

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

Rosalind, her brothers Martin and John, also Tania and Jenny her daughters, on the death of her mum, Rose. May Rose rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

During April we will be praying for those living in Valkyrie Avenue, Cypress Close and Shearwater Avenue.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

Julia, undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Stephen, for guidance as he explores new employment possibilities.

Graham Goldstraw, for a continual improvement from Vasculitis.

Barry, Paula's brother-in-law, is home now but of course his care continues and he has a lot of medication to take each day. Thank you for your prayers.

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 23 April 2023

Easter 3

Reading: Jonah 2:1- 3:5

Please take this notice sheet home with you

Holy Communion at the 10.30 Service

From May onwards, we are moving Holy Communion at the 10.30 service to usually happen on the LAST Sunday in the month rather than the first Sunday. This is for practical reasons of cover - because the Old Church service takes place on the first Sunday of the month, it is sometimes difficult to make sure we have a priest and a churchwarden available in both locations, and this change will help with that. Paulette



Confirmations on 11 May at SCC 6.30 pm

Do please join us for this year's Confirmation service, which we have the privilege of hosting at St Alphege Seasalter. Candidates from across the Deanery will be Confirmed by Bishop Rose.

From Seasalter, Cherryl Abel and Josh Abel will be being confirmed, and it would be really good to support them. There will be refreshments after the service.

Congratulations to Abbie Jones on her appointment as the new SCC Administrator

Abbie has been worshipping with us since before Christmas, and brings a lot of relevant experience and skills to this key role.

We are glad to have you on the staff team Abbie, and will be praying for you.

A message from our safeguarding team

Church should be a place where everyone can feel safe. We will never be perfect, but we can work together to make our churches safer. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - and it needs to be at the heart of everything we do - so we all need to be on the look-out for signs of harm and abuse.

We need to be vigilant so that if something doesn't seem right, then we'll spot it. We can't assume 'that kind of thing' won't happen here – it can and it does. But we can work together to make our churches safer and to minimise the risks of harm and abuse.

That is why we encourage you to do the safeguarding training, if you haven't already, that can be done virtually via this link.

If you want to know more please contact one of the safeguarding team Claude, Hannah, Hilary, Lise, Paulette or Vanessa
Hilarypoulton@stalphegeseasalter.org



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Seasalter Values

All involved

Bearing witness

Creating community

Deepening discipleship

Encountering God

Finding friendship: fun and food

Giving generously

Everyone playing their part

Telling the Christian story

Loving and belonging

Following Jesus, becoming like him

Experiencing his presence

Laughing and sharing

Giving with gladness



St Alphege, Seasalter ~ making disciples of Christ, growing the church of God

Can you help us with either of these special events for our community over the Coronation weekend?

Community Cafe - Thursday 4 May

The Open Door team are running things differently on **Thursday 4 May** (polling day) with a community cafe and cake stall in the foyer and Oyster Bay room.

We need your help to welcome, serve visitors, donate home made cakes and wash up - with 3 time slots:

- 7am to 9am
- 10am to 12 noon
- 2pm to 4pm

We also need your help to publicise this event with your families, friends and neighbours please.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and savouries will be available for a donation - with all profits going to the Canterbury Food Bank.

We hope to bring more of the community together on this day and share more widely the range of community events on offer in Seasalter.

Open Door Indoor Street Party on the morning of Saturday 6 May

We are inviting our community to watch the Coronation on the big screens and celebrate with cakes and sandwiches afterwards.

We need people to sign up in advance and there is a cost of £3 per person.

The Open Door Team would love some extra help to donate cakes, prepare food, set up the hall, welcome and serve visitors and clear up afterwards.

Please let Lynda Kemp or Karen Esland know if you can help in any way. Thank you.

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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.

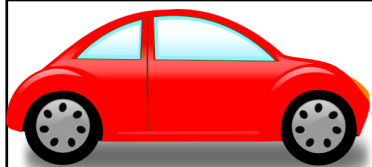
Paula. Email: deaneves@msn.com

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.



There are a small number of people in our congregation who are no longer driving or who are no longer able to offer lifts to others to church. It can be devastating to suddenly have to stop attending simply because you can't get there.

Although as a church we aren't permitted to set up a formal arrangement for lifts, we'd like to encourage people who drive to look out for our brothers and sisters in the congregation who may need some help in this way. Hopefully one day someone will do the same for us!

Thank you (and thank you to those who already do this so faithfully),
love Paulette.

Reminders

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.

Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

Celebrating:

- We are an Easter People! We give thanks that in all things, God is always at work bringing hope, light and transformation, even when things feel at their most difficult. There is nothing beyond God's reach.
- We give grateful thanks for the appointment of Abbie, as our new SCC Administrator and pray for her in her new role. Thank you to Andrew, Gail, Lynda, Chris, Elaine and any others involved who have been working hard to cover the office and look after our booking clients.

Praying for:

- Please pray for our Annual Church Meeting on Monday, where we look back at the year that's been and look forward to what God has for us in 2023 and beyond.
- Paulette is leading a small group across the Whitstable Team Ministry to focus on streamlining and keeping up to date and compliant with our HR/employment processes and policies. She' appreciate prayer for the right people to be involved in that and for that work..



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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85149610982?pwd=a3JpNHRibjN3eINZZ2E1bjNtWXlkZz09)

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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.**



POLLING DAY

Community Cafe and Cake Stall
THURSDAY 4 MAY
Seasalter Christian Centre, 49 Faversham Road
CT5 4AX 01227 276923

All are welcome to join us - whether voting in person or just out for a stroll.

7am to 9am (stay awhile or grab a takeaway)
10am to 12 noon
2pm to 4pm

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes & savouries available for a donation - with all profits going to the Canterbury Food Bank.

Please share this post with friends, family and neighbours.