# St Alphege, Seasalter

www.stalphegeseasalter.org.

## Sunday 1 November 2026

**All Saints**

8.45 am HC Service ,10.30 Gather Round Service

**Readings: Psalm 64 & Matthew 5: 1-10**

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## Happy Birthday Rosemary Simmonds!

90 Years Young!




## Exciting News about our Team Rector . . .

Our own Team Rector for the Whitstable Team Ministry, Rev. Rachel Webbley, will be appointed Honorary Canon of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ, Canterbury on Sunday 8 November in the Cathedral Evensong service. Also being made Honorary Canon in the same group will be Rev. Dr. Richard Braddy – who served his Curacy at St Alphege Seasalter.

These honorary appointments made by the Bishop, recognize distinguished service, long-term parish ministry, or special

expertise (such as mission, social justice, or education) within the diocese. Congratulations Rachel and Richard!




## Children and Families Worker role – update

Unfortunately, despite a number of responses to the advertisement, we didn't get any applications for the part-time Children and Families Worker role. Please pray about this as we work out if anything needs adjusting or if we simply need to re-advertise/widen the net in some way.

## Parish Church Council Secretary

After the next Annual Parish Church Meeting (for the Whitstable Team Ministry churches) in May, our current lovely PCC secretary, Julia, will be stepping down. There are 9 meetings a year, on Monday evenings, roughly once a month. Some preparation and follow-up administration is needed, and you

would work closely with Rev. Rachel (Team Rector) and the Vice Chair of the PCC (currently Denise Barker from All Saints). If you would like to know more about this role, please let Rev. Rachel know. vicar@stalphege.org.uk

## Yay! and Pray

This week we are:

*Celebrating*: We give thanks for all those taking steps of faith and pray we might support them well as fellow travellers.

*Praying for:* Praying especially for those who mourn, and for all attending our Time to Remember Bereavement service this Sunday 1 November.

## Christmas Tree Appeal

Oasis Restore is a secure school for young people who are in custody, providing education, care, and support to help them build positive futures. For many of these young people, Christmas can be a difficult time, away from family and familiar traditions. Decorating Christmas trees in living and communal spaces can help create a warm, festive environment, offering a sense of belonging, hope, and normality during the season. We are looking for the donation of three artificial trees and decorations.

If you are able to donate a Christmas tree and/or decorations (no lights), please speak to Phil Greig. Thank you for helping Oasis Restore make Christmas a little brighter for these young people.

## 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 is missed*

**All at SCC unless otherwise indicated**

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| **Mon 2** | 10 am Woodcarving Group<br>2.30 pm Singing for Fun<br>7 pm Flying Club |
| **Tues 3** | 9.30 am – 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group<br>4.30 – 6.30 pm Youth @ the Hub (school yrs 7-13) |
| **Weds 4** | 8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)<br>2.30 pm Holy Communion Service at SCC |
| **Thurs 5** | 10 am – 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning |
| **Fri 6** | 10 am Bible Study<br>2 pm Social Games<br>6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437)<br>6.30 pm – 8 pm Friday Night Club for Youth (school yrs 7-11) @ The Hub |
| **Sun 8** | 8 am Prayer Meeting<br>8.45 am HC Service<br>10.30 am All-age Service |

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

## Christmas Fayre

## Saturday 21 November



**APPEAL FOR DONATIONS**

We would welcome:

- Hand-crafted items and new or as-new unwanted gifts
- Children's books and toys (must be in excellent condition)
- Bottles for tombola
- Cakes, Bakes and Preserves - please bring donations of these to church on the morning of Thursday 19 November or on Friday 20 November with a full list of ingredients attached.

Please bring your non-perishable donations between 1 November and 15 November.

## COME AND JOIN US FOR 'MISSION PRAISE'

Very few churches have a Sunday Evening service these days. However, St. John's Church, Swalecliffe, do have one at 6.30 pm on the second Sunday of every month, held in the Church Centre. Members of other churches or those with no church affiliation are invited to come along and join in.

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| Date: | Sunday 8 November |
| Topic: | I believe in angels |

Do come and join us to sing, pray and listen and share anything you know about angels. There will be refreshments afterwards.

**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 worried 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 Church Warden 07545 775860. You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team
www.canteburydioces,org/safeguarding
or the police if necessary.

## 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.

Join us Tree Wardens

Saturday 14th November 10 am to 1 pm

Family Fun Tree Time
&
Orchard Tree Care

Join Whitstable tree wardens for orchard tree mulching, weeding and pruning at Mariners View Orchard, Seasalter

Leaf printing, Hapa Zome prints, tree bingo, nature art, tree walk, tree-themed refreshments, see tree skeletons & Autumn Colours!

# Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:

**Immediate needs 2 – 4 weeks**

- Andrew Crocombe, for good recovery following his operation
- Wayne Burney, for good recovery following an operation on his arm.
- Lucy Stubbings, for healing and strength for upcoming surgery.
- Brian and Jan on the sudden loss of their son David.
- Lisa Barnett and family on the loss of her dad Paul.
- Caroline (Wiles), please pray for her diagnosis, treatment and also for healing.
- Tom (Crocombe), please pray for effective treatment, healing and to get enough rest.
- Graeme (Allott) recovering from an infection and Janice in pain following a fall.
- Val and Paul Browning's nephew, Jonathan, having treatment for cancer.
- The Burney family, that their house move would go through soon.

During November we will be praying for those living in Norview Road, Swallow Avenue and Linnet Avenue.

**Long term needs – up to 3 months**

- Katy Burney with ongoing health issues.
- Derek (Becca's dad).
- Steve (Old Church member), for healing and strength as he recovers from cancer treatment and sepsis.
- Jo (Amanda's sister) that her stem cell transplant has been successful.

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- 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, Lenni, Katherine, 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 Lynda Kemp 272470.*