

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Ian (Ruck) having his operation on 20 May, an answer to prayer.
- John (Brockman) for a complete recovery following an operation.
- Bob Simmons, suffering with a painful cracked rib.
- Roy (Bentley) recovering from his heart surgery. Please also pray for Hazel.
- Donald. with back pain and previous health issues.

During May we will be praying for those living in Sunset Close, Sheppey View and Long Reach Close (incl. Bluefield Mews).

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Jill and Tom (Seddon), both unwell.
- John Judge.
- 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.
- Brian Evans.
- Ruth.
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Bob, Dennis, Denise, 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.

Please also read pages 1 and 7.

*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 11 May 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Readings: John 10: 7-16; John 15: 1-4 and 9-12

Audrey

Audrey (Porter) died on the morning of 7 May, peacefully at home, surrounded by family. A faithful servant and follower of Jesus, full of grace, generosity and humour.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Once we know funeral arrangements we'll let people know.
Please pray for her family and friends.

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 12** 10 am woodcarving group at SCC
1.30 pm Forge craft group at SCC
- Tue 13** 9.30 - 11.30 am Little Salties toddler group at SCC
- Wed 14** 8 - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service SCC
- Thu 15** 10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning at SCC
- Fri 16** 2 pm Social Games at SCC
6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437)
- Sat 17** Youth sleep over - see separate information/contact Hannah
- Sun 18** 8 am prayer at SCC
8.45 am Service with Holy Communion at SCC
10.30 am Service with groups for children and young people at SCC



HANDDRYERS versus paper towels

There are new efficient hand dryers in ALL the toilets so ditch the paper towels!! Hand dryers are far better for the environment than paper towels. This is because paper towels invariably end up discarded in landfill sites as they can't be recycled. When you factor in full-life carbon costs, electric hand dryers are a lot better for the environment and have much less of a lasting impact (not to mention saving money.....

Becca

St Alphege Seasalter Old Church

Traditional Holy Communion Service every first Sunday of the month, 11.15 am all welcome



An ancient oasis of peace cherished by the community. Find it at the end of the short footpath at the top of Freeman's Close or via the footpath from Mariner's view past the playing field.



Please take this notice sheet home with you

Come and See (Exploring Anna Chaplaincy)

Saturday 17th May 2025 from 10.30am-1pm at Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury CT1 1NQ

A session for anyone (lay or ordained) wanting to find out about Anna Chaplaincy to older people:

- What is Anna Chaplaincy? (a brief presentation)
- What does Anna Chaplaincy look like? (hearing from an Anna Chaplaincy team)
- What does the discernment and training look like?
- Question Time! (ask any question you like)

Anna Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Canterbury:

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/ministry/recognising-lay-ministry/anna-chaplaincy/>

To book a place, please email Sarah Lucas, slucas@diocant.org

Ladies' Meet Up

Dates for your diary



**Tuesday 13 May
Wednesday 11 June
Thursday 17 July**

from 7 pm

Weatherspoons' Whitstable

Open to any ladies connected with SCC. Come when you can, leave when you need, eat if you want or just chat. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

For more information contact Ann P or Claire W for more details.

Church Notices

If you would like to contribute to these church notices 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:

notices@stalphegeseasalter.org

Our Church Prayer

Lord Jesus, We long for more of you in our lives, to grow in our love for you, for one another and for our community.

We offer you ourselves, just as we are; keep our feet firm on God our Rock when things feel uncertain, keep us faithful in prayer and service, help us share your gift of love and grace with others and grow your church here, we pray. Amen



Please come and join Whitstable and Canterbury Street Pastors for a

Fundraising

Quiz

Saturday 31st May

7pm, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

£5 per person, Tables of 4-6 people

Snacks provided. Bar on site

For more information and to book contact:

Mark Arnold - whitstable@streetpastors.org.uk

Andrew Pantling - canterbury@streetpastors.org.uk

**Where are we with
Living in Love & Faith?**

Join us for the first
Canterbury Diocese meeting of

together 

For the Church of England

as we explore the next steps
for equality and inclusion.

Where: St Peter's Church, Canterbury, CT1 2AT
When: Sunday 11th May 2025 4.45pm for 5pm

 Following Open Table communion service
3.30pm

**With Nic Tall: General Synod member
and National Co-ordinator of Together**

For more info please contact:
Rev Rachel Webbley on: vicar@stalphege.org.uk
Website: togethercofe.org.uk



Christian Aid Week is from 11 to 17 May. If you would like to make a donation, click on the link below.

[Whitstable Christian Aid Group digital envelope 2025 - donate now](#)

Depression/Anxiety/Worry

During Tariq's recent sermon on worry he offered to run a session for anyone who may be carrying burdens such as depression/anxiety/worry, or if you are close to someone who is in this position. In his sermon Tariq made it clear that mental ill-health is not a failure of our faith, just as physical ill-health is not either. The session will run on 16 May at 19.30 at Seasalter Christian centre.

This will be an opportunity to gather and maybe share some of the experiences and pressures people feel. Lee Russell has kindly agreed to share his account of recently coming through, over a year of severe depression and anxiety. **Whilst there will be an opportunity for others to share, if they wish, there will be no obligation at all to do so.**

If you wish to attend please contact Tariq by email at tariqrita@aol.com or calling him on 07940837852. **Attendance is only by pre-booking.** If you would find attending too daunting then Tariq would be happy to talk with you on an individual basis, but arranged in consultation with Paulette our Vicar to ensure proper safeguards are in place.

Tariq is a qualified mental health nurse (retired) and has worked in hospitals and the community and maintains a pastoral/Christian interest in this area of life.

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.



Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for the way God sustains his people through sorrows as well as joys, and the many stories shared in our church community of God's faithfulness.

Praying for:

- those laying down roles and for those taking on new responsibilities as we hold our Annual Meeting and elections for church posts.







