

Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Sue Jones (Sarah Campbell's friend) for a complete recovery following a difficult operation.
- Janice (Allott) following treatment on her hip
- 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.
- 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 and in May for those living in Borstal Hill (evens) including Windmill Court, Vulcan Close and Joy 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 26 April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading: Matthew 6:7-13

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

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed the sick. Matthew 14:14

Are you struggling with a physical, or a mental health condition? Or are you supporting someone who is?

Would you like an opportunity to be prayed with, and anointed with oil?

Members of the church prayer ministry team, along with Revd Donald Lugg and Tariq Hussain will be available to pray with you

Tuesday 28 April-19.00-21.00
Seasalter Christian Centre- Oyster Bay Room

Singing for Fun and Wellbeing

4 May, 2.30-4pm

We welcome back special guest
Nicola Vella-Burrows (Lead
Therapeutic Music Practitioner,
Music4Wellbeing)
Open to all.



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 3.

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 27** 1.30 pm Forge Craft Group
- Tues 28** 10 - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group
4.30 - 6.30 pm Youth Drop-In @ The Hub (school yrs 7-13)
- Wed 29** 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password (V3pXbH)
2.30 pm Holy Communion
- Thu 30** 10 - 11.30am Open Door Community Coffee Morning
- Fri 1** 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 3** 8.45 am Holy Communion Service
10.30 am service with HC for all ages with group for Children & YPs
11.15 am Old Church traditional HC service

Come and see event Anna Chaplaincy 9 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

Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

Celebrating:

- we give thanks for the gift of prayer and for the many different ways we can connect to God in prayer, asking for God's help to deepen our own prayer and our prayer together as a church community.

Praying for:

- our upcoming Annual Church Meeting on 10 May, for those considering election to the Church Council and for the prayerful conversations we'll be having about what God might be showing us.



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 Churchwarden.

The Ladies' Meet Up

Next planned meet up is:

Tuesday 5 May

Wetherspoons
Whitstable 7pm.



Whitstable Eco Fair on Saturday 30 May
10am-4pm at St John's Methodist
church, Argyle road.

Come and browse the initiatives
happening in Whitstable!!



Are you interested in Waste and how to avoid it? The CT5 forum is meeting at Seasalter Christian Centre on Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm to discuss the following topics (all welcome):

1. Managing your waste; waste collection now and aspirations for the future (local councillor)
2. Avoiding waste, short presentations by:
 - Plastic Free Whitstable
 - Whitstable Repair Cafe
 - Circular Kitchens
 - Whitstable Composting

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

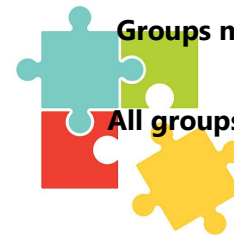
ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING

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.

**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**

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

St Benedict's
CENTRE

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.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxlTkWNA/t>

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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.

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.