

## 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.
- 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 April we will be praying 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 5 April 2026

Easter Day

Reading: Mark 16: 1-8

Today's services: 10 am Gather Round for Easter Day  
(all ages with HC);

11.15 Easter Day Service at the Old Church with traditional HC



### Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

#### Celebrating:

- we give thanks for Little Salties toddler group, for the team and the relationships there supporting parents and young children. We pray for strengthening of the team.

#### Praying for:

- all the young people/students entering the exam season, for peace, clarity, energy and perspective and to know they are loved for who they are.



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

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

Next year – without a grant

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| 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**

**Margaret Taylor, RIP**

Margaret Taylor died peacefully at home last week. She used to attend St Alphege Seasalter, but latterly was connected with St Alphege Church in Whitstable.

The memorial service will be at St Alphege Church Whitstable on Friday 8th May at 12 noon. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Ladies' Meet Up**

The next Ladies meet up is:



**Thursday 9 April  
from 7 pm**

**Wetherspoons' Whitstable**

Open to any ladies connected with SCC. Come when you can, leave when you need, eat if you want or just chat. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

For more information contact Ann P or  
Claire W for more details.

**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.

## 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

**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.

**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**



## 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.

# Congratulations all round!



**Congratulations** to the Open Door Team, represented by Karen and Vaughan, on their Revival Community Award which they received at an event on Sunday 29th March.



**Congratulations** also to Millie Rafferty for her nomination as a 'Faversham Gem',



And **Congratulations** to Meg Burney who interviewed our new Archbishop Sarah Mullalley at the Diocesan Welcome Service on Saturday. Here she is rehearsing with Richard Braddy (one time Curate here at St Alphege Seasalter, and Chaplain to the Bishop of Dover), and with Gregory, a fellow Diocesan 'Young Leader'.

**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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| <b>Mon 6</b>  | Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)   |
| <b>Tues 7</b> | 4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)   |
| <b>Wed 8</b>  | 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH)<br>2.30 pm Holy Communion   |
| <b>Thu 9</b>  | 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning<br>2.30 - 4 pm 'All-In' Group  |
| <b>Fri 10</b> | 2 pm Social Games at SCC<br>6pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details 07305 611437)<br>6.30 - 8 pm Friday Night Club for Youth (school yrs 7-10) @ The Hub |
| <b>Sun 12</b> | 8.45 am Holy Communion Service<br>10.30 am All age service   |

(Bible study will begin again on **Friday 17 April**)

Please note that there will be **no Singing for Fun and Wellbeing on 6 April** (Easter Monday).