

Prayer at the Heart



Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Graham and Janice (Allott) both unwell with Norovirus.
- Graham Dorkins (who did a Reader Placement here at SCC whilst he was training), for healing and recovery following an operation.
- 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, for a complete recovery.
- 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

- Jo (Amanda Humphrey's sister). 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 25 January 2026

Epiphany 3

Readings: Luke 24: 13-29

Today's services: 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am Service with groups for children and YPS



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.



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



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

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 your 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>

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- as we give thanks and dedicate The Hub building for use in our community, we are thankful for all that's happened so far and offer ourselves and the space for all that God will bring.

Praying for:

- we pray particularly for the wider use of the space, and for wisdom as we plan for the garden and for the resources to develop and sustain both.



Little Salties

Toddler group

Tuesdays

9.30am - 11.30am, Term time only

Seasalter Christian Centre

Contact Pam for more info

pam.crocombe@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.

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



The Ladies meet up



Next planned meet up are:

Tuesday 10th February and Wednesday 11th March.

Wetherspoons Whitstable 7pm.

THIS WEEK at St Alphege Seasalter

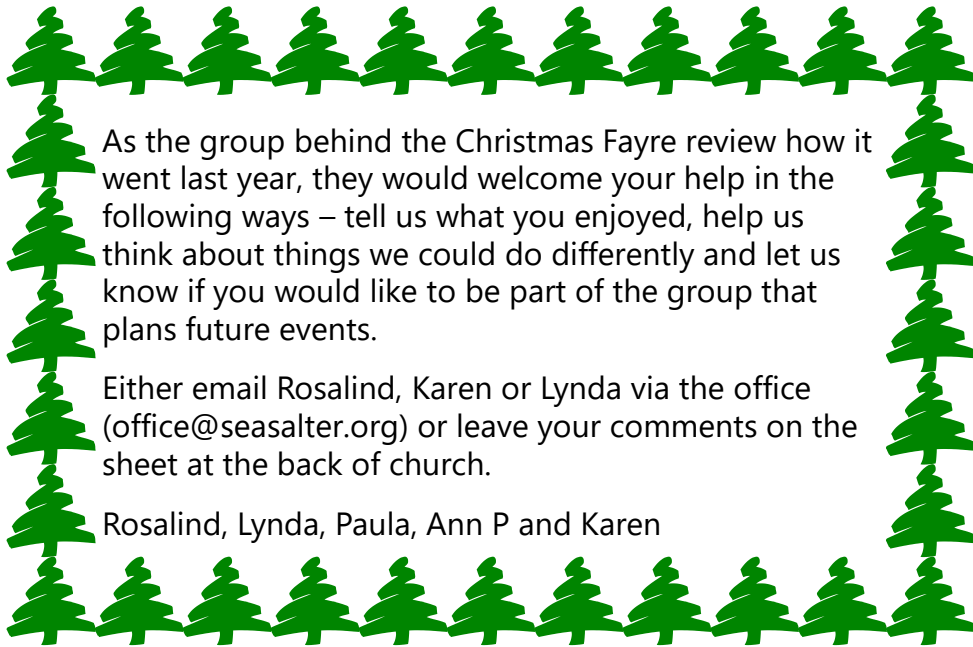
We do our best to compile this so the info is in one place - but we are a busy church - apologies if something gets missed

All at SCC unless otherwise indicated

- Mon 26** 1.30 pm Forge craft group
- Tues 27** 9.30 - 11.30 am Little Salties
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 28** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
- Thu 29** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
- Fri 30** 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 1** 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion
10.30 am Service with Holy Communion and groups for children and YPs.
11.15 Traditional Holy Communion at the Old Church

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 or the Police if necessary.



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) or leave your comments on the sheet at the back of church.

Rosalind, Lynda, Paula, Ann P and Karen

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

Free Parking

Canterbury City Council is running free parking on Thursdays at Middle Wall and Gorrell Tank. The offer will run until Easter but you must

[Apply for a residents rate permit | Canterbury City Council](#)



register for the Residents' Rate to access it.

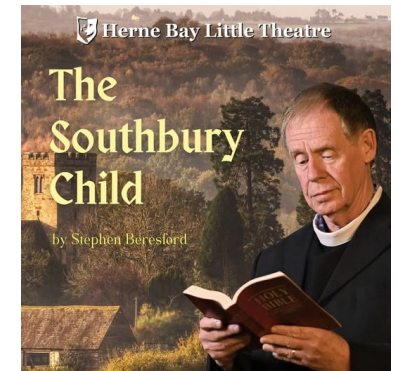
You can register for free at <https://tinyurl.com/mvr3u6pf> and, even better, you will get a 10% discount on parking in town well after this offer ends.

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 Higland 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
Tickets £12



**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**