

## Fortnightly Prayer Diary

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

As we move through these days after Pentecost, it seems right to pray that, even in these dangerous and confusing days, the LORD may do a new thing in our midst. *(Isa. 43: 19)*

### **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

‘Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf.’ *(Isa. 43: 8)*

*“O Lord, our God, we confess that, all too often, we have eyes but do not see, we have ears, but do not hear. Make us, daily, daily, aware of our shortcomings, and give us all a deep longing to see the truth and to hear your voice.”*

- Please pray for Bishop Rob in all the many things he has to do – pray that God gives him the strength and energy he needs.
- Pray for our Little Fishes and their families or carers. As they come into St John’s today, pray that they feel welcomed and loved.
- Please pray for Bethany and those that are mourning at this time. Pray that the team will have just the right words at the right time.
- Pray for the monthly service held at Havenvale today. (MM & CS)
- Please pray for Reigate Avenue (Gary and Rosie Fellowes).

### **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

‘All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of them foretold this and proclaimed the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, “It is true”.’ *(Isa. 43: 9)*

*“O Lord, our God, we believe that truth does not reside in the gatherings of the nations or in the assemblies of the peoples, but the truth resides in you and in you alone. May we never tire of witnessing to that wonderful truth.”*

**P.T.O.**

- Please pray for the 17 members of the Crown Nominations Commission. Pray that they may be led to choose the right person as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Pray for your neighbours and our town – for a Great Awakening. Pray that people would reflect deeply on the last few years and all that has happened and turn to God for answers.
- Please pray for Pam, Kathy and the Stewsdays team as they get St. Mark's ready to greet and feed many people today.
- Please pray for Ti, Ralu and the family at Ti's Induction Service this evening – and as Ti then officially starts as the rector of the parish of Bidborough and Southborough. Pray for God to be at work.
- Please pray for Lee Abbey (Danielle Fenton-Jones).

### **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.” *(Isa. 43: 10)*

*“Lord our God, we rejoice in being your witnesses and your servants, chosen by you. May we know you, believe in you and understand you. Neither before nor after you was any god formed: we rejoice in this.”*

- Thank God for the many younger people across the country, who seem to be returning to church at this time. Pray that this will continue and that God will be at work in many lives.
- Please pray for our Wednesday Worshippers in St. Mark's today. Pray for good numbers, good learning, encouraging praise and loving fellowship. Pray for a warm welcome for anyone new.
- Thank God for the growing numbers in our Craft Group and for Pam who runs this each month. Please pray for lots of wonderful conversations and catching up as the craft is done today.
- Pray for the Ignite youth group meeting in St Paul's today. Pray that the young people will support one another and help each other to keep trusting Jesus and following him closely.
- Please pray for Meadow Close (Len and Marion Freeman).

## Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>

“I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no saviour.” (Isa. 43: 11)

*“O Lord our God, today our hearts rejoice once more that you are the LORD, and that, apart from you, there is no saviour.”*

- Pray that all God’s people across our country might delight in proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
- Thank God that we are a united and a welcoming Church. Please pray that God would maintain our unity and keep us welcoming.
- Please pray for the Together service today. Pray for good learning and for loving fellowship, and for some new people to join.
- Persecuted Church: Yemen – torn apart by civil war, life is very hard for everybody in Yemen, and even harder for Christians. Please pray:- that God would bring peace and justice to Yemen; for protection for Yemeni Christians from Islamic extremists; that the underground church in Yemen would flourish.
- Please pray for Canterbury Road (Mark and Sue Galliers).

## Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>

“I have revealed and saved and proclaimed – I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “that I am God.” (Isa. 43: 12)

*“O Lord our God, today we thank you and praise you that you have revealed and saved and proclaimed – that you alone are God.”*

- Oak Hill Theological College ask us to: “give thanks for the many students applying to study across our programmes next year; and with final years preparing to leave, give thanks for their time at college, all they have experienced and learned”.
- Pray for the office today - for all that goes on - for the Newsletter as it is produced, proof-read and printed, then folded and stapled.
- Betel: Pray for Ruth Cuthbert, as she leads a sponsored walk in the Peak District this Sun. Pray for good support, as funds raised are to take 7 children and 3 adults to a youth camp in Czechia in August.
- Pray for those at college or university, at the end of their year.
- Please pray for Canterbury Road (Una Galliers).

## **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

“Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No-one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?” **(Isa. 43: 13)**

*“O Lord our God, you alone are Lord, and you alone are God. When you decide to act there is none who is able to stand against you. We praise and glorify you, our mighty and majestic Lord and God.”*

- Pray for Lee Gatiss, the Director of Church Society, in his writing ministry. Pray that his books and articles would be edifying and useful to the church.
- Thank God for our Church Hall today, as we hold our monthly Coffee Morning. Thank God for what a useful building it is to have. And pray for good numbers and good fellowship as the doors are opened this morning – and for new friends to be welcomed in.
- Local churches: as we give thanks for our Weekend Away at Home, pray for Mark H and David with their responsibilities and ministries.
- Pray for the preparations for our Church Open Day next Saturday.
- Please pray for Martinsdale (Mollie Gardner).

## **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

‘This is what the LORD says – your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “For your sake I will send to Babylon and bring down as fugitives all the Babylonians, in all the ships in which they took pride.”’ **(Isa. 43: 14)**

*“O Lord our God, on this day, we thank and praise you for your power over individuals and nations. We pray that you will so act, in our broken and rebellious world, to further your plans and to extend your honour among the nations.”*

- Pray for all those who are preaching from God’s Word today.
- Give thanks for our church family as we meet together today
- Please pray for our various services today. Pray that many will learn of God’s goodness, want to praise him, be encouraged in their faith and strengthened to live for him day by day.
- Please pray for those who join in with our Online Service today.
- Please pray for Woolner Road (Diana Garner).

## **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

“I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel’s Creator, your King.”

**(Isa. 43: 15)**

*“O Lord our God, King of kings and Lord of lords, we praise you as Lord, as Holy One, as Creator of your people and as King. May we never tire of proclaiming your glory and of believing in your power.”*

➤ Pray for smaller churches to find ways to share the Good News.

- Pray for Mark taking the assembly at Gt Clacton Jnrs this morning.
- Give thanks for our Little Fishes – pray that they would listen well to the Bible Story today – and pray that the adults would too.
- Pray for Holiday Club preparations in the run up to this year’s club. Pray for just the right number of children to reply to our invitation.
- Please pray for St. John’s Road (Anne Gilsenan).

## **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July**

‘This is what the LORD says – he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,...’ **(Isa. 43: 16)**

*“O Lord our God, we praise you that you are not silent. We praise you that you have a voice which always speaks the truth in love.”*

➤ Pray today for the work and ministry of the Church Society Trust, which plays an important part in the appointment of vicars in some parishes (Chairman: Paul Darlington). Pray for good and wise appointments to be made in many parishes.

- Thank God for our buildings. Pray for them to be a witness to him.
- Please pray for Hannah and Rachel – for all that they do to bring the Good News into the lives of children and young people.
- Pray for all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one at this time. (We’ve been asked to take quite a few funerals recently.)
- Please pray for Gorse Lane (Alan and Bernadette Goody).

## **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

‘...who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:...’ **(Isa. 43: 17) P.T.O.**

*"O Lord our God, we thank you for your power to act and to save your people from the enemy. We pray today for your persecuted people across the world and pray that you may act in power to save and rescue them from all that is evil."*

- Pray for all those across the country who are poor and destitute. Pray that Christians may all be open-hearted and open-handed whenever they encounter cases of need.
- Pray for the Dean family as they attend the funeral of Joan in St. John's Church this morning. Pray for God's comfort. (MM)
- Pray for our Wednesday Worshippers, First Wednesday special today. Pray for godly fellowship and for visitors to be welcomed.
- Pray that the Ignite youth group this evening would be a place of fun, learning, care and love for all the young people there.
- Please pray for Risby Close (Roger and Janet Goody).

#### **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*'... "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past."*

*(Isa. 43: 18)*

*"O Lord our God, we pray that you will set us free from the shackles of the past. May we be released from the temptation to look back. May we not be restrained by memories of what has gone before, but may we look forward to what is yet to come."*

- Please pray for Christians working in difficult environments.
- Please pray for your family, your neighbours, your community - pray for vital and effective outreach into our parish.
- Please pray for Community Cuppa - it would be lovely to welcome many new faces.
- Persecuted Church: Libya - following Jesus means taking a huge risk. Libyan Christians with a Muslim background face violent pressure from families and communities to renounce their faith. Please pray:- that Libya won't erupt into civil war that will further endanger believers; for God's protection on Christian migrant workers at risk from extremist groups; that secret believers would be able to contact each other and grow in their walk with Christ.
- Please pray for Imperial Court (Mary Grint).

## Friday, 4<sup>th</sup>

““See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”” (Isa. 43: 19)

*“O Lord our God, in these Pentecostal days, we pray that you may do new things. We pray that you may make ways through the driest deserts and streams in the barest wastelands. May we ever live in hope of what you intend to do.”*

- In the May edition of the CEEC Newsletter, John Dunnett draws our attention to 5 ‘headline’ statements to hold onto as the C of E discusses issues to do with the LLF project:

1. God’s Design is Good for All.
2. We want to remain in the C of E.
3. What is being suggested in LLF is “an impossible ask” (we’re being asked to walk in 2 directions at once).
4. We want to encourage others join us in what the CEEC is trying to do.
5. We are asking for a fair settlement for all.

*Please do commit these things to the Lord in prayer.*

- Pray for all that will go on in our church office today and throughout the week. Give thanks for those who work there, and pray that God would help them in all the tasks that they face.
- Pray the Holiday Club meeting this evening. Pray for good ideas to be brought and shared and for the preparations to make progress.
- Mission Links: Please pray for the OT translation team in Uganda. They ask for God’s provision for a projector so that the Jesus film can be shown. Pray for the team’s strength and wisdom, as they continue work through the books in the OT.
- Please pray for St. Osyth Road West (Kathryn Hall).

## Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>

““The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen,...””

(Isa. 43: 20)

**P.T.O.**

*“Lord our God, Creator and Sustainer of all. Thank you for providing water for your Creation and for your people in the past. We look to you today for water, and for living water, to refresh and to revive.”*

- Please pray that the Lord might use the Latimer Trust and its Publications Ministry in a mighty way to bring glory and honour to His Name.
- Please pray today that we may welcome many people to our Church Open Day at St John’s. Please pray for new friendships to be made and for good conversations to be had.
- Please pray for all in our church family who are ill at this time – pray that they will know God’s strength, healing and comfort.
- Other local churches: please pray for Rachel’s work at St Paul’s. Pray especially that her ministry to young people will bear fruit.
- Please pray for Martinsdale (June Hammerton).

### **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

*“...the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.” (Isa. 43: 21)*

*“O Lord our God, on this day, we your people proclaim your praise and glorify your Holy Name. May our praises resound to your glory and honour: may they spill out into the streets and fields which surround us and cause many souls to turn to you.”*

- Pray today for peace in the conflict between Hamas and Israel and for the return of all hostages. Pray also for a lasting and just peace to end the war between Ukraine and Russia.
- Please pray for good weather as we hold a joint outdoor service today to celebrate the new stonework on St. John’s, and as a witness to our neighbours. And pray for good fellowship as we then gather together for a picnic lunch in the vicarage garden.
- Thank God for His provision in the completion of the stonework - and pray for all those we have encountered during events we have held to help raise the money to pay for the stonework - pray that these people will want to return to church.
- Please pray for many to come to Tea Time Church this afternoon.
- Please pray for Greenlawns (June Hammond).