

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 21 December 2025

4th Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16 & Matthew 1: 18-25
Today's services: 8.45 am service with Holy Communion;
10.30 am Nativity service for all ages

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

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| Wed 24 | 4 pm Crib Service for all ages and especially younger families
- dress up as a nativity character!
11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion, refreshments from
10.45 pm. |
| Thu 25 | 10 am Christmas Day, one service for all ages, with Holy
Communion, refreshments from 9.30 am. |
| Sun 28 | 10 am One Gather Round service for all ages |



Hi everyone I am trying to compile the rota for teas and coffee for the Sunday services. We are just about coping with the 8.45 service but quite a few have withdrawn from the 10.30 service so we are desperately in need of further support for both services but particularly at 10.30.

If you feel you could help in any way, please contact me.

I am sure we would all like to have refreshments after our services and be able to chat with all our friends old and new over a cuppa.

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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.

Bakers, please keep your aprons handy and your ovens primed.. we'll need some cake makers for this event.. again!



Carols by Candlelight IS BACK at the Old Church..



Thanks be to God that we were able to resurrect this event up at the Old Church last Sunday. It was packed out, we may need to re-run it next year..

Grateful thanks also to: Vaughan for accompanying on keyboard. Chris and John for putting the service together, and for rehearsing the small choir, and all

the readers for telling the Christmas story so clearly. Lynda and Ann S for essentials, assistance and support. Karen for bringing a backup cake supply just in case. Elaine for Churchwardenly duties, and everyone who came, especially those who endured 45 mins outside in the cold because they couldn't fit in!

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- Giving thanks and celebrating that Sarah Hammond has passed through her Stage 1 Interview for Ordained Ministry training, Stage 2 will take place in the spring of next year - continuing to pray for her in this discernment process.

Praying for:

- those who are without secure accommodation, especially over the Christmas period when some of the usual services and support shuts down. Praying for the volunteers and staff of local charities, for rest and recuperation.



SAFE FAMILIES

Safe Families are now working in Whitstable and we are so grateful for your very kind gifts, your support and prayers. Please contact Sarah Hammond if you might be able to offer an hour each week or two to come alongside a local family for a cuppa and a chat

sarahhammond@safefamilies.uk

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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.

Frances Crocker would like to wish everyone at Seasalter Christian Centre a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Friday Bible study group is taking a break and will restart on 16 January. Wood carvers are on Christmas break resuming on Monday mornings at SCC in mid-February 2026.