



Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'

'The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands...'

Psalm 19:1



September 2021

1 SEPT

SITTINGBOURNE: PRAYING FOR DEANERY FRESH EXPRESSIONS AND MISSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES



Please pray today for the Missional Learning communities and the Fresh Expressions of Church gathering, worshipping, praying and witnessing in our deanery. Pray that signs of a living faith will spring up in unexpected places. Pray that we will dare to join with God in creating a caring, sustainable and growing Christian presence. Teach us to listen to the voice of God, and to follow where he leads us. May we be a means by which the love God has for the world is shared. Through our acts of loving service and

discipleship, may we share the good news.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ekiti West - The Church of Nigeria (Ondo Province)

2 SEPT

PRAYING TOGETHER: KEEP PRAYING CREATION



‘Keep Praying’ is a thread of prayer running through our life together as a diocese, and for the next few months we focus prayer on the wellbeing of the planet and the joys and challenges of caring for it.

Creator God, we give you thanks for beauty; we open our eyes to notice the wonder of the natural world and we choose to stop and breathe deeply, letting our senses revel in the richness of your creation.

In this season of ‘Keep Praying Creation, teach us more about the place of prayer in the work of creation care. When we feel overwhelmed at the size of the problem, help us grow in faith to pray big prayers. When we’re numbed by indifference, stir us up to care and to act.

Teach us how to blend prayer and activism as we seek to live more humbly and justly on the earth God has given us.

(Prayer request written by Lyndall Bywater - Changing Lives Prayer Network Co-ordinator)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese Eldoret - The Anglican Church of Kenya

3 SEPT

BORDEN: ST PETER & ST PAUL

Clergy: Robert Lane

Readers: Jill Petts, Christine Ford, Janet Beal

School: Borden CE Primary School

Heavenly Father, we hold before you the parish of Borden. We give thanks for the richness and diversity of our community. As we begin to reopen many of our mission ideas and outreach programmes, we pray that you will be with all that lead these initiatives. We give thanks for Fr Robert Lane and all the leadership team. Fr Colin Johnson, our readers Christine Ford, Janet Beal and Jill Petts. For our ordinand, Jane Barker, as she begins her final year of training for the priesthood and Stewart True exploring his calling towards ordination. Thanks be to God. Amen

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Port Elizabeth - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

4 SEPT

EASTCHURCH WITH LEYSDOWN AND HARTY

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Sue Hopper, Charles Pearce, Yvette Gutheil

School: Eastchurch CE Primary School

Please pray for the congregation of All Saints Eastchurch. Pray for strength, for hope and for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit as we seek for new ways to keep our church going. Please pray for our small congregation and for all who minister to us. We give thanks for our faith. And today we pray particularly for people who have lost their homes due to floods or fire.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ely - The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

5 SEPT

LISTENING AND DISCERNING ON THE WAY: PRAYING ABOUT CREATION



Creator God of the wondrous world we live in. We thank you for the intricacies of our planet Earth that sustain our lives. Instead of taking it for granted, help us to notice the beauty of your creation, from the tiniest microorganisms to the immense planets and stars of the universe. Help us to marvel at, and be grateful for, your wonderful gifts. Help us to treasure and nurture our world, caring for it as you would want us to. Amen.

(Prayer request written by Teresa Redfern - Canterbury Diocesan Environmental Officer)

Anglican Communion:

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

6 SEPT

MILTON REGIS WITH MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE

Clergy: Simon Young

Reader: Angie Daniel

School: Bapchild & Tonge CE Primary School

We give thanks for church wardens, Readers, ALMS and clergy who lead the life and worship of our benefice. We are grateful for the close work between parish and school in Bapchild and we are asking God for guidance and direction as we look for ways to enable whole families to follow Jesus. During a long interregnum (since June 2020), we ask God to give us strength and patience, and ask that he would bring the right candidate to us at the right moment. Finally, we pray for growth in holiness and numbers across our four congregations.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Embu - The Anglican Church of Kenya

7 SEPT

SITTINGBOURNE WITH BOBBING

Clergy: David Ridley

Assistant Curate: Chris Penfold

Self-Supporting curate: Sue Samson

Readers: Jan Phillips, Gill Price

Readers-in-Training: Roxane Lee-Affonso, Tracy Williams

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Enugu - The church of Nigeria (Enugu Province)

Clergy: Julian Staniforth, Amanda Lane

Assistant Curate: Simeon Nevell

Readers: George Hulme, Lis Willmet,

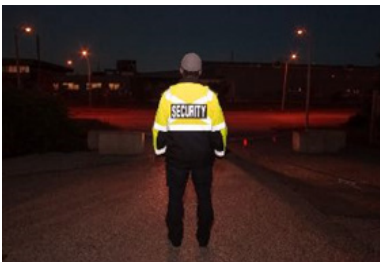
School: Hartlip Endowed CE Primary School, Newington CE Primary School

Emerging from lockdown, we face the challenges and opportunities that a different future presents. We pray:

- For our engagement with families, children and youth, building on existing relationships with local schools; discerning how we can come together as a benefice, pooling our resources effectively for this mission opportunity
- For God’s discernment in seeking to bless our communities in practical ways, including use of our buildings during the week for this.
- For the raising up of lay leaders to enable and sustain worship services at the local level.
- For new people to join our church communities and become disciples.
- For a spirit of generosity.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Enugu North - The Church of Nigeria (Enugu Province)



This summer was hard for many returning to work after Covid. Particularly for those working shifts, for those readjusting to new routines.

Lord Jesus, son of a carpenter, we pray for a blessing of your grace on all workers.

Encourage your Church to continue ways of support and outreach; recognising that those in travel, tourism, retail, farming, security, emergency services and many other sectors do not work a tidy

9-5, 5-day week, with academic holidays. Give us insight, and a refreshed vision about how we can take your love and teaching and share it seven days a week with those whose work often prevents them from attending Sunday services. Amen.

(Prayer Request written by David Slater - Joint Lead for Kent Emergency Chaplains Scheme)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Esan - The Church of Nigeria (Bendel Province)

10 SEPT

TUNSTALL WITH BREDGAR BENEFICE

Clergy: Alan Pinnegar

Assistant Curate: Paula Jardine-Rose

Readers: Kevnie Growns, Pat Tatchell, John Vaughan

Reader-in-Training: Clive Jacobs

Schools: Bredgar CE Primary School, Milstead & Frinstead CEPS, Tunstall CE Primary School

Please pray with us today. That our worship might be accessible to as many people as possible;

For the re-launch of our Missional Learning Community across the benefice;

For all those being married or baptised this year;

For all who have lost a loved one during the pandemic and who now seek appropriate ways of remembering them;

That we can meet the needs of the people around us, as we seek to form new relationships within the community.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Etche - The Church of Nigeria (Niger Delta Province)

11 SEPT

WEST SHEPPEY

Clergy: Paul Kite, Paul Rush, Jeanette McLaren

Schools: St George's CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Etsako - The Church of Nigeria (Bendel Province)

12 SEPT

LISTENING AND DISCERNING ON THE WAY: PRAYING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE



Creator God, we pray that the leaders of countries who will come together at the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow in November, will commit to reaching net zero carbon emissions within a timescale that holds the temperature rise to no more than 1.5 degrees. We pray that action is taken to phase out our reliance on fossil fuels and that renewable energy initiatives are brought forward. Help us all to do what we can, however great or small, to

reduce our carbon emissions for the benefit of everyone.

Amen.

(Prayer request written by Teresa Redfern - Canterbury Diocesan Environmental Officer)

Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

13 SEPT

PRAYING WITH THE WEALD DEANERY

Area Dean: Rodney Dreyer

Lay Chair: Graham Codling

Secretary: Brian Woodgate

Treasurer: Nana Twum Ampofo

Anglican Communion:

The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe - The Episcopal Church (II Province)

14 SEPT

WEALD DEANERY CLERGY WITH PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

Please pray with us for those with Permission to Officiate within our Deanery. We thank God for their willingness to continue serving the Church with generosity and joy. May they be upheld and strengthened in their ministry. Please pray for:

Pearl Anderson, Jack Bateson, Diana Bourne, David Cook, Priscilla Doe, Neville Gallagher, Lesley Hardy, Stephen Hardy, Malcolm Jones, Iori Price, Daniel Rutherford, John Sykes, John Tapper, Monica Taylor, David Trustram, Anthea Williams, Richard Williams

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Europe - The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

15 SEPT

WEALD DEANERY CHAPLAINS



Pray for all those exercising chaplaincy ministry - formally and informally - within Schools, uniformed organisations, residential care communities, community clubs, businesses, health care groups, prisons, police, armed services and in sport. May God give them wisdom to respond to the opportunities given, to be assured of their calling to be witnesses to Christ. May they know the support of local churches and see God at work wherever they go.

Rodney Dreyer, Tracey Bateson, Jack

Bateson

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Eyo - The Church of Nigeria (Niger Delta Province)

16 SEPT

BENENDEN: ST GEORGE & SANDHURST: ST NICHOLAS

Clergy: David Commander

Assistant Curate: Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

School: Benenden CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Exeter - The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

17 SEPT

CRANBROOK: ST DUNSTAN

Clergy: Ann Pollington

Readers: John Mulrenan, David Gillies

School: Colliers Green CE Primary School, Cranbrook CE Primary School

We pray today for the local food bank, Doctors surgeries (COVID & Flu vaccination in church), Town Market, coffee mornings and Tots plus.

We give thanks for and pray for a continuing sharing of the gospel through; the Ponder Anew book, (the result of Reverend Ann's live-streamed morning prayer during lockdown), our live-streamed service. Messy church Tots plus, Hartley House and school visits

Pray with us as we face the joys and challenges of parish life.

May our church's finances be boosted as people are encouraged to return to worship and singing, pray for helpers for messy church & Tots Plus, weddings, baptisms, younger membership, younger families, encouraging poetry reading, music, displays of gymnastic and other skills. Give thanks we have survived lockdown!

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ezo - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province)

18 SEPT

GOUDHURST: ST MARY THE VIRGIN WITH KILNDOWN: CHRIST CHURCH



Clergy: Rachel Robertson

Reader: Sonja Drew

School: Goudhurst & Kilndown CE Primary School

Please pray for Goudhurst & Kilndown Church as we look to shine God's light into the communities we serve. We give thanks for the work of our Community Cupboard; the vital counselling and support in local schools provided by our Weald Family Hub; the faithful

community that gathers Monday to Saturday at 10:00 to pray via Zoom; for the teams that enable worship every Sunday morning; for the people who care for our church building and our finances; for our Café Toddler and Blend team as they serve our young families. Lord, bless us in all we do as a church community.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Faisalabad - The (united) Church of Pakistan

19 SEPT

LISTENING AND DISCERNING ON THE WAY: PRAYING ABOUT BIODIVERSITY



Creator God of all living things. We pray for a nature-rich world, all important in sustaining life on Earth. We pray for a turn-around in the way we use the land and seas, that instead of decimating habitats, we appreciate their benefits, that we plant trees instead of destroying forests, that we cease exploiting our seas in unsustainable ways, that we encourage a wide range of flowering plants for our pollinating insects, and that instead of causing

loss of species we encourage a flourishing nature-rich world. Amen.

(Prayer request written by Teresa Redfern - Canterbury Diocesan Environmental Officer)

Anglican Communion:

The Church of the province of Uganda

20 SEPT

HAWKHURST: ST LAURENCE WITH ALL SAINTS

Clergy: Rodney Dreyer

School: Hawkhurst CE Primary School

We give thanks to God for the promise and many signs of new life amongst young people and young adults as we emerge from the pandemic.

Anglican Communion:

The Parish of the Falkland Islands - Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

21 SEPT

HEADCORN AND THE SUTTONS

Clergy: Fiona Haskett

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of False Bay - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

22 SEPT

MARDEN: ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGEL'S

Clergy: Nicola Harvey

Reader: Sarah Emmanuel

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Fianarantsoa - The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

23 SEPT

SISSINGHURST: TRINITY CHURCH WITH FRITTENDEN: ST MARY



Clergy: Peter Deaves

Reader: Tony Staples

Schools: Frittenden CE Primary School, Sissinghurst CE Primary School

Please give thanks for the opportunity to resume Open the book in Frittenden Primary; for the re-formed team, for many seeds to be sown, and families connected with church.

Please pray for the successful appointment of a new Benefice Administrator (part time), to increase Pete's and

others' capacity for ministry.

Pray for great wisdom for Pete, wardens and PCCs as they navigate the way ahead, for us to reach out courageously and confidently.

Please pray for many to attend the Bible Society 'The Bible Course' during the Autumn, and that the word of Christ would richly dwell among us.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Florida - The Episcopal (IV Province)

24 SEPT

STAPLEHURST: ALL SAINTS



Clergy: Silke Tetzlaff

We thank God for learning that church is not just a building. Help us keep the perspective so that we may be a pure, holy, tried and true living sanctuary for You Lord. We love you; we worship you; we adore you!

Thank you for your son, Jesus Christ the capstone. May he soften our stony hearts and renew in us a steadfast spirit. We pray that All Saints Church

Staplehurst grows and remains a cornerstone of faith, a beacon of hope on the hill for this village.

We pray for funds to rebuild, repair, remodel the use of the interior. Let our ancient Norsk West Door open wide in a warm welcome to your people. Through Jesus we pray. Thank you Father. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Central Florida - The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

25 SEPT

LISTENING AND DISCERNING ON THE WAY: PRAYING ABOUT POLLUTION



Creator God, help us to care for creation by curbing our pollution of land, sea and air. We pray for clean air. We pray that measures will continue to be introduced to reduce the many forms of air pollution which result in millions of premature deaths each year. We pray for unpolluted fresh and sea water, free from chemical and human waste contamination which are harmful to biodiversity and human life. We pray for alternatives to our reliance on

plastics, which pollute and persist in the environment. Help us to prevent pollution that damages our natural world.

Amen.

(Prayer request written by Teresa Redfern - Canterbury Diocesan Environmental Officer)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Southeastern Florida - The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

26 SEPT

READER LICENSING SERVICE



We pray for Tracy Williams being admitted and licensed as a Reader today; also for those who were licensed online last year as we affirm them in the ministry they have been called to. We also pray for those receiving new licenses and those retiring from active ministry. We remember the Readers who have passed away over the past year.

God of love, you call us to a life of discipleship;

We pray for those who exercise ministry in your

Church and World,

May they be beacons of your love as they share the Good News of Jesus.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

(Prayer request written by Nigel Collins - Lay Ministries Advisor & Pastoral Secretary)

Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church

27 SEPT

PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS



Lord Jesus, healer, we pray for all those, paid and unpaid, trained to be the first responders in emergencies:– fire, police, ambulance crews, coast-guards, lifeboat crews, flood wardens, street pastors, emergency chaplains and so many more.

Be with them and bless them as they train and prepare, keep them alert.

Give them your grace when on duty or on ‘shouts’, help them bring skill and care into difficult situations, and be with their families waiting for safe return. In your name, Amen.

(Prayer Request written by David Slater - Joint Lead for Kent Emergency Chaplains Scheme)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Southwest Florida - The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

28 SEPT

PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE



Area Deans: Chris Denyer, Jeremy Worthen

Lay Chair: Liz Richardson

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Shirley Leslie

Please pray for those beginning and ending stages of their ministry: those beginning as curates at Petertide, Sandra Marsh as the Rector of Calehill with Westwell, Sophie Carnaby as Parish Mission Enabler; those entering

retirement. Pray also for wise discernment for Ashford Town Parish in filling the Team Vicar vacancies.

In this season of changes, we seek to discern what God is calling us to resume, what to begin, and what to lay down. Please pray for all involved, for the Mission Action Planning process in Ashford Town Parish and the Deanery Synod as it takes forward our Deanery Plan.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Fond du Lac - The Episcopal Church (V Province)

29 SEPT

ASHFORD DEANERY: CLERGY WITH PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

Please pray with us for those with Permission to Officiate within our Deanery. We thank God for their willingness to continue serving the Church with generosity and joy. May they be upheld and strengthened in their ministry. Please pray for:

Bonnie Appleton, David Bannerman, Marian Bond, Ian Campbell, Philip Cox, Judy Griffiths, Noelle Hall, Paul Miller, Gilbert Spencer, Sue Starkings, Richard Webb, Linda Schryver

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Fredericton - The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province)

30 SEPT

ASHFORD DEANERY: CHAPLAINS



Pray for all those exercising chaplaincy ministry - formally and informally - within Schools, uniformed organisations, residential care communities, community clubs, businesses, health care groups, prisons, police, armed services and in sport. May God give them wisdom to respond to the opportunities given, to be assured of their calling to be witnesses to Christ. May they know the support of local churches and see God at work wherever they go.

Geoff Walters, Ian Rich, Tricia Hill, Tracey Bateson, Jack Bateson

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Free State - The Anglican Church of Southern

YOUTH COUNCIL

YOUR CHURCH YOUR VOICE

Join us at the start of our journey to create a Youth Council; a space to share your views and passions, a place to change our world.

12TH | 12:30
SEPT | TIL
17:30

GROSVENOR HALL
KINGSWOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE

KEEP PRAYING

CREATION - CREATOR GOD, RENEWING ALL THINGS

“In Christ ... all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:17)

God, tender and skilful gardener:

- Summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, we give you thanks for your faithfulness towards every living thing.
- Awaken us to the scale and urgency of the climate crisis, especially for those living in poverty.
- We pray for all whose lives have been torn apart by the effects of climate change – floods, droughts and wildfires.
- Grant us the will and the wisdom to change our habits for the sake of your world.
- As we learn the lessons of the pandemic, teach us to love one another more deeply and to walk more lightly on the earth.
- Help us find ways to partner with all those working for justice in our local communities.
- Open our ears to the voices of children and young people, hearing their challenge and following their lead as they help us journey towards a flourishing, sustainable future.

Find our Changing Lives Conversation playlist here: <http://ow.ly/9Ujt50FxtK8>



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