

## 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 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 2 April 2023

**Palm Sunday**

**Reading: Matthew 27: 11-54**

*Please take this notice sheet home with you*

### **WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?**

A poem for Palm Sunday by Loyd C Taylor Sr Written March 29<sup>th</sup>. 2015

They shouted their praises, reaching the sky  
Pushing and shoving to see Jesus pass by.  
Crying, "Hosanna, hosanna, glory to the King!  
He comes to us today, great joy He doth bring"

They threw down palm leaves, covering the way.  
Making a clear path for Him to travel that day.  
Raising joyful voices, as praises filled the air,  
Their day had come, God answered prayer!

But, in a short time they changed their chant  
From joyful noise , to a mob's hate filled rant.  
From Hosanna, hosanna, as when He was praised  
To crucify Him! Crucify Him as their anger blazed!

In disbelief we might question why they turned?  
But maybe the question is "What have WE learned?"



### **!!!IMPORTANT- SIGN UP TODAY!!**

### **Maundy Thursday 6 April Church Meal from 6 pm at SCC**

We are holding our Maundy Thursday meal as a whole church family together ages 0-99, there's a sign up sheet which will help us know the numbers and what you are bringing to contribute to the bring- and-share meal. During the evening we will share an informal Holy Communion, and at the end we will clear up together quickly, then watch quietly together as the auditorium is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. **Sign up sheet at the back of church.**

## Forgiveness

'When I cultivate forgiveness in my small everyday encounters, I am preparing for a time when a much larger act of forgiveness will be asked of me, as it most certainly will... When I develop a mindset of forgiveness, rather than a mindset of grievance, I don't just forgive a particular act; I become a more forgiving person... What was once a reason for rupture and alienation becomes an opportunity for repair and greater intimacy.'

This quote comes from 'The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World', written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his daughter Reverend Canon Mpho Tutu who lived through apartheid in South Africa.

It struck me that like new year's resolutions and fasting through Lent, we can at times aim to do new things, change an aspect of our lives to grow closer to God. During The Difference Course we were challenged by this quote, not only because it speaks of forgiveness but because it speaks of cultivation. What do we, can we, will we cultivate in our lives so that we become that person? As a growing leader I have much that I want to say, yet I have realised in order to be heard I must first cultivate listening. What will you cultivate in your life as we begin the season of Easter?

Claude



**Lego Club**

Changing Life one block at a time

Tuesday 4th April 11.30am to 3pm and bring a pack lunch

Seasalter Christian Centre

Primary school age £5 Per Child

Contact [lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:lise.jennings@stalphegeseasalter.org)

St Alphege Seasalter



## Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

### *Celebrating:*

- Huge thanks to the Warm Space organisers and volunteers and prayers for ongoing relationship with those who connected with it.
- And another huge thank you to all who delivered our Easter postcards to the community, especially in the lovely weather we've been having ...

### *Praying for:*

- For Mark Fagg and Martin Garsed and their contemplative prayer work in the Team Ministry, giving thanks for a well-attended Inner Space event last week that drew people from across Canterbury, Herne Bay and Faversham introducing some to this Christian prayer tradition for the first time.
- Pray for those who will attend our Easter services and for a sense of God's presence amongst us at our Maundy Meal on Thursday.



## The Office

Some very kind volunteers will be covering most of the office duties along with Andrew Crocombe as the Churchwarden managing this, during the gap between Becky leaving and the new person being appointed in this key role.

This notice is an appeal for extra grace, kindness, patience and support from church family in any dealings with the office while this happens and while the new person finds their feet, hopefully starting around the end of April/early May once recruited. Thank you.

### 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.

## Whitstable Oyster Singers Community Choir Spring Concert



**Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## 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](mailto:churchwardens@stalphegeseasalter.org)

Closing date for applications: Thursday 6 April  
Interviews: Thursday 13 April

## Worship Unplugged - Join us!

**TODAY!**

**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.

### CTiW: Churches together in Whitstable



### Bringing the Cross of Christ to the centre of Whits<sup>+</sup>table

9.30am - 7th April 2023  
Good Friday Walk of Witness

Gathering 9:30am  
near Swalecliffe Skatepark.  
Then walk via Tankerton Slopes  
(Graystone Road)  
to the Harbour,

then via Reeves Beach  
to finish at  
St Alphege Church.



## 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](mailto:deaneves@msn.com)

## 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

## 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 PM 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

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### 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.