

# Prayer at the Heart



*Please pray for:*

## **Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks**

- Graham Dorkins (who did a Reader Placement here at SCC whilst he was training), for healing and recovery following an operation.
- Janice (Allott), following a short spell in hospital with a respiratory issue.
- Rosalind (Drewitt) is recovering at home following an operation on her thumb which has been causing her much pain, which means she can't drive for 2-3 weeks; please pray for a complete recovery.
- Sarah (Long) recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Prayers please for M undergoing tests.
- Vince and his family.
- Donald (Lugg).
- Carol (Crocombe's) brother Simon who is very poorly.
- Steve, with cancer.

During January we will be praying for those living in Clapham Hill, Pean Hill (to Southern Water building) and Pean Court Road (roads south of Thanet Way - West Side).

## **Long term needs - up to 3 months**

- Janice and Graeme (Allott). 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*



# Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

**Sunday 18 January 2026**

**Epiphany 2**

Readings: 1 Samuel 17: 57-18:4 & John 15: 12-17

Today's services: 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion

10.30 am Service with groups for children and YPS

## Eco Refill Shop

*Bring a plastic bottle and we will fill it with fabulous soapy scents*



### **For Sale:**

Hand soap  
Bubble bath and shower gel  
Washing up liquid  
Soap bars  
Dog shampoo

Sunday 18th January  
After both services



## 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.**

Please could those making cakes for the 25th January sign the sheet at the back of the church and please could all cakes be brought to church on the morning of the 25th January. Thank you.

## Alms House vacancy in Tankerton, Whitstable

Seasalter Parish Charities is an alms house charity based in the Seasalter and Whitstable area. The Charity currently has a vacancy in our Seasalter House building on Tankerton Road. The flat is a self-contained one-bedroom flat on the second floor (accessed via stairs) suitable for an individual or a couple. We are inviting eligible people/couples to apply. To be eligible you (you both) will need:

- to be living in the Seasalter and/or Whitstable area and,
- to be 60 years old or older and,
- to have limited means and assets and,
- to be capable of independent living.

Residents pay a monthly maintenance contribution and are responsible for Council Tax and utilities.

**To apply or seek more information please contact the Chair of the Trustees, Richard Candy, at [richardcandy@me.com](mailto:richardcandy@me.com) or C/O 107 Chesterfield Road, Whitstable, CT5 3LT for an application form.**

**Please note the last day for completed applications** to be considered is Saturday the **30th of January 2026**.



## Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

### *Celebrating:*

- our 'silent servers' - all those who do the vital but often unglamorous and hidden jobs in our church that keep things running and make hospitality, fellowship and worship possible. You are especially amazing and we thank God for you.

### *Praying for:*

- the three areas of development that we are concentrating on as a DCC this year: Children and Families Ministry, Wider use of The Hub and the SCC/ Hub Garden development.



## The 2026 Big Garden Birdwatch

Seasalter eco-church group will be taking part in this year's RSPB big garden birdwatch. Why not do your bit for nature and join in by counting the birds in your garden or favourite outdoor space. It's easy and fun- just follow this link to find out how an hour of you time on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday (23rd to 25th January) can help uk nature conservation.



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

**Safeguarding** is the name for the way all of us help to keep each other safe and supported at St Alphege Seasalter, especially those who might be particularly vulnerable to harm - children and vulnerable adults. **If you see or experience something that worries you**, speak to: Hilary Poulton our Safeguarding Coordinator 07375 535198, Paulette Stubbings our Vicar 07305 611437, Hannah Rogers our Youth Minister 07477 493874 or Mark Arnold our Churchwarden 07545 775860. You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team [www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding) or the Police if necessary.

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

**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.

A really big thank you to all those who responded to the request for people to join the coffee rota on Sunday mornings.

I have been so pleased with the response and I am now able to fill all the gaps we had. We can always do with more help if you think you would like to serve the church in this ministry.

New rota's will be circulated soon with the new members added into the programme.

One final big thank you to all the people who serve the refreshments both existing and new.

Andrew  
a\_crocombe@sky.com



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](mailto:office@stalphegeseasalter.org)

Tel: 01227 276923



## **Where is God when it hurts?**

If God is good, why do we suffer? if God is almighty why doesn't he stop evil in the world? When we go through times of darkness and pain how can we know God's presence in those times?

Paulette and Tariq will be trying to help us think about those questions from a biblical and pastoral perspective.



## **Prayers for Whitstable**

(which takes place on the fourth Monday evening of the month)

**at Harbour Street Church**

**7.30 pm for 30 minutes**

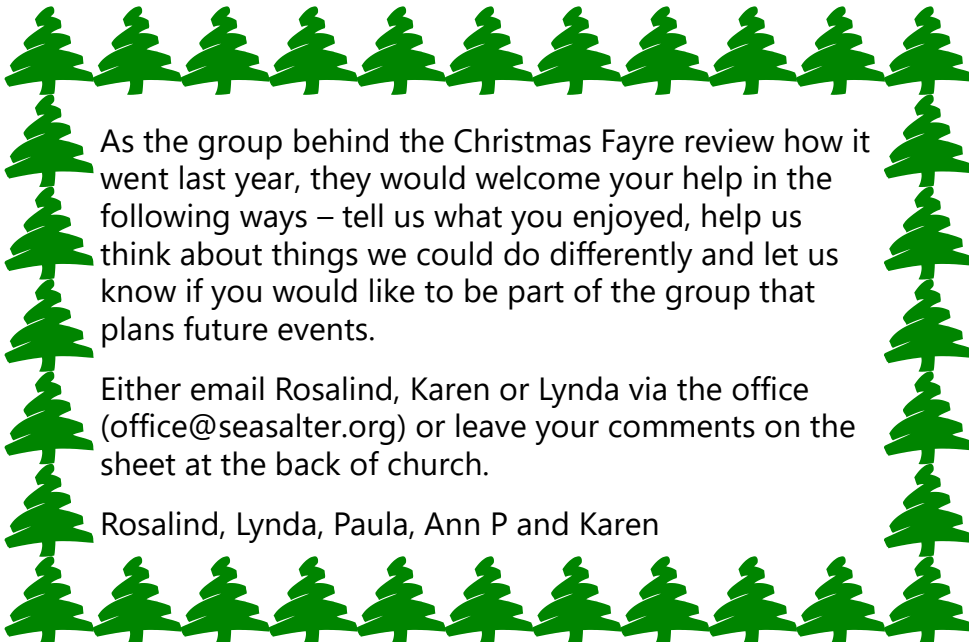
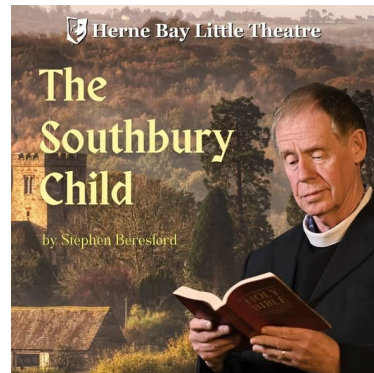


HERNE BAY LITTLE THEATRE presents  
**The Southbury Child** by Stephen Beresford  
 Monday 16 – Saturday 21 February @7.30

Raffish, urbane and frequently drunk vicar David Highland has kept a grip on his remote coastal parish through a combination of disordered charm and high-handed determination. When his faith impels him to take a hard line with a bereaved parishioner, he finds himself dangerously isolated from public opinion. As his own family begins to fracture, David must face a future that threatens to extinguish not only his position in the town, but everything he stands for.

The Southbury Child is a hard-hitting, darkly comic play exploring family and community, the savage divisions of contemporary society and the rituals that punctuate our lives.

Book through [hernebaylittletheatre.co.uk](http://hernebaylittletheatre.co.uk)  
 Tickets £12



As the group behind the Christmas Fayre review how it went last year, they would welcome your help in the following ways – tell us what you enjoyed, help us think about things we could do differently and let us know if you would like to be part of the group that plans future events.

Either email Rosalind, Karen or Lynda via the office ([office@seasalter.org](mailto:office@seasalter.org)) or leave your comments on the sheet at the back of church.

Rosalind, Lynda, Paula, Ann P and Karen

## 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 19** 7 - 9 pm Flying Club
- Tues 20** 10 - 11.30 am Little Salties  
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 21** 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)  
2.30 pm Holy Communion  
7 pm Christian Meditation Group
- Thu 22** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
- Fri 23** 10 am Bible Study  
2pm Social Games  
6pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details 07305 611437)  
6.30 - 8 pm Friday Night Club for Youth (school yrs 7-10) @ The Hub
- Sun 25** 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion  
10.30 am Service with Holy Communion and groups for children and YPs.  
2 pm - 6 pm Open House @ The Hub with a short service at 5 pm to Dedicate The Hub.

**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](mailto:connect@stalphegeseasalter.org)**