

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Prayers please for M undergoing tests.
- Brian (Jean Hunter's brother) who is very poorly with congested lungs.
- Vince and his family.
- Donald (Lugg).
- Janice and Graeme (Allott).
- Carol (Crocombe's) brother Simon who is very poorly.
- Lee (Russell) and his wife Trudy.
- Steve, with cancer.

During December we will be praying for those living in (Mariner's View Continued) Portlight Place and Royal Native Way.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Dianne Dorn (who lives in San Francisco). Joyce (Holland). Frances (Crocker). Jill (Seddon). Brian Evans. Gina Morton. John Judge. Lenni (Oakley). Pat Wade. Paul Browning. Ann Shuttle and her sister, Joan. Dave (Remon). Ruth.
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Ann Shuttle's sister Joan, Brian (Evans), 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*

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



Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

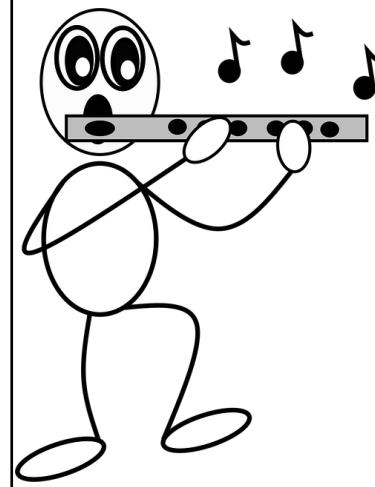
Sunday 14 December 2025

3rd Sunday in Advent

Readings: Matthew 11: 2-11

Today's services: 8.45 am service with Holy Communion;
10.30 am Christingle service

Musicians Assemble!



Once again we're assembling the legendary Shaky Legs Orchestra to accompany the Nativity at the 10:30 service on 21 December. If you play an instrument or would like to sing, please email either Mark Hampton (drmphampton@gmail.com) or John Franklin (johnny.frankers123@gmail.com) or talk to John after the 10:30 service this Sunday.

The rehearsal will be at 09:30 on Saturday 20 December.

Free Tickets

Paul and Val Browning have two tickets to attend Anna Lapwood's Christmas at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday 18 December at 7.30 pm. They would like to donate these tickets to the church family at Seasalter.

If you are interested, please contact Paul on 07891 639256.



**The next Men's Meal is
Wednesday
17 December**

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

All at SCC unless otherwise indicated

Mon 15 6.30 pm Flying Club

Tues 16 10 am - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group
4.30 pm - 6.30 pm Youth Drop In @The Hub (school yrs 7 - 13)
7 pm Rose in Bloom pub for Carols, Beer and Christmas Cheer

Wed 17 8 am - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881)
Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
7 pm Christian Meditation Group

Thu 18 10 am - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning

Fri 19 10 am - 12 noon Bible Study
2 pm Social Games
6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437)
6.30 pm - 8 pm Friday Night Club for Youth (school yrs 7 - 10) @The Hub

Sat 20 9.30 am Shaky Legs band practice.

Sun 21 8 am prayer
8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am Nativity service for all ages
3 pm Contemplating Christmas service at the Old Church

Wood carvers are on Christmas break resuming on Monday mornings at SCC in mid-February 2026



The Hub - Open House and Dedication Sunday 25 January 2-6 pm

We'll be having an afternoon to celebrate and dedicate The Hub - drop in for refreshments as we give thanks to God for the resources and for all who poured gifts, time, energy and skills into getting it ready, and pray for the youth work and for other ways we might serve our community with this space. **At 5 pm we'll have a short service to bless and commission the space.**

Little Salties

Toddler group
Tuesdays

9.30am - 11.30am, Term time only
Seasalter Christian Centre
Contact Pam for more info
pam.crocombe@stalphegeseasalter.org



7 pm Saturday 7 February at Seasalter Christian Centre

Where is God when it hurts?

An evening exploring Biblical and pastoral responses through teaching and discussion

Please book to attend:
Email: office@stalphegeseasalter.org
Tel: 01227 276923



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'L is for Lifestyle ' is a book by Ruth Valerio and we are continuing the series so that we can live more ethically.

B is for Bananas!!

Bananas are a staple food for many of us but many producers live in poverty and use chemicals or pesticides in production. This applies to other items too, such as chocolate, tea, coffee....

Key actions - buy fairtrade items. It can seem expensive BUT ethically we are giving people a living wage and better working conditions.

Other environmentally conscious standards to watch out for are the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Rainforest Alliance and Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

Also see if there is organic option.

You don't have to miss out to be ethical and environmentally friendly.

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.

Message from Vince

A big thank you to all the church family for the loving prayers and kind words on Gill Campbell's passing. It felt like the family and I had a giant HUG. X



Yay! and Pray

This week we are ...

Celebrating:

- Giving thanks for the Joy Lane Christingle concert and service and praying for the children, families and staff of our local school.

Praying for:

- all struggling with their mental health at this time of year and for those who work to support them.





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@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. keep us faithful in prayer and service, help us share your gift of love and grace with others and grown your church here, we pray. Amen

We offer you ourselves, just as we are; keep our feet firm on God our Rock when things feel uncertain,



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Personal information - the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The GDPR sets out how organisations must act when dealing with the personal data of individuals. Personal data includes such information as name, address, telephone number, financial information, health records etc etc.

The church holds information/data about all its members, and we are committed to handling it legally, responsibly and carefully. For most members the church holds name, address, telephone number and email address and does not hold more sensitive information about bank accounts or health. Members will appreciate that these days information is held not only in paper files, but also on computers and phones. Most information is held under the legal basis of *legitimate interest*, i.e. the church has a legitimate interest in holding the data, and virtually all the data has been freely provided by the members themselves.

If you have any questions about your data, what is held and how it is held please look at the Privacy Notice on the church website or talk to Russell Wyles on 07526 978 080.

All Saints are hosting a messiah from scratch on Saturday 10th January rehearsing in the morning/afternoon with an evening performance.

We'd love for as many people to join us as possible to form a mass choir together! It's going to be amazing!

All the details are below. Please do tell anyone you think may be interested and do let us know if you'd like to join us!

MESSIAH from Scratch – CHORUS INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome

Come and join us at All Saints Church in Whitstable for our one-day performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

This is a rapid-rehearsal project rehearsed in one day with an Evening Performance focusing only on **Christmas portions (Part I)** plus the **Hallelujah Chorus**

We will be lucky to be accompanied by both Organ and a Chamber Orchestra.

What to Prepare

Please look/listen to the following choruses in advance:

- And the glory of the Lord
- And He shall purify
- O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
- For unto us a child is born
- Glory to God
- Hallelujah

On the Day

- Please arrive at **9:45** to be ready for the 10:00 warm-up.
- Bring a pencil, water, lunch and a copy of the score (any edition is fine).

No robes—concert black.

Performance Etiquette

Stand only for the choral numbers.