Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me…’

Psalm 23. 4
1 APRIL  RECUVER 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:

*Mbhashe (Southern Africa)* The Rt Revd Elliot Williams,

*Wernyol (South Sudan)* The Rt Revd Gabriel Kuol Garang

2 APRIL  WHITSTABLE TEAM MINISTRY

Clergy: Rachel Webbley, Paulette Stubbings, Simon Tillotson, David Vannerly

Curate: Robert Tugwell

Readers: Denise Blaskett, Isobel Legg David Wright, Jayne Edinboro

Reader in Training: Isobel Legg

Schools: St Alphege CE Infant School and Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed CE Junior School

Please pray for on-going wisdom across the parish as we discern and shape the future, preparing for Revd David Vannerly’s retirement in June.

Pray for our children and young people, particularly those with mental illness and their families. Pray that we will continue to strengthen our relationships between the community projects and all our churches.

Pray that we develop as stewards of God’s creation, taking strategic steps towards becoming an eco-parish. Pray that the church models a sabbath pattern of recreation and worship alongside our discipleship and service.

Anglican Communion:

*Meath & Kildare (Ireland)* The Most Revd Patricia Louise Storey,

*West Ankole (Uganda)* The Rt Revd Johnson Twinomujuni,

*West Buganda (Uganda)* The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale
3 APRIL  PRAYING WITH THE THANET DEANERY

Area Deans: Clifford Stocking, Richard Braddy
Lay Chair: Carole Bean
Secretary: Audrey Morris
Treasurer: Len Reed

Pray with us as we rejoice in the huge variety of worship, mission, ministry and outreach to all communities throughout the Deanery – in particular the Ramsgate Harbour Church which has recently been founded. We pray too for Mark Ham as he begins his ministry in Birchington. As a Deanery we are currently having a focus on health and well-being. Please pray for initiatives such as the Parish Nurse, Anna Chaplaincy and Hospital & Hospice Chaplaincies. Please pray for leadership support, for church-based youth groups in Margate and Ramsgate, and for our developing strategy for youth ministry across the Deanery.

Anglican Communion: Medak (South India) The Rt Revd A.C. Solomon Raj, West Lango (Uganda) The Rt Revd Alfred Acur Okodi

4 APRIL THANET 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:

Patricia Westbrook, David Chance, Susan Wing, Bernard Allen, Derek Duncanson, Peter Gausden, Arthur Skinner, Peter Brown, Michael Cooke, David Frost, Brian Griffiths, John Chater, Brian Sharp, Lesley Valiant, Sue Woan, Gordon Warren, Annie Shaw, Peter Dadd, Kerry Thorpe, David Tate, Peter Rowe, Peter Russell

Anglican Communion: Melbourne (Australia) The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier, West Missouri (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Martin Field

5 APRIL SUN PRAYING TOGETHER ON PALM SUNDAY

Lord Jesus, who rode into Jerusalem not as a conqueror, but in humility may we herald your arrival and follow you to the Cross where your people are reborn and given life everlasting. May our hearts be filled with your justice this Easter not to seek our own interests but to love one another as you loved us, and may you turn our lives the right way up with your sacrifice, that our praises may not change to calls for crucifixion but in love and faithfulness lead us to follow you in your building of the new Jerusalem. Amen

(Prayer Request written by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury)

Anglican Communion:

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles
6 APRIL  HOLY WEEK: PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray with us as we begin Holy Week. At the Last Supper Jesus sits with a tax collector, fishermen, rebels, and a thief. Jesus brings people of all parts of the community together with Him. Life is practically one big feast with God. Anyone can join the feast and invite others to the feast. Please pray that we invite others into our churches to share our journey. (Prayer request written by Theo, a school pupil in the Canterbury Deanery)

Anglican Communion:

Meru (Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Mwendwa,
West Malaysia (South East Asia) The Most Revd Ng Moon Hing,
Idaho (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Thom

7 APRIL  HOLY WEEK: PRAYING TOGETHER

As we pray during this Holy Week, may we journey with Jesus as we remember his passion and resurrection. We ask, Lord, that you give us hearts filled with your compassion, give us eyes to see, give us boldness and selflessness and wisdom, so that we too might reach out to the poor and disregarded. Bless the work of the St George’s Project in Ramsgate, (and all those other community and outreach projects across our Diocese), working with the homeless and marginalised. Please pray for all those who meet, volunteer and offer help. Pray that we may be your light shining in the darkness. (Prayer request written by Fran Kimmons, a volunteer at St George’s Project, Ramsgate)

Anglican Communion:

Mexico (Mexico) The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter,
West Tennessee (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Don Johnson,
Ideato (Nigeria) The Most Revd Caleb Maduoma

8 APRIL  HOLY WEEK: PRAYING TOGETHER

As we pray together, let’s remember that it’s just a few days since Jesus turned the tables in the Temple Courts; seeing injustice, he dealt with it. Today we pray for those facing injustice, and those fighting against it

Father God, who created humans as equal to one another, we ask you to be with those facing injustice in this diocese and across the world. Be with those on the margins, those disillusioned and those who are forgotten. We thank you for the work of those fighting injustice in all its forms and ask you strengthen them in their resolve to see change happen. Amen (Prayer request written by Nathan Wilson, Missioner to the Ashford Town)

Anglican Communion:

Michigan (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Bonnie Perry,
West Texas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd David Reed
**9 April**

**Holy Week: Praying together**

Lord of creation, our sustainer, bless those scientists, engineers and technicians who are working hard to develop an effective vaccine against the COVID-19 virus. Thank you for their knowledge and their skills, bless their sense of collaboration and cooperation, both between disciplines and across borders. Release for them the resources they need; may those who support their efforts do so with willing generosity. Father, embrace them with your love; Spirit, open their eyes to see Jesus’ compassion amplified in the world in this time of stress. For us all, as we watch their work unfold, cover fear with your peace. (Prayer request written by Bob Newport, St Mary Bredin Canterbury)

*Anglican Communion:*

Milwaukee (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Steven Miller, West Virginia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Willam Michie Klusmeyer, Western Izon (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Edafe Emamezi

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**10 April**

**Holy Week: Praying together**

Let us pray together. Today as we commemorate the death of Jesus Christ upon the cross let us pause to remember the unconditional love that shone light into the darkness of our world. Christ’s journey to Calvary reminds us that our days too, though they will pass, are held securely in God’s care, supported with the assurance of eternal life. Eternal Father, bless all who are linked with the Hospice, that carers, friends and patients will so share their time and insight, that their pilgrimage through life may be completed in confidence and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen (Prayer request written by Sarah Lavender Occupational Therapist at Wisdom Hospice, Rochester)

*Anglican Communion:*

Minna (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Abu Yisa,

Western Kansas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Michael Milliken

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**11 April**

**Holy Week: Praying together on Easter Saturday**


(Prayer request written by Jane Barker from St Peter and St Paul, Borden)

*Anglican Communion:*

Minnesota (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Prior, Western Kowloon (Hong Kong) The Rt Revd Andrew Chan, Idoani (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Dahunsi
12 April  PRAYING TOGETHER ON EASTER SUNDAY

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your generous love which enabled your Son Jesus Christ to take our place on the cross. As we celebrate his rising to new life, we thank you for the joy of Easter. Teach us to live lives that reflect the joy of your resurrection; Changed Lives that tell the story of the light that you shine in the dark corners of the world.

May we your children hear afresh, your words to the women at the opened tomb, ‘Go and tell....that I am risen.’ May we be faithful messengers of this Good News. Amen

(Prayer request written by Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover)

Anglican Communion:

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One

13 April  THANET 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!

Bernard Allen, Christopher White, Brian Sharp, Ken Cox, Margaret Paddison, James Goodwin-Hudson, Judith Andrews, Gerald Watkins

Anglican Communion:


14 April  BIRCHINGTON: ALL SAINTS WITH ACOL: ST MILDRED & ST THOMAS, MINNIS BAY

Clergy: Mark Ham

Readers: Margaret Hawkins, Jim Barber

School: Birchington CE Primary School

Our prayer is to give thanks for all those who have ministered in our churches in so many different ways during the interregnum. We pray also for our journeying together as we move into the future, praying that God will show us the way, as we seek to make his love known to all in Birchington, Minnis Bay and Acol. And praying for our common life together both within the Diocese and as a part of God’s wider family.

Anglican Communion:

Mississippi (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Seage, Western Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Douglas Fisher, Ifo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathaniel Oladejo Ogundipe
**15 APRIL**

**BROADSTAIRS: HOLY TRINITY**

Clergy: Dominic Fenton

Please pray for our coastal communities, especially in areas of deprivation; for those without work and for low-income families; for those who struggle with ill-health and with a poor sense of wellbeing; for victims of crime; for increasing numbers of homeless people on our streets and for small local businesses challenged by a stagnant economy; for all our attempts as Christians to build community and to bring hope, reconciliation, harmony and peace in an increasingly anxious, fractious and divided society”.

*Anglican Communion:*

*Missouri (The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Wayne Smith,

*Western Mexico (Mexico)* The Revd Ricardo Joel Gómez Osnaya

**16 APRIL**

**HARVEST NEW ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Reader: Terry Valiant

We pray that we are more open to God’s leading through his Holy Spirit, and that we are able to listen to his voice. Harvest Church is small, lay-led cell church, ably led by 2 churchwardens and a leadership team. The weekly cell meetings are the main focus for worship, teaching and pastoral concerns, with a gathering together on the Sunday. We pray that the local churches in St Peter’s can work even closer together to bring God’s kingdom to fruition in the community. We pray for confidence to talk about our faith with people we meet.

*Anglican Communion:*

*Mityana (Uganda)* vacant,

*Western Michigan (The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Whayne Hougland,

*Western New York (The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd William Franklin

**17 APRIL**

**MARGATE: ALL SAINTS (WESTBROOK)**

Clergy: Denis Hartley, Dawn Watson

Reader: Brian Edwards

Pray today for our care for the least among us. Especially our good links with the Guides, Scouts and Sea Cadets. Pray that God will bless our work with our local school Hartsdown Academy as we start a new initiative to establish a Community Hub based in the school which will include a much needed food bank to serve the local community.

*Anglican Communion:*

*Mombasa (Kenya)* The Rt Revd Alphonce Mwaro Baya,

*Western Newfoundland (Canada)* The Rt Revd John Organ,

*Western North Carolina (The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd José Antonio McLoughlin
18 April  
**MARGATE: HOLY TRINITY**

Clergy: Clifford Stocking  
Curate: John Huffman  
Reader: Audrey Morris  

Pray with us today. Laying in our woods is a boat, why; because having given up its life at sea it now offers us a new purpose giving itself to the community, so they can come and plant what they like in it. This is part of our new community garden project. Please pray that as we offer our church grounds to the community, they will find fellow-ship with each other, and that in turn we can care for and tend them as well.

*Anglican Communion:*

Monmouth (Wales) The Rt Revd Cherry Vann,  
Western Tanganyika (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sadock Makaya,  
Igbomina (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Adekola

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19 April  
**MARGATE: ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Clergy: Dawn Watson  
School: Holy Trinity & St John’s CE Primary School  

We pray and give thanks for our outreach projects: Holiday Lunches, Pancake Party, Saturday Shop and our involvement with the Thanet Winter Shelter. We give thanks for the opportunities they have provided for us to connect with our wider community, and to show God’s love for all people.

We continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in discerning our continuing ministry and mission, that we may fulfil our vision to be a beacon of Light, Love and Hope to Margate.

*Anglican Communion:*

Pray for the Church of Church of Ireland

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20 April  
**MARGATE: ST PAUL (CLIFTONVILLE)**

Clergy: Patrick Ellisdon  
Reader Kim Palmer

*Anglican Communion:*

Montana (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd C. Franklin Brookhart,  
Wiawso (West Africa) The Rt Revd Abraham Kobina Ackah,  
Igbomina - West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olajide Adebayo

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21 April  ST PETER-IN-TANET

Clergy: Jan Durrans
Schools: St Georges CE Foundation School and St Peter in Thanet CE Junior School

Anglican Communion:

Montreal (Canada) The Rt Revd Mary Irwin-Gibson,
Willochra (Australia) The Rt Revd John Stead,
Ijebu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Awosoga,
Ijebu - North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Solomon Kuponu

22 April  MARGATE: ST PHILIP (NORTHDOWN PARK)

Clergy: Stuart Gay
Reader: Helen Rogers

Pray with us as we give thanks for the Winter Shelter, the recent Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course and for the growing number of young families. Pray for persecuted Christians around the world. Pray for the 2020 Mission to Thanet in May, for opportunities to serve and to evangelise our neighbours. Pray that we will receive God’s resources to live with integrity and to love others well. Thank you

Anglican Communion:

Moosonee (Canada) The Rt Revd Thomas Corston,
Winchester (England) The Rt Revd Tim Dakin

23 April  RAMSGATE: ROYAL HARBOUR CHURCH

Clergy: Gordon Warren

We thank God that this new Mission Church has started after 3 years of prayer and pastoral befriending around the Ramsgate Royal Harbour.

Please pray that as we reach out to those who frequent this busy harbour, they will discern the call of the Kingdom and respond to our outreach in this rich harvest field. We shall, under God, be inviting people to services that will celebrate, pray and give thanks to God for the gifts they bring to the Harbour. In addition we would be grateful for your prayers for faithful pastoring and preaching of the Gospel of our dear Lord.

Anglican Communion:

Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scotland) The Most Revd Mark Strange (Primate),
Windward Islands (West Indies) The Rt Revd C. Leopold Friday,
Wondurba (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Matthew Taban Peter
24 April
Ramsgate: Christ Church
Clergy: Peter Tizzard
School: Christ Church CE Primary School

**Anglican Communion:**
Morobo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd James Kenyi Elia,
Worcester (England) The Rt Revd John Inge

25 April
Ramsgate: Holy Trinity
Clergy: Paul Blanch
School: Holy Trinity CE Primary School

Pray with us, as we ask for God’s blessing on our outreach to the local community in a fresh and vibrant way. We ask God to give us skills to engage, partner and love the community around us, that we play our full part in seeing the Kingdom of God in every aspect of our mission.

We thank God for our full embrace of a Catholic spirituality which undergirds all we do in life, and we particularly thank God for the rich blessings that come from the regularity of public daily prayer and the power of the Sacraments.

**Anglican Communion:**
Morogoro (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Godfrey Sehaba,
Wulu (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Zacharia Mangar Apeti,
Ijesa North East (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joseph Olusola

26 April
Ramsgate: St George
Clergy: Vacant
Churchwardens: Jennifer Smith, Susan Martin

Please pray for St George the Martyr, Ramsgate. We are in an interregnum and thank God for the services of Fr John Chater during this time. Please pray that we will find a way forward that allows us to serve God in Ramsgate.

**Anglican Communion:**
Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East,
The Most Revd Michael Lewis – Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf
27 April  
**Ramsgate: St Luke**

Clergy: Paul Worledge

Pray for us as we continue our discussions with St. George’s, Ramsgate. Please pray for us as we seek to discern God’s will for the future of mission and ministry in central Ramsgate.

Please also pray for our continuing work amongst children and young people, both on a Sunday and with our parent and toddler group and Friday night youth group, as well as our other outreach groups: ‘men’s film ‘n’ chippy’ and Tuesday Friendship club.

Pray also, as we work to develop and re-organise lay leadership within St. Luke’s, so it can be both discipleship and mission focussed.

*Anglican Communion:*

*Mount Kenya Central (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Gichere, Mount Kenya South (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Ranji, Mount Kenya West (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Kagunda*

28 April  
**St Andrew, Reading Street**

Clergy: Philip Musindi

Reader: Michael Hawthorne

*Anglican Communion:*


29 April  
**St Laurence-in-Thanet Benefice**

Clergy: Andrew Jacobson, Ken Cox

Curate: Peter Bone

Readers: Judith Andrews, Frances Barnes

Missioner: Sue Cox

School: St Laurence-in-Thanet Junior Academy

Please pray for our community outreach, especially our ‘Footprints’ group in its ministry to the bereaved, our mothers and toddlers group, and the children’s and young people’s groups. We give thanks for Ignite (café style church) and pray especially for the 6 people who are now attending our parish Confirmation and Discipleship Group, growing in faith and exploring the possibility of being confirmed. We continue to give thanks for the strong links that we have with local schools especially St Laurence Church of England Junior Academy. Please pray for the parish team who lead school worship on Mondays and Thursdays.

*Anglican Communion: Mpumalanga (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Daniel Kgomoosotho, Wyoming (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie*
Pray with us as we approach our Annual Meetings. We give thanks for all who serve our churches in whatever way – through mission, ministry, prayer and outreach; for those who care for our inspiring buildings to ensure that these are signs of God’s mission and enable outreach into the community. Please pray for our four Church schools as they continue to develop and embed their Christian vision. Please pray for our activities with children and young people including our Messy Churches and new Eco Warrior group at Monkton. Please pray for the planning of The Bible Course we are running soon.

Anglican Communion:
Mpwapwa (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya,
Yambio (South Sudan) The Most Revd Samuel Peni,
Yangon (Myanmar) The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo (Primate)

KEEP WELL, KEEP PRAYING, KEEP CONNECTED

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You walk with us Lord
in this season of global turbulence.
You walk with us Lord
when ‘normal’ changes day by day.
You walk with us Lord
as ‘together’ becomes different.
You walk with us Lord,
always, in your risen presence.

Amen

The intercessions shared in April’s Calendar of Prayer were written before the Coronavirus pandemic in Britain increased. As you pray for the ministry and mission of these churches, please include prayer for the critical needs being faced by them within their communities.

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