St Alphege, Seasalter

www.stalphegeseasalter.org.

Sunday 8 November 2026

Remembrance Sunday

8.45 am HC Service ,10.30 am All-age Service

Readings: Psalm 9:9-20 & Romans 8:31-39

Yay! and Pray

This week we are:

Celebrating: Giving thanks for the Team Ministry churches that we are in special relationship with, and praying especially for All Saints as Simon, their vicar, moves to his new post in the Len Valley Benefice and they seek a new minister.

Praying for: the Children and Families work role as we re-advertise – that we might find the right person for this important job.

Email problems

I'm having some problems with my church email account (paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org) - it seems that some email providers - particularly yahoo, sky and aol are treating emails from me as spam, so I get a 'bounce back' message saying my email wasn't delivered and messages are not getting through where they should. So if you have emailed me and haven't heard back within a couple of days, or you need some information from me that you expected to receive but haven't, please send me a message another way, or call me on 07305 611437 - I may have responded and it just hasn't got through.

Many thanks and sorry for the hassle, Paulette.



Empty Bottle Please!

A request for Christmas fayre! The Hernhill school need empty, clean plastic bottles (such as washing up liquid/shower gel) for their eco shop at Christmas fayre. Bottles can be given to Lynda Kemp or Rosalind.

Thank You Message

Thank you for all the good wishes and cards received on my birthday and a special thank you to the Open Door team for the extra time on Thursday.
Rosemary

Advent Reflections - Sign up to receive.

Frances Webster has very kindly been working on a wonderful series of daily scriptural reflections for Advent this year. With Paula Dean's editorial/tech support, these will be available to anyone who would like to receive them, sent out daily from the start of Advent. I think it's a huge blessing to have

this resource as we go through this season of preparation before Christmas. If you can't access emails and need a paper version please let Paula Dean know at deaneves@msn.com. How to sign up: Contact Frances Webster at fewebster53@gmail.com





Celebrating Evie's Progress

In April we met Steve and Lauren, who needed to use the space at SCC to help their daughter Evie to learn to use her walker. Evie-Grace is 3 and has Coffin-Siris syndrome, which affects her sight, hearing, muscle strength, and development. She can't walk or stand unaided, she is non-verbal and will eventually lose her sight.

Since those first steps we have shared their joy at seeing Evie's progress. The family have been a part of Open Door ever since and now bring Evie into the main auditorium on Thursday mornings as well as using the Oyster Bay Room and the Hub garden. Evie loves being outside, has an incredible turn of speed and when she sees an actual "open door" she heads right for it!

Steve, Lauren and Evie's sister, Scarlett, also bring Evie along to "All In", as you can see from these photographs.

Please pray for them as they care for Evie, and for Evie's ongoing progress.

Steve and Lauren would like to find a way for their family to visit Disneyland Paris while Evie can still see and experience it and so they can make some memories together. They have asked if we can share this with our church and the wider community.

If you'd like to donate, here's a link to their Go Fund Me page where you can find out more about the challenges and what they hope to do. **https://gofund.me/22f3ba838** Karen and Paulette

Can you help make our church more helpful for those who are neurodiverse?

We have people of all ages in our congregation who are neurodiverse, including several children with SEN. We want church and Sunday group to be as accessible and welcoming as possible for everyone.

So far, we've introduced fidgets, crochet, colouring and journalling sheets to be available as standard in our services. We also plan to set up the Beach Room as a quiet "calm space" on Sundays, with lower lighting and sensory aids, where a parent or carer can take a child who needs a moment to self-regulate. We're also looking at how to make the Sunday children's group work for everyone given the differing needs.

We're looking for someone with knowledge or experience of SEN and neurodiversity to help us put these ideas into practice and keep them running week to week.

If you're interested, please speak to Paulette (Vicar) or one of the Churchwardens.

Overheads..

The roof of the Christian Centre is not in good condition. The last rainstorm we had a couple of weeks ago resulted in a large number of leaks in the auditorium, plus additional leaks in the kitchen and concourse. A full survey of the roof has established that it's due to a structural issue and that most of the roof will need re-doing in sections. This is going to be a significant task, and unfortunately, significantly expensive. On the plus side, we obtained a partial grant towards insulation of the building which will help keep our energy costs down. So expect to see some repair and building activity over the next few months in regard to these. Please speak to the Churchwardens if you'd like more information about this. We'll keep you posted.

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.

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

Mon 9	10 am Woodcarving Group 1.30 pm Forge Craft Club
Tues 10	9.30 am – 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group 4.30 – 6.30 pm Youth @ the Hub (school yrs 7-13)
Weds 11	8 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH) 2.30 pm Holy Communion Service at SCC 7.30 pm Ladies' Meal at Wetherspoons (for more info. Contact Ann P or Claire W)
Thurs 12	10 am – 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning

Fri 13 10 am Bible Study
2 pm Social Games
6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437)
6.30 pm – 8 pm Friday Night Club for Youth (school yrs 7-11) @ The Hub

Sun 8 8 am Prayer Meeting
8.45 am HC Service
10.30 am All-age Service with groups for children & YPs

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

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.

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

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!

Ladies' Meet Up

The next Ladies' meet up is
Wednesday 11 November from 7.30 pm
Wetherspoons' Whitstable

Open to any ladies connect with SCC and their friends. 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.

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.
- 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 and Janice (Allott).
- 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.
- 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).

If you would like someone to be added to the prayer needs, please contact Carol Judge 277752 or Lynda Kemp 272470.