

## 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.

During May we will be praying for those living in Dove Close, Goldcrest Walk and Kingfisher Close.

### **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 7 May 2023

Easter 5

**Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 22: 24-30**

*Please take this notice sheet home with you*



**Lay Ministry  
Celebration Day**

Saturday 13 May  
St Benedict's Centre, West Malling  
10:30am-4:30pm

KEYNOTE BY JO HENDERSON-MERRYGOLD

[www.staugustinescollege.ac.uk/events/lay-ministry-celebration-day/](http://www.staugustinescollege.ac.uk/events/lay-ministry-celebration-day/)



This is a day for celebrating, equipping and reflecting together on Lay Ministry in the Church of England, and is for anyone engaged with, training for, or interested in Lay Ministry.

We will gather together from across the South East to meet with opportunities for reflecting and resourcing from a variety of lay people currently engaged in ministry in a variety of different settings.

This is a free even for all those engaged with Lay Ministry warmly welcome - donations optional!

For more information and to book your place:  
<https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/.../lay-ministry.../>

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to Ceri Charilaou for being so faithful in the role of Giving/Stewardship Secretary for many years. Ceri is stepping down, and we are very thankful for Richard Candy, who has kindly agreed to take over this vital role.

Please pray and give thanks for Ceri, and for Richard as he takes this on and gets up to speed with the processes.

## **Christian Aid Week 14 to 20 May Whitstable Team Ministry**

We are endeavouring to raise money for CA week mainly via the internet once again. To donate do the following:

1. Find the "Just Giving" site - <https://www.justgiving.com> (No other "Just Giving" site)
2. Wait for Search
3. Click on Whitstable CA Group
4. Click on picture and donate – anonymously if you wish.

I believe door to door can still be worthwhile so if anybody wants to use a tin or envelopes please let me know.

Thanks for your help.

Gordon Williams – tel. 275179

## **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



## **SCC CAR PARK**

On a number of occasions when SCC is busy, we have noticed that vehicles have not been parked in marked bays and have been parked either at the end of a row or on the kerb/grass adjacent to the SCC building. We are concerned that these actions reduce the amount of room available for vehicles to move safely around the car park and could also potentially cause damage to the kerbing and grass.

**We therefore request that vehicles are only parked in marked bays.** If you are unable to park in a marked bay because the car park is full, please park further away on a road nearby but not directly in front of the Co-Op shop next door. This may mean that you need to 'drop off' your passengers and then find a space elsewhere. The car park is of course available for everyone to use, however, we ask that priority be given to those who have a greater need to use the car park due to mobility, health or other reasons, for example, musicians bringing in equipment for worship, young families with prams, etc..

Please therefore consider if you really do need to park in the car park, particularly on a Sunday morning when the building is busy, and please only park in a disabled bay if you have a blue badge. If you do park anywhere other than a marked bay, please do not be offended when we ask you to move your vehicle. Thank you.

Paulette, Andrew and Ali



## 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

### 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

## Upcoming Services and Key Church Events

Please read the fuller notices for groups and other activities.

### Wednesday 10 May

Mid week HC, 2.30 pm SCC

### Sunday 14 May

8.45 HC at SCC

10.30 All Age Service with children and young people staying in the service for this week as we talk about 'Worship' as a whole church community.

### Thursday 11 May

Reculver Deanery Confirmations, 6.30 pm SCC

### Thursday 18 May

Team Ministry Ascension Day service at St Alphege Whitstable 7.30 pm



## Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

### *Celebrating:*

- Giving thanks for the successful polling day café and coronation event at SCC and for all those who organised and planned, baked, serve, set up and cleared up. Praising God that we can build community connections and use a wonderful building to serve in this way.

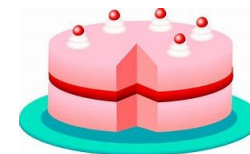
### *Praying for:*

- Claude and Dan and their families as they continue in their training and ministry.
- Users of the Christian Centre and for the SCC Team: Abbie, Andrew, Geoff and Grant.



## Cakes for Confirmation - Thursday 11th May

St Alphege Seasalter is hosting the Confirmation Service on Thursday 11th May and we are required to provide refreshments afterwards. If you are able to make a cake/cakes, please write your name on the sign up sheet on the table at the back of the auditorium. Please bring cakes to SCC by 5.30pm on the day.



We also require volunteers to prepare and serve refreshments so if you are able to help, please let Ali know.

Thank you. churchwardens@stalphegeseasalter.org

## Peace and 'The Peace'

Dictionary definitions of 'peace' include: the state existing during the absence of war; absence of violence or other disturbance; a state of harmony and friendship; absence of mental anxiety; a state of stillness, silence or serenity.

When we pray for 'peace' the above are amongst any number of things we have in mind. The 'peace of God' however is a supernatural peace that God offers us in the midst of life's trials and tribulations. It cannot be defined and explained by human logic. It is something you know if there when you've got it and/or are experiencing it.

The word 'peace' occurs about 250 times in the bible and most come under the dictionary definitions I have listed. Here are a few of the bible references that mention peace of the supernatural kind. I invite you to look them up, even reading the verses either side of them for the purpose of their context.

- Philippians 4 verse 7 reminds us that the peace of God 'transcends all understanding'.
- Ephesians 2 verse 14 reminds us that Christ 'Himself is our peace', confirming Isaiah 9 verse 6 which tells us the Messiah is amongst other things the 'prince of peace.'
- In Romans 8 verse 6 'peace' is coupled with 'life' and elsewhere it is paired up with such things as grace, mercy and love.
- On three occasions following his resurrection Jesus appears to his disciples and greets them with the words 'Peace be with you', see John 20 verses 19, 21 and 26.
- Then there is the wonderful promise of Jesus. 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you.' What a gift!! John 14 verse 29.
- Peace comes from God because He is a God of Peace, Romans 15 verse 33.

When then, during the Holy Communion, we offer one another a sign of peace, do we realise the importance of that moment, the seriousness of that moment? We are offering and receiving the Peace of God, a supernatural peace, a spiritual peace together with all the things that go with it. What a privilege. What a joy.

Donald Lugg

## Annual Church Meeting

On Monday about 40 of us gathered at the Annual Meeting to gratefully reflect on God's faithfulness over the past year, and to look ahead into His future. There was lively discussion, interesting ideas and good humour as those present tussled with accounts, procedures and technology. No doubt the cake helped!

When it came to the elections, Ali Fuller and Andrew Crocombe were re-elected as churchwardens, along with Elaine Oakley and Neil Robertson as deputy churchwardens. Rosalind Drewitt will represent us on the Deanery Synod, and Gail Arnold with Ann Price will do the same on the Team Ministry's Parochial Church Council. After a closely contested vote Jacqui McGibney, Helen North and Emma Webb were elected for three-year terms on our own church council. All the afore-mentioned will value our support and prayers as they play their part in the church negotiating the joys and sorrows, challenges, opportunities and adventures which await us in the coming months.

### Message from Hazel



Flowers this week are kindly donated by Karen Esland in memory of Ruby Esland 1935 - 1990 and Don Esland 1935 -2022

***Hazel's Mobile is 07769 735336.***

### 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.