

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Amanda (Joanna's sister and Donald's daughter), having an operation on 27 May in the USA (where she lives), followed by radiation therapy.
- We pray for Jill Seddon and family on the death of her husband Tom on Friday 16 May after a long period of ill health where he was cared for by Jill at home; Jill is grateful for the cards and expressions of condolence from her church family and friends. Funeral details to follow once arrangements have been made.
- Ian (Ruck) thanks you all for your prayers. The operation was successful. Please pray for a good recovery and pray also for Babs.
- Brian (Evans) who is unwell at present. Pray for Jane too.
- Colin (Audrey's son) and all of her family and friends.
- Carol (Crocombe's) brother Simon who is very poorly.
- Janet (Brittain) please continue to pray for her as she recovers at home.
- 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 June we will be praying for those living in the Briars, Sherwood Close and Old Farm Close.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- 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. 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).
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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.

*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 1 June 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Ezekiel 36: 24-28; Psalm 97; John 17: 20 to end

St Alphege Seasalter: who we are and what we are here for

The purpose of a Church Community:



Jesus calls us to follow Him and encourage others to follow too, showing God's love through serving, invitation, telling the story of God at work, and supporting each other in the life long journey of faith. As we do this, we are the local expression of God's worldwide church.

Vision: Closer to God, closer to one another, closer to our community - alongside through Christ.

We are a church where we all can:

Belong:



welcomed, loved, valued, included, involved, connected

Grow:



learning and growing in faith, encountering God, being changed by Jesus as we follow him

Share:



friendship, gifts our stories, joys and sorrow, an invitation to others

Singing for Fun and Wellbeing

On Monday, 2nd June we welcome back Nina Clark, community musician, to lead our session. All welcome. Come and enjoy fun, friendship and a cuppa!
2.30-4pm SCC auditorium.

Ministry to care homes

We currently offer monthly services at Whitstable House (first Wednesday of the month at 11am) and Harrier Lodge (second Wednesday at 11am).

We would welcome any volunteers to come and support this ministry, either regularly or on a 'when needed' basis. Residents particularly appreciate us having time to chat with them after the service.

If interested please contact:

Ann Price (WH): annprice@sky.com

Chris Skingley (HL): chris.skingley@btinternet.com



AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

The Eco-church team need some good quality bird feeders for the garden and some large metal bins (sealable) to store bird food securely. If anyone has got some they could donate please talk to Ann Price ann.price@stalpehgeseasalter.org

Did you know LOAF stands for locally produced, organically grown, animal friendly and fairly traded? Could you be more eco friendly by addressing one or more of these?

Calling all cake makers...

We are asking the cake makers in our church family to make something special for the wedding of Mary Skingley and Andrew Price on Saturday 14th June.

Mary and Andrew are hoping that many of their church family will celebrate this special occasion with them and there will be a chance for all to enjoy coffee and cake after their wedding ceremony.

Please sign the list at church or let Karen Esland know if you can make a cake.

keskmt@outlook.com

07765 644688

(Cakes will need to be brought to the Christian Centre by 8pm on Friday 13th June.)



St Alphege, Seasalter

Infosheet DCC District Church Council

What is it for?

With the Vicar and Ministry Leadership Team (MLT), to share responsibility for the leadership of the church: pastoral care, mission and evangelism, and financial and legal matters.

Who is on it? (Numbers in brackets are the years left to serve)

Helen North (1)

Mike Barnett (1)

Becca Newlyn (2)

Lewis Jennings (2)

Jill Fagg (2)

Pam Crocombe (3)

Mark Hammond (3)

Helen Prettyjohn (3)

Rosalind Drewitt (Deanery Synod *ex officio*)

Lynda Kemp (Deanery Synod *ex officio*)

SJ Martin (Deanery Synod *ex officio*) – Vice Chair

Ann Price (PCC *ex officio*)

Alison Fuller (PCC *ex officio*)

Mark Arnold (Churchwarden)

2 Deputy Churchwardens, *co-opted*)

David Kemp (General Synod *ex officio*) - Secretary

Paulette Stubbings (Team Vicar) – Chair

In attendance: Gail Arnold – Treasurer

Hannah Rogers – Youth Minister

2 Deputy Churchwardens

What does it do?

It meets 6 times a year to make decisions about the life and mission of the church - for example, concerning outreach or youth ministry, or suggestions made by the MLT or members of the church family. It can receive guidance from the wider Anglican Church, and make its opinion known to it. Worship and Bible study is a priority at the DCC. Its members may serve on action groups – *Finance, Safeguarding*. If you want to know more about the DCC, or you think there is an issue which the DCC needs to discuss, simply contact one of the members above.

Revised May 2025

Annual Meeting

At the last Annual Meeting the following people were elected:-

Churchwarden Mark Arnold
Deputy Churchwardens Elaine Oakley, Claire Wyles, Maxine Perry and Richard Candy

Representatives on the PCC Ann Price and Alison Fuller

DCC members Mark Hammond, Helen Prettyjohn, Pam Crocombe and Mike Barnett

The full membership of the Church Council can be found on the accompanying DCC Infosheet (see page 7)

Churches Count on Nature

Are you interested in nature? Would you like to participate in the 'churches count on nature 2025'? This runs from 7-15th June more information available at [Caring For God's Acre – the conservation charity for burial grounds across the UK](https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/love-your-burial-ground-week-national-cemeteries-week-and-churches-count-on-nature/) with resources available - let Caroline know office@stalphegeseasalter.org and organise yourself or a group.

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Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- We give thanks for all who work to alleviate food poverty, especially those working to get aid into Gaza.
- Locally, we pray for the Food Bank, for Riverside Church's Pantry Project and for the Fareshare scheme.

Praying for:

- all who volunteer or work to support out Children's Ministry teams (including Sunday groups, Little Salties, All In) and Youth Team week by week. For their own encouragement and for times of deep joy and connection with the younger members of our church family and community.
- We pray for Penelope and Roman, baptised on Saturday 24 May at the Old Church.



Wedding Day Good Wishes

There will be a card in church as from Sunday 25 May for members of the church family to write their good wish messages to Andrew and Mary.

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



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



Whitstable Community Wardrobe

~ recycling scheme for school uniform

Opening Times for self selection

St John's Centre

(11 St John's Rd, Swalecliffe, CT5 2QU)

Thursday 14th August	10.00 - 16.00
Friday 15th August	14.00 - 18.00
Saturday 16th August	8.00 - 12.00

Seasalter Christian Centre

(Faversham Road, Seasalter CT5 4AX)

Monday 18th August	10.00 - 18.00
Tuesday 19th August	14.00 - 18.00
Wednesday 20th August	8.00 - 12.00

St Andrews Church Centre

(Grimshill Road, Whitstable, CT5 4LH)

Tuesday 26th August	16.00 - 18.00
Wednesday 27th August	10.00 - 16.00
Thursday 28th August	10.00 - 14.00

We need your help! Could you take home some uniforms for washing, ironing and mending (if needed)? If so, please take a bag from the concourse on Sunday and return it to SCC in due course.

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 2

10 am woodcarving group SCC
2.30 pm Singing for Fun and Wellbeing SCC
6.30 pm Flying Club SCC

Tue 3

(No Little Salties until it returns on 10 June)

Wed 4

8 - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)

2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service SCC

7pm Christian Meditation Group at the Old Church

Thu 5

10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning at SCC

Fri 6

10 am - 12 Bible Study Group SCC

2 pm Social Games at 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 at SCC

10.30 am Service for all ages at SCC including groups for Children and Young People.



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.

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.

Hannah Morris

As many of you know, Hannah is moving to Norwich where she will be ordained at the end of June.

There will be a card in church as from 1 June for all the church family to sign.