

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) following 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

2nd Sunday of Easter

Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20

Today's services: 08.45 Holy Communion Service ;
10.30 Gather Round Service for all ages



DIARY DATE - Whole Church Annual Meeting.

Our Church Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday 10 May this year. There will be **ONE service at 10 am** where we look forward as a whole church community (all ages), **followed by a Bring and Share lunch**, and then we'll do the necessary business of the Annual Meeting at **1.30 pm** - including elections to the Church Council, PCC and Deanery Synod. There will be things for the children to do during this part, which won't be over-long. Please put this important date in your diary.



Whitstable Community Wardrobe

~ a recycling scheme for school uniform

We have bags of school uniforms to be laundered. They will be in the concourse this Sunday. If you are able to take a bag to launder and return it to SCC we would be grateful.

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
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Margaret Taylor, RIP

Margaret Taylor died peacefully at home the week before last. 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.

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for being able to celebrate easter together, in our strengths and weaknesses, joys and sorrows, knowing that all of it finds a place in the Easter story and that nothing and no-one is beyond the reach of Christ.

Praying for:

- all who make church a welcoming place, and especially we pray for our Welcome group who think, pray and plan about how to help make it easier for people to come in, feel comfortable and find friendship and belonging.



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

There is a lack of buses in our area and the CT5 forum is undertaking a survey to explore issues and highlight them to bus companies and councillors. Can you please complete the survey as its a particular issue for Seasalter area? Here's the link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCTz8dEZfi5XNFmEmrPGPYJuMD33HEZWJghHJQJ_pxUDYjT8w/viewform

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

The heart of mission is prayer A PRAYER FESTIVAL to explore different ways of praying



Keynote speaker:
Canon Dr Neville Emslie
Director of Mission and Ministry, Canterbury Diocese



With workshops on:
Pilgrimage, Christian meditation, Celtic Prayer, Labyrinth Pilgrimage, Praying with Dreams, Ignatian Prayer & the Jesus Prayer

Saturday 30th May 2026

10am-4pm at West Malling:
St Benedict's Centre and Malling Abbey
Suggested donation £10-20

To book:
Scan the QR code or click on the link below
For information: email susanne.carlsson@rochester.anglican.org



<https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxLTkwNA/t>



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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 13	1.30 pm Forge Craft Group)
Tues 14	4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
Wed 15	8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH) 2.30 pm Holy Communion
Thu 16	10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
Fri 17	10 am Bible Study 2 pm Social Games at SCC 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 19	8.45 am Holy Communion Service 10.30 am service for all ages with group for Children & YPs



CAN YOU HELP FUEL THE NEXT GENERATION!

We're asking you, our amazing church family to get involved in supporting our young people by cooking a Youth Lunch on the dates below!

7th June / 12th July / 20th September / 25th October / 29th November

This isn't just about food, it's about connection, laughter, and creating a space where our young people feel known, valued, and encouraged.

We'd love you to stay, hang out, and be part of the afternoon!
Every youth lunch is completely different & makes a real impact!



If you think this is something you would be up for supporting, please do
Email Hannah on Hannah.rogers@Stalphegeseasalter.org

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

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.