

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Janice (Allott) will be having treatment in hospital on her right hip to avoid a hip replacement on 30 March.
- Ann (Donald's sister) with cancer of the mouth.
- Emm (Adamson). Please pray for her health to improve.
- Brian Bennett, recovering at home after his recent heart attack and for Jan as she supports him.
- Becca (Newlyn) who has sprained her ankle and has a broken bone in her foot.
- Sarah (Long) continuing to have surgery for breast cancer.
- Vince and his family.

During March we will be praying for those living in Ladysmith Road, Pilgrims Lane and Harriet's Corner and during April for those living in Fox's Cross Road, Carlton Road, Denstroude Lane and Pye Alley Lane.

Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Derek (Becca's Dad).
- Steve, from the old church, with cancer.
- Jo (Amanda Humphrey's sister).
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Brian (Evans), Dennis, Denise, Donald, Emma, Joan (Ann Shuttle's sister), Joyce Holland, Katherine, Katy, Lenni (Oakley), Rosalind, Ruth Saleh, 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 29 March 2026

Palm Sunday

Readings: Matthew 21: 1-11

Today's services: 8.45 am Service with Holy Communion

10.30 am Gather Round Service for all ages



Reminder for Sunday this week -



*CLOCKS GO FORWARD BY
ONE HOUR 2AM
SUNDAY MORNING 29TH
(sending special love to all
the parents of young
children!)*

**BUT DON'T WORRY - YOU
WON'T SNOOZE IN OUR
SERVICES - AND WE HAVE
GREAT COFFEE!**

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for our new Archbishop Sarah Mullally, praying for God's strength as she leads the Anglican Church and that under her leadership we'd grow in unity, confidence and ability to share the good news about Jesus well - beacons of grace, joy and transformation in our communities.

Praying for:

- the Street Pastors and the Prayer Team that supports them, as they begin another season of patrol and prayer in our community. For blessings and God-led encounters.



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

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.

The Ladies' meet up

Next planned meet up is:

Thursday 9 April

Wetherspoons
Whitstable 7pm.

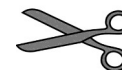


THIS WEEK at St Alphege Seasalter

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

- Tues 31** 4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 1** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
- Thu 2** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
- Fri 3** 9.30 am Walk of Witness (Starts Swalecliffe Skate Park)
2 pm Good Friday Hour at the Cross at the Old Church
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
(Bible study will begin again on **Friday 17 April**)
- Sun 5** 8.30 am Celebration on Seasalter Beach followed by
Easter Day 10 am Gather Round for Easter Day (all ages with HC)
11.15 Easter Day Service at the Old Church with traditional HC



SCC Worship Team

We are looking to grow our community of musicians who have a heart to help our church enter into worship. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a 'bedroom musician' looking to serve, there is a place for you here at SCC.

Talk to Paulette, any of the worship leaders or scan the QR code



22 March was **Stewardship Sunday** when we look at the church's financial situation and encourage church members to pray and think about their financial response to God's love.

There were three main themes to the presentation – Generosity, Fragility, and Giving for Growth

Generosity

Generosity is In the church's DNA, both as a church and as individuals. Generosity as a church has been shown in the building of the Christian Centre 20 years ago, and more recently, in the amazing events of last year in securing the bungalow. But it is the individuals in the church that makes all this possible.

Fragility

Fragility is the second attribute that marks the financial life of St Alphege, Seasalter which always seems to be fragile. But perhaps this is better than security because it prevents us becoming complacent and encourages us to rely on God's provision.

We are just breaking even but next year looks difficult

This year – with a grant for the Youth minister

Money in	£208,000
Money out	<u>£214,000</u>
Deficit	-£6,000

Next year – without a grant

Money in	£196,000
Money out	<u>£220,000</u>
Deficit	-£24,000

What can we do about it?

- Pray for the church and about ourselves
- Think about our giving
- If you're not giving regularly, please consider doing so (Details in the white envelopes at the back of the church)

**God is good
All the time
All the time
God is good**


Church TikTok Account

Introducing the fabulous Meg Burney who is going to be running a Church TikTok (video social media) account for us, as a development following her Diocesan Young Leader's course. She'll use it to help us show people what church life is like, the fun of being in a church community, and why faith is important to us - and will be looking for opportunities to do short interviews and film some of the things we do. Safeguarding rules will apply and nothing will be uploaded without permission.



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.

CTiW: Churches together in Whitstable




**Bringing the Cross of Christ
to the centre of
Whits⁺table**

9.30am - 3rd April 2026
Good Friday Walk of Witness

Gathering 9:30am then via Reeves Beach
near Swalecliffe Skatepark. to finish at
St Alphege Church.

Then walk via Tankerton Slopes
(Graystone Road)
to the Harbour,



Confirmation, Baptism or First Communion at Seasalter

Are you growing in your faith and feel you would like to mark that in some way?

Confirmation

On Saturday 16 May at 5 pm at St Bart's Herne Bay, a number of people of all ages, from churches in our Deanery will be Confirmed. Confirmation is an opportunity for people who were baptised/Christened as a young child or baby to affirm for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf by parents and godparents. It can be a significant step on the journey of faith. At this special service, the Bishop lays hands on your head and asks God's Holy Spirit to strengthen you as you commit to live God's way. If you are interested in being confirmed please talk to Paulette as soon as possible.

Baptism

Being baptised is an important step on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ. It's a wonderful experience and there's no age limit. As an adult, or older child, you can choose to be baptised with poured or sprinkled water from a bowl or font, or even have your baptism in the sea! If you were baptised as a child or in a different Christian tradition there are ways to renew those promises if you'd like to do that. Again, talk to Paulette if you are interested. We usually hold our sea baptisms in September.

First Communion

We are happy for all who know and love the Lord Jesus to come to the table for Holy Communion and some do from a young age. But we know that for some families, making a formal 'first communion' is an important step in the faith journey. If your children are at an age where you think they are ready and you would like to talk about this then speak to Paulette, and we can arrange some preparation that builds towards receiving first communion on Easter Day. In the same way, if you are an adult who has never received Holy Communion and would like to start, speak to Paulette about it.

Community Production: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Rev Ripeka and Rev Eddie Bijl (Whitstable Team curates) will be putting on a **community Shakespeare production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"**, **the rehearsal dates will be 20th-31st July rehearsing at St Peter's Church, and the two matinee performances will be on 1st and 2nd August in the All Saints vicarage gardens.** All are welcome to be part of this and absolutely no experience is required, apart from enthusiasm.

They are looking for actors, musicians, costume design and makers, stage management and prop masters, and all are welcome to join. *Please note, stage direction and assistant direction is already in place at this stage of pre-production.*

Rev Eddie and Rev Ripeka are both trained actors and have mostly worked in theatre, Rev Eddie has worked both as an actor and director, and will be directing this production.

Save the Date:

To give you a flavour of the process, there will be **two Shakespeare Workshops at St Peters, 7pm on Friday 15th May, and 9.30am on Saturday 16th May**, please join if you are free. From there the company will be assembled, the roles cast, and from there costume and stage design will move forward, before commencing proper rehearsals in July.

Something to ponder before the workshops: *Would you be free for the rehearsal and show dates and interested in joining, and in what capacity would you enjoy taking part?*

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Rev Ripeka or Rev Eddie
revripeka@stalphege.org.uk
reveddie@stalphege.org.uk



Prayers for Whitstable

(which takes place on the fourth Monday evening of the month)
at Harbour Street Church
7.30 pm for 30 minutes