

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Barry, Paula's brother-in-law, as he undergoes CAR T-cell therapy at UCH.

Jill (Wimsett) needs prayer for a good recovery following another operation.

Jan (Margaret Tyce-Butcher's friend) is waiting for test results before starting treatment for a type of blood cancer. Continued prayers too for Margaret's brother Peter who is caring for Inger his wife.

Ruth, 26 (Bob Simmons daughter) suffering with painful rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia.

Raichal, on the waiting list for a full hysterectomy.

For a mum and daughter at Little Salties with health problems.

Graham Goldstraw, for a continual improvement from Vasculitis.

During March we will be praying for those living in Irish Village, Tollgate Close and Cundishall Close and during April for those living in Valkyrie Avenue, Cypress Close and Shearwater Avenue.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Please pray for Brian Evans, as his Alzheimer's is worsening and for Jane and the wider family as they support him. Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Audrey, Bob, Denise, Dennis, Emma, Katy, Lise and Melissa. Gill Campbell. Pat Wade.

Prayer Needs

Please contact: Carol Judge 277752; or David and Lynda Kemp 272470



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter Sunday 26 March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading: John 13: 1-17

Please take this notice sheet home with you

Worship Unplugged - Join us!

**2 April (Palm Sunday),
3.30 - 4.30 pm in Oyster Bay at Seasalter
Christian Centre**

Back in November, a group of our music worship leaders and one or two others met in Oyster Bay just to praise God together. We planned a few songs, led on acoustic guitar, and then made room for the Holy Spirit to lead. It was a really special time of joining together in praise and worship and there was such a strong sense of God's presence.



We are going to do it again, and would like to invite anyone who would like to join us to come along.

Please note

We livestream our 8.45 service and occasionally other services, uploading these to our church YouTube channel.

The camera is focussed on the stage area (please be aware of this if you go up onto the stage during the service), and we don't film during the distribution of Holy Communion. Some backs of heads will appear in camera view.

Please speak to a Church Warden when you arrive if you wish to avoid being in camera view.

REVISED AD MORE HOURS

Administrator– Seasalter Christian Centre 20 Hours per week Monday to Friday £11 per hour

We are seeking an administrator to manage the day to day running of the Centre dealing with bookings, welcoming visitors and users, handling correspondence and phone calls/messages, ensuring rooms are arranged and resourced as needed, and other administrative duties essential to the smooth running of the Centre.

You will need good organisation and IT skills (internet, emails, Word, Excel) and excellent people skills. You will need to understand and fully support the vision and values of St Alphege Seasalter.

For full details and information on how to apply, please contact Andrew Crocombe by email: churchwardens@stalphegeseasalter.org

Closing date for applications: Thursday 6 April

Interviews: Thursday 13 April



Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

Celebrating:

- We give thanks for the Co-op, the Pharmacy and the Golden Wok, Seasalter Fish Bar and the Best One shop and all who work there for being there for the people of our local community.
- We give thanks for Denise, Donald and Chris and the other 'retired' (ha!) Priests in the Team Ministry and for all they do to minister to and encourage us and to support the work of the churches.

Praying for:

- Please pray for the right appointment for the post of SCC Administrator and for Becky Whittaker and Andrew Crocombe as they work on the handover and for blessing on Becky as she moves on to other things. For the cover period between Becky leaving and the appointment of her successor.
- Please pray that as a church we can offer the welcome of Jesus and a church where all can belong, to anyone who walks through our doors, whatever life has thrown at them and whatever burdens they carry.



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 Statement

Following communication to the church in October 2022 as part of the 'jigsaw series' - Welcome and Belonging, and after being agreed late 2022 by the DCC, our St Alphege Seasalter Welcome Statement is at last being published from today. It will appear on our website and be displayed in the concourse and on the noticeboard.

Please pray that as a church we can offer the welcome of Jesus and a church where all can belong, to anyone who walks through our doors, whatever life has thrown at them and whatever burdens they carry. Thanks to Dan Ralph for the poster design for the Concourse.

YOU ARE WELCOME

Looking for a church to call home or visiting for the day?

Our doors are open for you.

Know what you believe or haven't got a clue?

Join us so we can explore faith together.

Nervous, unhappy, or unsure about church?

We'll do what we can to put you at ease.

Weighed down by your pain, your hopes, or your fears?

We know a God who can help.

We believe that God's love is open to all, so at St Alphege Seasalter we aim to welcome everyone.

Whatever your age, race or how much money you have - *you are welcome*.

Whatever your relationship status - *you are welcome*.

If you identify as LGBTQ+ or are still working that out - *you are welcome, and we affirm you*.

If you are neurodiverse, live with an impairment or condition, or struggle with your mental health - *you are welcome*.

Whoever you are, whatever you believe, our goal is to be a church that anyone can be a part of, and you are welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

Message from Lise

We would like to make you aware of some changes with the rules for the use of creche on Sunday mornings. It is only to be used for children of preschool age and below; and each child must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Thank you.

Children's and Young People's Sunday Groups

Blaze - Age 3 to 11 years
in Oyster Bay Room
Youth - Age 12 to 18 years
in The Beach Room

If your child is aged 2 or under please feel free to use the creche if you would like to.

Canterbury Music Makers

SPRING CONCERT

Beethoven Piano Concerto No.1 1st Movement

Soloist: Sam Carr

+ Adagio from Spartacus
Smetana: Moldau
Rienzi Overture
& light music by Coates & Curzon

Conductor: Steve Wassell
Leader: Lucy Macgregor

Saturday 1st April 2023
7.30pm



Tickets: £10 at the door
Proceeds in aid of Church funds and Whitstable Rotary. Sponsoring by WHITSTABLE

Whitstable Oyster Singers Community Choir Spring Concert



Palm Sunday 2nd April at 3.30 pm
at All Saints' Church, Whitstable

Musical Director: Victoria Rowcroft • Accompanist: Spencer Payne
Soloist Thomas Young (Clarinet)

Tickets: £7.50 each

available on the day at the church or beforehand from
members of the choir
Further enquiries phone 01227 770434

Reminders

4 April Lego Club
11 April Lego Club
13 April - All in

Contact Lise for more
information on the above.

18 April - Mature Drivers

13 May - Lay Ministry
Celebration Day

New Wine - 26 - 30 July &
1 - 5 August

Satellites 2023 - 4 - 8 August

All of the above will be re-run in
this notice sheet in future issues.

ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING

The church's Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 24th April at 7.30pm at SCC. Please do try and attend this important meeting where we shall give thanks to the Lord for all that has happened over the last extraordinary year and a bit and also think and pray about the people we need to represent us on various bodies. If you are unable to attend in person but are able to join the meeting on Zoom, the link, password and code are:

Topic: ADCM

Time: Apr 24, 2023 07:15 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85149610982?pwd=a3JpNHRibjN3eINZZ2E1bjNtWXlkZz09>

Meeting ID: 851 4961 0982

Passcode: 184716

One of the important tasks of the Annual Meeting is to elect those who will guide or represent the church over the next year. This year we need to elect to the Deanery Synod four representatives. There are the usual three vacancies for our District Church Council (DCC) and two places on the Team Council (PCC) - if you are a member of the Deanery Synod or PCC you are automatically a member of the DCC too. We also elect the two Churchwardens and two Deputy Wardens. If you would like to serve in any of these ways or know of someone who would be suitable for one of these roles (please talk to the person before nominating them!) please complete a nomination form available from the Churchwardens or the office. If you would like any further information about any of the roles or the Annual Meeting, please speak to Paulette, Andrew or Ali.

Copies of the Annual Report Booklet will be available shortly.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and indicates that you would like to be formally seen as a member of this church. Every year the Electoral Roll has to be revised by adding or deleting names as necessary. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please complete an application form available today and subsequently from Elaine Oakley - Electoral Roll Officer, or a Churchwarden. Completed forms MUST be received by Sunday 23rd April 2023. **PLEASE NOTE: If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to do anything.**

DIOCESAN SYNOD

There is a vacancy for a lay person to serve as a representative of Reculver Deanery on the Diocesan Synod for the next year. The Diocesan Synod is the body that works with the Bishop on matters affecting the present and future of the Diocese.

It consists of clergy and laity from across the Diocese, it meets three times a year (2 Saturdays and one Wednesday evening), and deals with strategy, money, ministry and important questions referred to it by the General Synod. Being on the Diocesan Synod means you are automatically on your Deanery Synod and your PCC (and DCC in the Whitstable Team) and this particular position only lasts until new elections next year.

Please pray for right persons to come forward for election to this vacancy. If you think this might be you, or you can think of someone who would be appropriate, please speak with your Deanery Synod members. The deadline for nominations to be received by our Deanery Secretary (Rev Sue Martin) is Sunday 16 April 2023. Nomination forms will be available from your Deanery Synod members within the next few days.

Full eligibility details are below, and if you require any further information, please do contact me.

Amanda Boucherat
Reculver Deanery Lay Chair
07752811958
aeabw@talktalk.net

Eligibility for Election to Diocesan Synod

A lay person is qualified for election by the house of laity of a deanery synod as a member of the diocesan synod if the person is an actual communicant aged 16 or over –

- (a) whose name is on the roll of a parish* in the deanery,
- (b) whose name is on the community roll of a cathedral church in the deanery which is not a parish church,
- (c) who, in a case where the area of the deanery includes Westminster Abbey, St George's Chapel, Windsor or the cathedral church of Christ in Oxford, is declared by the dean to be a habitual worshipper, or
- (d) who is declared by the leader of a mission initiative in the deanery to be part of the worshipping community involved in the initiative.