the **same**
do we need to hear it again and **again**
until
finally - the penny - **it drops**
and we open our heart's door
to the soft - persistent **knocks**
of the God who
hears us
knows us
never fears us
loves us and wants us
Yes, God **wants you**
to kneel at the manger and
want him too

What do I **believe?**
I believe that God - the **al-**
mighty
loves and knows **you and me**
God made us, **treasures us**
live for us and **died for us**.
God longs for our deepest love
SO much he left heaven - **and was born**
in a animal stall - to get our **attention**
to shake up the world and call out
..... **Daughter!** **Son!** Child....
..... **I love you!** **Come.....**
What do you believe?

