

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Lee (Russell) and his wife Trudy.
- Frances (Crocker) who has had a fall and is unlikely to be at church for a while.
- Dylan Faulkner (Janice and Graeme's great-nephew) who ended his life age 19; please pray for Mark and Kate, his parents, and Mary his grandmother.
- Joyce (Holland) for recovery after a fall.
- Amanda (Joanna's sister and Donald's daughter), having an operation on 27 May in the USA (where she lives), followed by radiation therapy.
- Jill Seddon and family on the death of her husband Tom.
- 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).

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 8 June 2025

Pentecost

Readings: Romans 8: 14-17 and Acts 2: 1-2

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

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.

Audrey's memorial service will be 1.30 pm at SCC on Friday 20 June. All who knew Audrey are warmly invited to attend.

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.)



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.

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.

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.

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 9** 10 am woodcarving group SCC
- Tue 10** 10 - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group
- Wed 11** 8 - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service SCC
- Thu 12** 10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning at SCC
- Fri 13** 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)
- Sat 14** 1 pm Andy and Mary's Wedding at SCC
- Sun 15** 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.





Yay! and Pray


This week we are . . .




Celebrating:

- giving thanks for Hannah, Matt, Ella, Lotta, Arya and Cara as they leave for Norwich and praying for them to settle well and for Hannah's ordination.

Praying for:

- the older members of our congregation, dealing with difficult health challenges.
- the process of choosing the new Archbishop of Canterbury.



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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Whitstable Community Wardrobe

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.

Newspapers Required

If you have daily or weekly newspapers, please can the Gather Round Planning Group have them when you have finished with them for an activity in the summer? There will be a box in the office where they can be left, or you can give them to Hannah, Ali or Phil on a Sunday. Thank you.



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.

Message from Jill (Seddon)

Jill is grateful for the cards and expressions of condolence from her church family and friends.

Tom Seddon's funeral Wednesday 2 July

Many of you will know Jill Seddon, Tom's wife who has been a member of the church here for many years, but latterly unable to attend as she was caring for Tom.

All who would like to attend are invited to his funeral; 10 am Herne Bay Crematorium, Bullockstone Rd, Herne Bay CT6 7NF and afterwards to the Rose in Bloom for refreshments.

No flowers please, but donations in Tom's memory to the Royal British Legion would be greatly appreciated.

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



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@stalphegeseasalter.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?

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

The Bungalow Update

Most of you will know we had to make the decision some months ago to sell the bungalow, due to the financial pressures that were facing the church. It has not sold.

Financial changes

In the meantime, God has been at work in amazing ways, and we have found ourselves, due to people's generosity in giving and donations, in a much better financial position than we expected to be in. Additionally, it looks like we will soon be able to put Solar Panels on the Christian Centre roof (we have a restricted pot of donations towards this project) which will help us bring our electricity costs down further.

Can we retain the Bungalow?

We have been exploring whether it is possible to pay off the mortgage on the bungalow, so that it can be refurbished for a Youth Hub and for other community and church uses during the day when Youth activities are not in session.

We should soon be in a position to tell the church community the target amount that remains to be raised in order to pay off the mortgage, and refurbish the bungalow.

In the meantime, please pray:

- For the DCC/Leadership and for us as a church family to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us about the building. For wisdom in our financial planning and decision making.
- For God to provide what we need to close the gap. For Hannah our Youth Minister, and for the young people of our church and community.

Lord, we thank you for your generous grace to us.
Help us to do your will and to make the right decisions about the resources you have given us.

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Help us demonstrate your love and care for the young people of our community,
and build up your church here in ways that honour you –
that we might share the good news of your transforming power with all generations.
Amen.

Connect Groups are the small group programme within St Alphege Seasalter.
Groups meet at various times and venues and cater to most needs and tastes.
All groups attempt to support each member physically, emotionally and spiritually.
Are you 'Connected'?
Speak to anyone wearing a
Connect Badge to get involved or email
connect@stalphegesesalter.org



FareShare

FareShare is collected on Sunday afternoons and we would benefit from having a couple of more people to supplement the team.

Commitment is usually once per month, car is essential and ability to lift some fairly heavy bags. Then transport to church, unload and put fridge items away.

More details from Ann Price ann.price@stalphegesesalter.org