

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Sue Jones (Sarah Quinn's friend) has been ill for the past year; she is due to have a rather difficult operation this week, please pray for her and her family.
- 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 19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Job 3:1-6 & Matthew 26: 36-46

Today's services: 08.45 Holy Communion Service ;
10.30 Service for all ages including groups for YP and children



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.

Please also see page 5.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and indicates that you would like to be formally seen as a member of this church. Every year the Electoral Roll has to be revised by adding or deleting names as necessary. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please complete an application form available today and subsequently from Elaine Oakley - Electoral Roll Officer, or a Church-warden. **PLEASE NOTE: If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to do anything .**

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 20** 10.30 am - 12 pm Wood Carvers
7 pm Flying Club
- Tues 21** 10 - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 22** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
- Thu 23** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
- Fri 24** 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 26** 8.45 am Holy Communion Service
10.30 am service with HC 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

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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



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Sunday 26 April
You will be able to buy after 8.45, between the services and after the 10.30.



For Sale:

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

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for all who spend time fixing, mending and refurbishing the buildings and who are working on phase 1 of the Garden. May the buildings and outdoor areas be used for creating community and connection, and bring glory to God.

Praying for:

- the pray-ers' the Healing Prayer Team, the weekly online prayer groups, the small prayer groups that meet in the week and before the service and those who pray silently. And for us as a church community as we seek to deepen our prayer connection with God and grow life-giving habits and practices.



GROWING YOUNG LEADERS CELEBRATION SERVICE

You are invited to come and celebrate with our 2026 Growing Young Leaders Participants

Where: Seasalter Christian Centre, 49 Faversham Road, Seasalter, Kent CT5 4AX

When: Saturday 25th April at 3pm

RSVP to lswain@diocant.org



Megan Burney participated in the Growing Young Leaders course this year, and got to interview the new Archbishop of Canterbury among other things! We are hosting the celebration at SCC - do come along and support her and the other YPs if you can. Paulette

Come and see event Anna Chaplaincy 9th May 2026

Are you interested in helping older people?

This is aimed at anyone interested in finding out more about being an Anna Chaplain or Anna Friend.

It's being held on Saturday 9th May, from 1-3pm at Diocesan House, Canterbury. It will involve a presentation on Anna Chaplaincy, the training course, hearing from Anna Chaplains & Friends, and time for Q&A

To book contact: Nigel Collins ncollins@diocant.org; or Sarah Lucas slucas@diocant.org

The Ladies' meet up

Next planned meet up is:

Tuesday 5 May

Wetherspoons
Whitstable 7pm.



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

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.

ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING

The church's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 10 May at 1.30pm at SCC following a bring and share lunch after the 10.00 service. Please do try and attend this important meeting where we shall give thanks to the Lord for all that has happened over the last extraordinary year and a bit, and also think and pray about the people we need to represent us on various bodies.

One of the important tasks of the Annual Meeting is to elect those who will guide or represent the church over the next year. This year we need to elect to the Deanery Synod three representatives. There are four vacancies for our District Church Council (DCC) and two places on the Team Council (PCC) - if you are a member of the Deanery Synod or PCC you are automatically a member of the DCC too. We also elect two Churchwardens and a number of Deputy Wardens. If you would like to serve in any of these ways or know of someone who would be suitable for one of these roles (please talk to the person before nominating them!) please complete a nomination form (the one headed "Anyone for Service") available from the Churchwardens or the office.

If you would like any further information about any of the roles or the Annual Meeting, please speak to Paulette or Mark. Copies of the Annual Report Booklet will be available shortly.

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.