

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Roy (Bentley) is now at home following his heart surgery. Please pray for a full recovery.
- Jill and Tom (Seddon), both unwell
- John (Carol's husband) Judge in QEQM for tests..
- Audrey (Porter), adjusting to health challenges.
- Donald. with back pain and previous health issues.

During March we will be praying for those living in The Heights, Spring Walk and Meadow Walk..

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Lenni (Oakley).
- Gill (Campbell).
- Janice and Graeme (Allott). Frances Crocker. Ted North. Pat Wade. Paul Browning.
- Ann Shuttle and her sister, Joan.
- Dave (Remon), suffering from Parkinson's. He is now living in Bradbury Grange.
- Brian Evans.
- Ruth.
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Bob, Dennis, Emma, Katherine, Katy, Rosalind and Stella (Masters).

We give thanks for all who care faithfully for others - because it's their job, or because they are caring for a loved-one. We pray for strength and rest and the support of others.

We give thanks for the wonderful news that Mark (Temple) has been given the all-clear following his recent operation.

*If you would like someone to be added to the prayer needs ,please contact:
Carol Judge 277752 or David & Lynda Kemp 272470*



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 2 March 2025

(Last Sunday before Lent)

**Readings: Proverbs:12:28, 14:12, 16:25, 10:2, 10:16, 19:16;
Psalm 32**

Rev. Claude Gayle

Congratulations Claude on your appointment as Priest in Charge of St Nicholas Allington and St Paul's Boxley in the Maidstone Deanery.

Claude - we have loved having you as our Curate, and will miss you very much, but we know you will be a huge blessing to your new churches and community in Maidstone.

Please pray for Claude and her family as they prepare for this move and for her new role.



Claude has confirmed that her licensing is on Monday 24 March at 7 pm: St Paul's, Boxley Road, Maidstone ME14 2AN

22 March Bible Study Morning Cancelled

A provisional date of 22 March had been set for a "How to get to grips with the Bible" morning. We have cancelled this event as we are not sure what help members of the congregation would find most helpful. So we are looking for you to tell us. We will run something in the Autumn. So please feedback to Paulette or to me Tariq Hussain.



Don't forget the
Christian Aid
Quiz Night
(see poster for details)

Church Notices Please note that the deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday. Paula Email: notices@stalphegeseasalter.org

Lent at St Alphege Seasalter

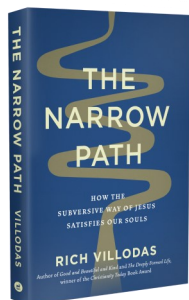
Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) that starts on Ash Wednesday (5th March), and leads up to Easter.

Christians use the time to think more deeply about faith, about the impact of sin, and why we (and the world) need Jesus.

Ash Wednesday 5 March - Services

- 2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service, at SCC (with opportunity to receive an ash cross)
- 7.30 pm Evening Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service at SCC - a reflective service to begin Lent facing our human frailties, failings and need but find the unconditional love of Christ meeting us as we do that.

'The Narrow Path' Sermons During Lent



During the 5 Sundays of Lent, our sermon series will be based on a book by Rich Villodas called 'The Narrow Path - How the subversive way of Jesus satisfies our souls'.

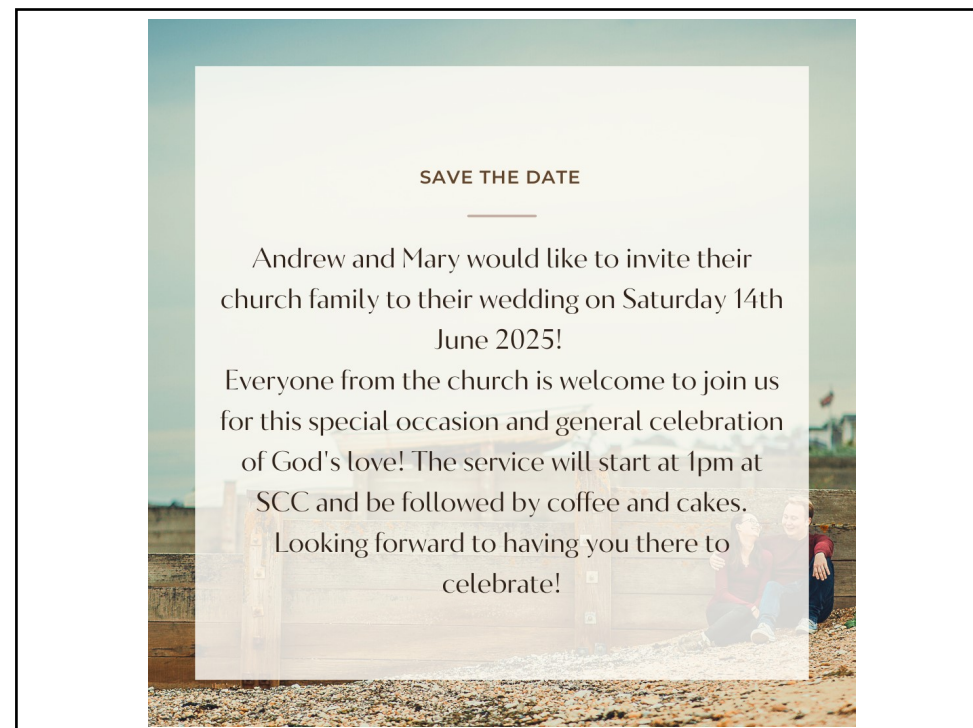
We'll be looking at 'What is the Narrow Path?', 'Being Salt and Light', 'Anger and Anxiety', 'Our Judgements and Enemies' and 'Our Decisions'.

There will be Connect Group questions based on the sermons each week. I'd recommend

the book, which is very readable, full of good stuff, and covers more topics than we can fit into 5 weeks - but it's not essential that you have it in order to follow along.

Additional Zoom Lent Discussion Group

I will be running a Zoom additional group to discuss the sermon topic every week for 5 weeks from , 5-6.30 pm (Thursday 13th March and the following 4 Wednesdays)- please speak to me or email me; paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org if you'd like to join in with that.



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.

'Board Monitors' Wanted!

Do you remember the 'monitor' jobs at school? 'Register Monitor', 'Dinner Monitor', 'Board Monitor' etc?

Well, we need two Board Monitors to take charge of making sure the content in the SCC Church Noticeboard that faces the pavement from the side of the Car Park is kept up to date and looking great.

Why two? It's a two-person job to change notices as the cover is heavy which makes it tricky for one person to manage.

So if you are creative, have an eye for detail and think you could make that noticeboard attractive and relevant - because people DO read it, please speak to Paulette (Vicar) or Ali (Churchwarden).

THIS WEEK at St Alphege Seasalter

We do our best to compile this so the info is in one place - but we are a busy church - apologies if something gets missed

- Mon 3** 10 am Woodcarving Group SCC
1.30 pm Singing for Fun and Wellbeing
6 pm Flying Club SCC
- Tue 4** 9.30 - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group SCC
- Wed 5** 8 - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion SCC
7.30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY service SCC
- Thu 6** 10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning SCC
- Fri 7** 10 - 12 Bible Study group SCC
2pm Social Games SCC
6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437)
- Sun 8** 8 am prayer at SCC
8.45 am Service with Holy Communion SCC
10.30 am Service with groups for Children and Young People at SCC, followed by Youth Lunch



A Message from Donald

"YOKED TO JESUS" is a booklet, containing a series of Bible Studies based on that theme. Each one has been prepared by Revd. Donald Lugg and designed for personal or group Bible Study, taking whatever time you need. They give the user lots to think, talk and pray about, and lots of Bible verses and passages and more to look up and read through.

If using for group study, having your own booklet is important. There is no set charge to buy a copy but donations for SCC church funds, and given through Donald, will be most welcome. Any feedback on the studies will also be welcome.

The sale of the 300 copies as a "first print" has already begun with every sign that copies will eventually be reaching Churches and their members in other parts of the UK.

Chris Skingley's Lent Course 'Becoming Like Jesus'

I am running a Lent Course with the Bible study group and any who want to join us. The title of the course is 'Becoming Like Jesus'. The five sessions are: What's the point?; How does it happen?; How does the Bible help?; Who is it for?; and Does it work? They will be held in Friday mornings 14th March – 11th April at 10am at SCC. - Chris

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- Giving thanks for and praying for the work of our Churchwarden Ali and Assistant Churchwardens Elaine and Mark. Also for Gail our Treasurer, Richard, David, Lynda and others who conduct much of the core administration to make sure things get fixed and ordered and people get paid.

Praying for:

- Our Lent and Easter season especially that we might go deeper in our connection to Jesus, and bolder in our conversations with others about the difference it makes to follow him.



ADVANCE NOTICE

A Ukrainian Ladies Choir will be taking part in the Oyster Singers Spring Concert to be held at St. Alphege Church Whitstable on Sunday 6th April at 3p.m. Make a note of the date, time and location now.

Posters and flyers will be on display shortly advertising the price of tickets and where and how they may be obtained. Book early a high demand for tickets is expected.

'I'm growing in my faith and I want to do something to show that'

Are you growing in your faith and connection with God? Would you like to recognise that in a special way?

Confirmation

On 15 May in the evening, at St Alphege Whitstable, a number of people from the churches in our Deanery will be Confirmed. Confirmation is an opportunity for people who were baptised/ Christened as a young child or baby to make for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf by parents and godparents. It can be a significant step on the journey of faith. At this special service, the Bishop lays hands on your head and asks God's Holy Spirit to strengthen you as you commit to live God's way. ***If you are interested in being confirmed please talk to Paulette as soon as possible.***

Baptism/Renewing your Baptism Promises

Being baptised is an important step on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ. It's a wonderful experience and there's no age limit. At Seasalter, you can choose to be baptised with poured or sprinkled water from a bowl or font, or even have your baptism in the sea! If you were baptised as a child or in a different Christian tradition, or if you would just like to recommit your life and faith journey there are special ways to renew those promises if you'd like to do that. Talk to Paulette about it.

First Holy Communion

We are happy for all who want to know and love the Lord Jesus to come to the table for Holy Communion and some do from a young age.

But we know that for some families, making a formal 'first communion' is an important step in the faith journey. If your children are at an age where you think they are ready and you would like to talk about this then speak to Paulette, and we can arrange some preparation that builds towards receiving first communion on Easter Day.

Tea & Coffee Rota

First of all a big thank you to those people who have volunteered to join the wonderful people already on the rota.

Sadly we still need some more helpers to come forward to augment the team, otherwise there may be some weeks when we won't be able to offer refreshments after both services.

It's a reasonably easy task to complete and the customers are really nice people.

You won't be alone, but always a part of a team of 2 or 3.

If you feel you can help in this worthwhile ministry to the church family please either contact me or one of the Church Warden Team

Thanks
Andrew

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Wanted! - Be part of the 'Seasalter Welcome'

We would like to ask for volunteers to join our welcome team. The main requirement is a smiling face to welcome everyone to the 10.30 service on a Sunday. You just need to be at church by 10.10 on Sunday ready to stand at the door.

Please contact: Maxine Perry on max_perry2003@yahoo.co.uk or 07739964273

Saturday 29th March 7.30pm

KYJO
KENT YOUTH
JAZZ
ORCHESTRA

The Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra will be putting on a concert at All Saints on Saturday 29th March.

Tickets and more information is available on Eventbrite and a link to this can be found on the Notices section of the All Saints website. If you are interested but do not have access to the web, please speak to Rev Simon Tillotson.

Tickets are only available online.