MON 30  UNITED BENEFICE OF RECULVER

Clergy: Sue Martin, Stephen Parrett
Reader: Lindsey Pannell
Schools: Reculver CE Junior School

As a benefice we are having a two week mission this year, either side of Pentecost, when we will be reaching out to all ages and all areas through events including games evenings, lunches, curry evenings, concerts, dances, a talent show and a holiday club. We will also be carrying out prayer walks in all the streets and roads of the benefice, praying for households and businesses. This is a great opportunity to share the Gospel message and we would welcome your prayers for all those involved and for the funding needed to run the events.

Anglican Communion:

Mbamili (Nigeria) The Right Revd Henry Okeke, Wau (South Sudan) The Most Revd Moses Deng, Bol Ibba (South Sudan) The Right Revd Wilson Elias Kamani

TUES 31  ST MARTIN’S, HERNE WITH ST PETER, GREENHILL

Clergy: Carol Smith
Assistant Curate: Cat Darkins
Reader: Frances Venthem

Herne with Greenhill is in a time of discernment as we enter into a new season. We are thankful for the introduction of ‘Changed Lives Conversations’ into our church life which are beginning to bear fruit. We are also giving thanks to God for the end of our 3-yr external restoration project which has revealed afresh the beautiful details of Herne church. Please pray for our church family as we now seek to deepen in faith and discipleship. Particularly your prayers are asked for our Spring Course and our Parish Mission Weekend (at home) in May which will seek to make us all more confident to share our faith with others.


Disclaimer: It is a privilege to be able to pray for people, parishes and benefices by name, and we do our best to ensure that all the information in the calendar is accurate and up-to-date. If you notice any errors, please let us know so that we can update our records for future editions. Simply email Primrose Northrop at: pnorthrop@diocant.org

Anniversary thanks:

March marks the first anniversary of our Calendar of Prayer. In the past year, we’ve prayed for every church in the diocese at least twice, as well as praying for all sorts of other aspects of life and mission. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed prayers and pictures, making the calendar so much richer, and of course our grateful thanks to all of you who have been praying through the calendar each month.

Your partnership in prayer is much appreciated. The Changing Lives Prayer Network Team

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SUN 1  CANTERBURY DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Mark Griffin
Assistant Area Dean: Phil Greig
Lay Chairs: Janet Bentley, Liz Morrison
Secretary: Harry Macdonald
Treasurer: John Morrison

Please pray for the new clergy team that came into place on February 1st with a new area dean, assistant area dean and Revd Jo Richards as Chapter Clerk, giving thanks for Revd Kevin Maddy’s service as area dean.

We give thanks that our first Mission Plan for Canterbury Deanery is currently being finalised and has involved The Diocesan Mission and Ministry Committeee, deanery synod and many other stakeholders. Our prayer is for its implementation over the next three years and as a result that the deanery and the parishes draw closer together, sharing resources and enthusiasm in witnessing to God’s love in word and action.

Anglican Communion:

Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz - Bishop of Santiago & Primate

MON 2  CANTERBURY 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:


Anglican Communion:


FRI 27  RECUVER DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Carol Smith
Lay Chair: Amanda Boucherat
Secretary: David Kemp
Treasurer: David Kemp

Anglican Communion:


SAT 28  RECUVER 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:

Clifford Goble, Donald Lugg, Geoff Neale, Joyce Outen, Christopher Smith, Barbara Nicholson, Michael Chandler, David Springthorpe, John Currie, Chris Morgan-Jones, Keith McNicol, Chris Skingley, Howard Such, Philip Atherton, Jenny Hadlow

Anglican Communion:


SUN 29  HERNE BAY: CHRIST CHURCH (HAMPSTEAD: ST ANDREW)

Clergy: Anthony Everett
Assistant Curate: David Hazell

Please give thanks for the amazing response we have seen to the teaching of God’s Word, as people grow in and come to faith. We are thankful for the 50 people who attend our monthly prayer meeting. The 20 people attending, or signed up for, our Christianity Explained Course. We give thanks for the 2 new Ignite congregations, which are beginning to flourish. We continue to ask that God would transform people by his Word and the Spirit. We would discern the best over the good. We would continue to be a united, joyful people.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Prayer and Repentance Today, the fifth Sunday in Lent, is the focus of the Primates’ Task Group’s call for a period of prayer and repentance in the Anglican Communion.
**TUES 24**  CANONRY BENEFICE

Clergy: David Moulden
Readers: Janice Willett, Anne Talbert
Schools: Ash Cartwright & Kelsey CE Primary School
Goodnestone CE Primary School
Nonington CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

Matana (Burundi) The Right Revd Seth Ndayirukiye, Wad Medani (Sudan) The Right Revd Saman Farajalla, Mahdi Hyderabad (Pakistan) The Right Revd Kaleem John

**WED 25**  NONINGTON: THE LIVING WELL

Chaplain of The Living Well: Lorraine Apps-Huggins
Assistant Chaplain: Hilary Hills

The Living Well continues to pray and listen as we work together for the well being of others - currently we are in the season of Hub Days, visiting parishes across the diocese with themed days focusing on God’s willingness to be in our lives actively bringing hope and healing. Pray for our wonderful team, our travel and the people we meet and pray for....thank you and thank God!

*Anglican Communion:*

Matlosane (formerly Klipsdrif) (Southern Africa) The Right Revd Stephen Diseko, Waiapu (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Right Revd Andrew Hedge

**TUES 3**  CANTERBURY DEANERY CHAPLAINS

Pray for all those exercising chaplaincy ministry - formally and informally - within Schools and colleges, 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 where ever they go!

Please pray for:
Helen Connol, Ted Hurst, Geoff Pearson, Steve Bennett, Paul Glass, Kevin Maddy, Martin Robbins, Jeremy Law, Lindsay Collins, Martin Robbins

*Anglican Communion:*

Manicaland (Central Africa) The Right Revd Erick Ruwona, Toungoo (Myanmar) The Right Revd Saw John, Wilne Hawai’i (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Robert Fitzpatrick

**WED 4**  BLEAN: ST COSMO & ST DAMIAN

Clergy: Stephen Laird
Reader: Peter Clough

Please pray for us as we serve our surrounding community by offering pastoral care and hospitality; and regular ministry at the local primary school. Pray for us as we embark on a building project, aiming to provide better and more flexible facilities for visitors. We have a strong link with some congregations in Madagascar. They have recently been severely affected by storms and flooding, and we seek discernment in deciding how best to support them. Nearer home, our active branch of the Mothers’ Union is preparing to welcome worldwide members during the Lambeth Conference 2020, which takes place in our parish.

*Anglican Communion:*

Maper (South Sudan) The Right Revd William Madding, Machar Tricky-Tanjore (South India) The Right Revd Gnanamuthu Paul Vasanthalakumar

**THUR 26**  LITTLEBOURNE BENEFICE

Clergy: Vacant

Readers: John Styles, Katharine Harris
Churchwardens: Peter Terrill, Michael Gallagher, Geraldine Wyant, Karen Mount, Tina Burton, Jerome Holdstock, Roberta O’Sullivan
Schools: Wickhambreaux CE Primary School
Littlebourne CE Primary School

Please pray for the Littlebourne Benefice in this time of interregnum. Please pray particularly for the Readers and Churchwardens, for the congregations, and for all those who help take services.

*Anglican Communion:*

Mauritius (Indian Ocean) Vacant, Waikato & Taranaki (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Most Revd Philip Richardson (Primate), Wangaratta (Australia) The Right Revd John Parkes

**THUR 5**  CANTERBURY: ALL SAINTS

Clergy: Phil Greig
Reader: Gavin Netherton
School: St John’s Church of England Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

Moru (Tanzania) The Right Revd George Okoth, Trinidad & Tobago (West Indies) The Right Revd Caude Berkley, Truro (England) The Right Revd Philip Mounstephen
FRI 6  CANTERBURY: ST MARTIN & ST PAUL

Clergy: Mark Griffin
Assistant Curate: Hannah Thomson

Readers: Samuel Keeler-Walker, Chris Robinson, Rosemary Walters, Mary Butcher

Please give thanks for our growing Teatime@St Paul’s and Messy Church at Spring Lane, as well as new members young and old who have joined the choir and quaver choir, singing at our services, especially, our successful monthly Evensong and Supper initiative.

Please pray for continuing outreach in Querns Road, Spring Lane and Howe Green, for new friendships and partnerships being developed. Also plans to develop St Martin’s and its ministry to the congregation, the local community and visitors and pilgrims.

For the open church initiative at St Paul’s and for our long term relationship with Pilgrim’s Way Primary School.

Anglican Communion:

Maralal (Kenya) The Right Revd Jacob Lesuuda Tuam, Killala & Achonry (Ireland) The Right Revd Patrick William Rooke

SAT 7  INSPIRING EVERYDAY FAITH - DIOCESAN SYNOD OPEN SESSION

Give thanks for this wonderful opportunity to welcome renewal and cultivate mission throughout the diocese, please pray for:

Bishop Rose as she offers her hopes and aspirations as she ministers with us.

For Nick Shepherd as he encourages our understanding and need for everyday faith

For all participants, that they may be challenged, encouraged and equipped to share their learning with their churches.

For synod members, tasked with making decisions for the flourishing of the kingdom of God in this diocese.

(Written by Peter Ingrams Local Ministries and Growth Advisor.)

Anglican Communion:

Marathwada (North India) The Right Revd Madhukar Kasab, Twic East (South Sudan) The Right Revd Ezekiel Ding Ajang Malangdit, Hereford (England) The Right Revd Richard Prith

SUN 8  CANTERBURY: ST MARY BREDDIN

Clergy: Barney De Berry, Stephen Carter
Readers: Martin Collings, Roger Thornington


SAT 21  PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO LEAD INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for all those who lead intercessions in our churches. We give thanks for their invaluable ministry as week-by-week they bring the prayers of the people to God. We pray that they will continue to be blessed with inspiration, and a real sense of the Holy Spirit. Today we pray particularly for the Intercessions Training event taking place in the Ospringe Deanery. We pray for all those who will attend, praying that they will be reaffirmed in their ministry, as they are filled with a renewed sense of enthusiasm for intercessory prayer.

Anglican Communion:

Masungo (Central Africa) The Right Revd Godfrey Tawonezvi, Virgin Islands (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Ambrose Gumbs, Hpa-an (Myanmar) The Right Revd Saw Mark Maung Doe

SUN 22  PRAYING WITH THE MOTHERS’ UNION ON MOTHERING SUNDAY

Please pray with us as we make valuable partnerships with other family based organisations, may this new way of working especially help the vulnerable in our diocese. This time last year, prayers were offered for the Away From It All holiday. We thank God for changed lives and ask for clarity regarding the future direction of this project. We may be called Mothers’ Union, but we acknowledge that many individuals, not just mothers, have a mothering role. We thank all of those, worldwide who struggle as they act as parent. Enable them to achieve the best for those in their care, we pray. (Written by Sandra Goody Mothers’ Union Trustee and Faith coordinator).

Anglican Communion:

Pray for the Hong Kong, Sheng, Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong, Sheng, Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island

MON 23  THE BRIDGE GROUP PARISH

Clergy: Estella Last
Readers: Margaret Clarke

School: Bridge & Patrixbourne CE Primary School

We give thanks for the realisation of our vision to become a single Parish Benefice with 5 centres of prayer and worship. Pray for us as we make this transition. Pray for renewal of our vision as we work more closely together to discern our role in God’s mission in each of our 5 villages and together as one whole church community.

Pray for all our office holders, PCC members and lay leaders as we discern together our shared role as ministers of the Gospel in the villages of Bridge, Patrixbourne, Beksbourne, Nackington and Lower Hardres.

Anglican Communion:

Matambeleland (Central Africa) The Right Revd Cleophas Lunga, Virginia (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Shannon Johnston, Huron (Canada) Vacant
**WED 18**  EASTBRIDGE 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 where ever they go!

*Anglican Communion:*

Maseno West (Kenya) The Right Revd Joseph Wasonga, Valparaiso (Chile) The Right Revd Samuel Morrison

**THUR 19**  AYLESHAM: ST PETER

Clergy: Nick Ratcliffe, Stefan Thomas
Reader: Esther Jonas

Please pray for St Peter’s Aylesham as we begin new initiatives and try to grow God’s church in a changing and expanding community. We ask for guidance and wisdom in a time of change and to concentrate our efforts where the Holy Spirit leads. We pray for blessing on our ‘Elevenes’ family service and for increased contact with young families. Prayers for the church building would be valued, for the renewing of the roof and heating system.

*Anglican Communion:*


**FRI 20**  THE BENEFICE OF BARHAM DOWNS WITH ADISHAM

Clergy: Stefan Thomas
School: Adisham CE Primary School
Barham CE Primary School

We give thanks for God’s mission in our communities including our children’s school group (Chill Factor); for the teenagers (Beyondz) led by Jody Moseling (ALM) and incumbent; we pray also for our two Church of England Primary schools, for their wonderful and inclusive Christian ethos. We pray for our pastoral care team and for the generosity of our pastoral relief fund in providing economic hope to those in need. We pray for our Cafe Ad-Hope which provides a safe space for those suffering from mental health issues. Most of all we pray for the generosity of spirit in reaching out to each other.

*Anglican Communion:*

Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Alan McIntosh, Gates Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania) Vacant

**MON 9**  CANTERBURY: ST STEPHEN

Clergy: Kevin Maddy
Associate Minister: Stephen Laird
Readers: Peter Toon, Sally Walters
School: The Archbishop’s School

Pray that St Stephen’s will grow as an inclusive church. During the annual Week of Prayer with Christians Together in Canterbury we remembered our 13th Century Anchoreess, Lady Loretta, and Archbishop Stephen Langton and his brother Archdeacon Simon Langton who completed the building of St Stephen’s, and brought back Lady Loretta and the newly formed Franciscans from Paris. St Stephen’s maintains a rich musical and theological tradition, and we ask prayers for our choir and our well-attended Theology Group. Please pray for our Pastoral Group and all the important pastoral work taking place in our parish.

*Anglican Communion:*

Maridi (South Sudan) The Right Revd Moses Zungo, Udi (Nigeria) The Right Revd Chijoike Augustine, Aneke Highlands (Southern Africa) The Right Revd Charles Mthetheleli May

**TUES 10**  HABLEDOWN: ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Clergy: Peter Harnden

*Anglican Communion:*

Ughelli (Nigeria) The Right Revd Cyril Ochutem, Ho (West Africa) The Right Revd Matthias Mededhu-Badolu

**WED 11**  CANTERBURY: ST DUNSTAN, ST MILDRED & ST PETER

Clergy: Jo Richards
Assistant Curate: Kevin Goodman
Readers: Jane Gledhill, John Morrison, Tessa Taylor, Margaret Wells

Please pray for our Benefice as we process the outcomes of our quinquennials (that have taken place across our three churches in February and March 2020). We pray that these may be a ‘spring-board’, in conjunction with applying for grants, to take forward our thoughts and ideas from our Benefice Away Day last year. May we grow the Kingdom of God in this beautiful and ancient city.

*Anglican Communion:*

Marsabit (Kenya) The Right Revd Daniel Qampicha, Ukhahlamba (Southern Africa) The Right Revd Moses Madjuwabe
THUR 12  ST NICHOLAS WITH FORDWICH: ST MARY THE VIRGIN & WESTBERE: ALL SAINTS WITH HERSDON

Clergy: Peter Cornish

School: Sturry Church of England Primary School

Please pray with us, as we give great thanks for the substantial grant given to us by the Heritage Lottery Fund for essential repairs to the church.

We also give thanks for the Friends of St Nicholas and for the £19,000 which they have raised. We have to raise £55,000 in total. The gap is closing but there is still some way to go. We ask the Diocese to pray for guidance and enthusiasm, as we decide how to use the newly restored church for the benefit of our rapidly expanding community in the years to come.


FRI 13  THANINGTON: ST NICHOLAS & ST FAITH

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Caroline Mettam and Tony Martin.

Please pray for the parish of Thanington in this time of interregnum. Please pray particularly for the churchwardens Caroline and Tony, for the congregation and for all those who help take services.


SAT 14  CANTERBURY: CATHEDRAL AND METropolitical CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Dean: Robert Willis,
Archdeacon: Jo Kelly-Moore

Canon Librarian: Tim Naish, Canon Missioner: Emma Pennington, Receiver General: Christopher Nicholls

Lay Members of Chapter: Janice Reid, Caroline Spencer, William Pettit

Please pray for the life and ministry of the cathedral: for our Dean and Chapter and all who hold positions of responsibility, for our staff during this time of change and transition and for our volunteers and all who welcome visitors and pilgrims to this holy place. In this year of 2020 we especially ask your blessing on the events and services connected with the 850th anniversary of Becket's murder and 800th anniversary of the translation of Becket's shrine to the Trinity Chapel, that they may enable us to reach out to a wide spectrum of people to show them something of the love, kindness, compassion and generosity of Jesus.


SUN 15  GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S CREATION

We give thanks for parks, gardens, churchyards and other places where we can experience the glory of God’s Creation, we pray for all those, paid and volunteers, who make them places where we can enjoy nature and where wildlife can flourish. We pray for the work of Caring for God’s Acre supporting groups and individuals to investigate and care for churchyards. In this deanery we pray for St Stephen’s Canterbury, and their mission to make their churchyard a place of quiet contemplation and enjoyment for all people and God’s other creatures. (Written by Peter Toon from St Stephen’s church, Canterbury).

Anglican Communion:
Pray for the Church of England, The Most Rev’d and Right Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury

MON 16  EAST BRIDGE DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Stefan Thomas

Lay Chair: Steve Sheath

Lay Chair Assistant: John Andrews

Treasurer: Michael Gallagher

We pray for the continuing mission of God’s kingdom in the East Bridge Deanery where changes have taken place, from one benefice becoming a single parish to clergy vacancies gradually being filled. We pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to guide all those in positions of responsibility both lay and ordained. In a recent open deanery synod we rejoiced to hear that in a supposed post-Christian era pockets of God’s mission are shining brightly through various mission activities and opportunities.

Anglican Communion:
Maseno North (Kenya) The Right Revd Charles Kaskan, Asilutua Utah (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Scott Hayashi, Honduras (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Lloyd Allen

TUES 17  EAST BRIDGE DEANERY, CLERGY WITH PERMISSION TO OFFICATE

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 uplifted and strengthened in their ministry. Please pray for:

Ken Child, Alan Duke, Paul Francis, Gerald Greenwood, Nigel Hale, Lizzie Hopthrow, Andrew Way, Barbara Way

Anglican Communion:
Maseno South (Kenya) The Right Revd Charles Ong’ino, Uyo (Nigeria) The Right RevdPrince Asukwo Antai, Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong) The Most Revd Paul Knorr (Primacy)