Trinity of love, you embrace us in our needfulness;
You stand with us as we face difficulties and trials;
You dance with us into the unknown.
Strengthen our resolve to follow your steps,
Keep our hearts open to love and joy,
As we journey together in hope.
Amen.

If you were to tell others the story of your church’s journey through the pandemic, what would feature most prominently? Through these months of pandemic transition, what are you noticing about yourselves, God, others and creation? Name the gifts of God which are sustaining you, your loved ones and your local communities.

‘God waits for us; waits for our recognition, understanding and response to his love...’
W.H. Vanstone

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August 2020
1 AUG  ELHAM 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!

Malcolm Sawyer, Tricia Hill, David Slater

Anglican Communion:

Ojoo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr Solomon Olusola Akambi

Bolivia (South America) The Rt Revd Raphael Samuel

Karimnagar (South India) The Rt Revd Reuben Mark

2 AUG  MISSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Please pray today for the Missional Learning community 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:

Please pray for all the bishops who would have been gathered in Canterbury, Kent for the Lambeth Conference

3 AUG  PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

As footsteps make their way along the paths to our churches, may our pilgrimage be made more certain by the guidance of Christ.

As the doors of our churches slowly open again, may our hearts open anew to the love of Christ.

As bread is once more broken at the altars of our churches, may our brokenness mould us closer to the likeness of Christ.

As the lights of our churches once more shine out in the darkness, may we also shine brighter with the light of Christ. Temples of Your Spirit, build your kingdom in us today. Amen (Prayer request written by Rev Simon Tillotson, Team Vicar of All Saints and St Peter’s Whitstable)

Anglican Communion:

Karnataka Central (South India) The Rt Revd Prasana Kumar Samuel, Karnataka North (South India) The Rt Revd Ravikumar J. Niranjan, Karnataka South (South India) The Rt Revd Mohan Manoraj

CONNECTED IN PRAYER:
PENTECOST TO HARVEST 2020
Changing Lives Prayer Network

God ever-now:

- As we celebrate the joy of Pentecost, free our hearts afresh to sing your praise.
- Be our still point in this turning world of loss, change and hope, as we look to you for solace, understanding and guidance.
- Transform our ‘distancing’ into new networks of connection.
- Reveal to us the work of the Spirit in the life of our neighbours, schools, family, friends and wider communities.
- As we give thanks for your Spirit poured out on all people, hear our prayers for keyworkers and those working in high-risk occupations at this time.
- Keep our hearts tender and generous towards our global neighbours – nations even less prepared than us for pandemic.
- With the warming glow of Pentecost at our backs, may we step more confidently into the future, knowing you dwell with us and in us.

Image: Come Holy Spirit! Primrose Northrop 2020
LISTENING ON THE WAY

Thank you so much for journeying with us through this year’s Thy Kingdom Come Novena and the Diocesan Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage. Having re-imagined the whole thing for lockdown, we had no idea quite what to expect, and we were hugely blessed to see so many of you getting involved. It felt like we really did pray together from all over the diocese.

Our theme was ‘Listening on the Way’, and we would very much like to know what you’ve been hearing, learning and discovering from God, whether last week or over the past few months. Thanks to all of you who’ve already sent us your thoughts and pictures. We’re enjoying looking through them.

We know it can be daunting to answer the question: ‘What have you heard from God’, and we really do want to share more widely in what you are seeing and learning. So we’ve devised a short, simple questionnaire to help you share your insights with us, and we’d be grateful if you’d take 10 minutes or so to fill it in.

To find out more please go to www.canterburydiocese.org/listening-on-the-way-what-did-you-hear

Thank you

4 AUG CHERITON WITH NEWINGTON

Clergy: Jo Robertson
Readers: Stephen Brown, Frank Conley, Jenny Hoyle
Churchwardens: Florence Goldsmith, Helen Vincent, Keith Barber, Geoff Long, Stephen Ind
Deputy Warden: Vincent Williams
Schools: All Souls CE Primary School, Seabrook CE Primary School, St Martin’s CE Primary School

Pray with us as we give thanks for all those involved in keeping the benefice connected via our Web-of-Care; for the many phone calls and emails that have helped people still feel as one with each other and with God; for the weekly worship videos produced by our training ALM and the many people they have reached. We pray that a new priest will want to come and lead us into an exciting future and work alongside all those already involved in many new ventures.

Anglican Communion:
Ogbaru (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr Prosper Amah
Bondo (Kenya) The Rt Revd David Kodia
Kasai - Mbujimayi (Congo) Vacant

5 AUG ELHAM VALLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

Clergy: Jane Weeks
Assistant Priest: Stephen Dougal
Readers: Diana Baldwin, Paul Jarvis, Bill Meakin
Reader-in-Training: Sharon Paine
Schools: Elham CE Primary School, Selsted CE Primary School, School: Lyminge CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:
Ogbia (Nigeria) The Rt Revd James Oruwori
Bor (South Sudan) The Most Revd Ruben Akuridi Ngong
Umzimvubu (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Sitembele Mzamane
6 AUG  FOLKESTONE: ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Clergy: Vacant  
Curate: Jo Purle  
Readers: Robert Grieve, Frances Morgan, Alex Finlow, Joan Herbert  
Churchwardens: Linda Grieve and Peter Edwards  

Please pray for the congregation of St. John’s as we are in an interregnum. Pray that we will continue being witnesses, empowered by the Holy Spirit, in this unprecedented season. May we continue to reach out to our community at this time. Please pray for our churchwardens Linda Grieve and Peter Edwards. They are doing a wonderful job of leading the church through this challenging time. Please pray for our vacancy process as the parish profile is being drawn up and we hope to go to advertise soon. Please pray for Jo, the Curate, as she juggles her role in the midst of a vacancy.  

Anglican Communion:  
Ogbomoso (Nigeria) Vacant  
Botswana (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Methyatho the Rawelings Beleme  
Brandon (Canada) The Rt Revd William Cliff  

7 AUG  FOLKESTONE: ST MARY, ST EANSWYTHE AND ST SAVIOUR

Clergy: John Walker  
Schools: Folkestone St Mary’s CE Primary Academy, St Eanswythe’s CE Primary School  

Anglican Communion:  
Ogoni (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Solomon Gbereghara  
Brasilia (Brazil) The Rt Revd Mauricio Jose Araujo De Andrade  
Brazzaville (Congo) The Rt Revd Molanga Jean Botola  

8 AUG  FOLKESTONE: ST PETER

Clergy: Mark Haldon-Jones  
School: St Peter’s CE Primary School  

Anglican Communion:  
Ogori-Magongo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Festus Davies  
Brechin (Scotland) The Rt Revd Andrew Swift  
Katakwa (Kenya) The Rt Revd John Okude Omuse  

29 AUG  DEAL: ST LEONARD WITH ST RICHARD SHOLDEN: ST NICHOLAS WITH GREAT MONGEHAM: ST MARTIN

Clergy: Vacant  
Self-Supporting Minister: Patrick Kavanagh  
Reader: James Sullivan  
Schools: Sholden CE Primary School, Deal Parochial CE Primary School  

Anglican Communion:  
On the Niger (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Owen Chidozie Nwookolo  
Byumba (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ngendahayo  
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Ireland) The Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield  

30 AUG  EASTRY AND WOODNESBOROUGH

Clergy: David Ridley  
Curates: Sandra Marsh, Robert Stevenson, Lesley Hardy  
Reader: Hilary Baldwin  
Schools: Eastry CE Primary School, Northbourne CE Primary School  

Please pray for the five Churches in the benefice, as we begin to reopen for private prayer and public worship and as we reflect on what we have learned from this time of lockdown and social distancing. Please pray also for those who are unable to access our online services and communications; that we may continue to find creative ways to respond to their needs while they are in isolation.  

Anglican Communion:  
Pray for the united Church of South India  
The Most Revd Dharmaraj Kasalam - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of South Kerala  

31 AUG  SANDWICH AND WORTH

Clergy: Mark Roberts  
Curate: Robin Bendall  

Anglican Communion:  
Kimberley & Kuruman (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Oswald Swartz  
Kindu (Congo) The Most Rev’d Zacharie Masimango Katanda (Primate)  
Kinkiizi (Uganda) The Rt Revd Dan Zoreka
**26 AUG**  DEAL: ST ANDREW

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Ann Carey, Christopher Hobbs-East

Please pray for the congregation of St Andrew’s Deal, for a successful outcome to our search for a new priest, as we continue with our long Interregnum.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Amen

Anglican Communion:

Olympia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gregory Rickel
Buoga (Uganda) The Rt Revd Paul Moses Samson Naimanyhe

**27 AUG**  DEAL: ST GEORGE THE MARTYR

Clergy: Shelia Porter, Chris Spencer

Anglican Communion:

Onu-Aran (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Philip Adeyemo
Butare (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Nathan Gasatura
Butere (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Wambunya

**28 AUG**  PRAYING FOR RENEWAL IN THE MISSION OF GOD

Loving God, though our destination is not yet clear, may we trust in your graceful promises; though we are uncertain of ourselves, may we be rooted in your loving regard; though our attention is inclined to wander, may we hear the things you are saying, and notice how you are moving; though we often neglect your influence, may we be convicted of your power to change, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

What are we noticing about God’s movement, what are we learning?

What might we let go of so that we can enter God’s promised future for us?

May we ask God to make us ‘detectives of divinity’, students of the movement of the Holy Spirit.

(Prayer Request written by Steve Coneys, Diocesan Mission and Growth advisor)

Anglican Communion:

On the Lake (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chijioke Oti
Buye (Burundi) The Rt Revd Sixbert Macumi

**9 AUG**  FOLKESTONE: HOLY TRINITY BENEFICE

Clergy: Bob Weldon, Roger Smith, Kate McNeice

Readers: Hilary Richter, Barry Lock, Heather Tapsell, Charles Lewis, Janette Smith

School: Christ Church CE Primary Academy

Please pray with us for the many lives we have lost recently. In particular in our care homes and in particular Felham House.

Give thanks that as a benefice we are sticking together, and reaching each other through online daily services, including Communion on Sundays, Morning and Evening prayer, and a Toddler Praise Service on Thursdays.

Please also give thanks for the blessing of our outstanding ministry leadership team, who, with our magnificent churchwardens, have kept in touch with all our congregations, in particular, the isolated and alone, contacting them by phone, letter, texts and emails.

Anglican Communion:

Pray for the Province de L’Eglise Anglaise au Rwanda

The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda - Archbishop of L’Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda & Bishop of Shyira

**10 AUG**  HAWKINGE BENEFICE

Clergy: Rob Grinsell

Anglican Communion:

Ohaa / Egbema (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chidi Collins Oparaojiakwu
Brisbane (Australia) The Most Revd Phillip John Aspinall (Diocesan Bishop)

**11 AUG**  HYTE: ST LEONARD

Clergy: Andrew Sweeney, Lou Secar

Curate: Pru Dulley

Reader: Mike Cox

School: Hythe Bay CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

Ohio (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mark Hollingsworth
Bristol (England) The Very Revd Vivienne Faull
Katanga (Congo) The Rt Revd Bertin Subi
12 AUG  ST PETER & ST PAUL, SALTWOOD AND ST STEPHEN, LYMNE

Clergy: Barry Knott
Hospital Chaplain: Tricia Hill
Readers: William Fittall, Bob White

Schools: Lymnpe CE Primary School, Saltwood CE Primary School

Lord, guide and bless Your people in Saltwood & Lymne, as we begin a new chapter coming out of interregnum, and as we give thanks for our newly appointed Rector. Show us the way you would have us go. Refresh our hearts and minds, may we be open to Your will and not our own. Forgive the hurts of the past and allow a renewing of unity in love. Let us be the people You intended us to be. A people that glorify You in the community, a people that honour Your church with servant hearts.
Amen

Anglican Communion:
Oji River (Nigeria) The Most Revd Amos Amankechinelio Madu
British Columbia (Canada) The Rt Revd Logan McMenamie

13 AUG  PRAYING FOR THE DIOCESAN CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE TEAM

We are responsible for strategy and activity relating to ministry with children and young people, whether in schools, homes or parishes.

Please pray for:
Our team, advocating for discussions and decisions at every level to be focused on what they mean for children and young people; that they are encouraged as disciples, leaders and courageous advocates for social justice.

Pray for parents and families to be inspired to grow in faith together.

Pray during this pause in the academic year: asking for rest and renewal for school leaders and staff, for continuing planning and the rebuilding and reconnection of their communities.

(Prayer Request written by Quentin Roper, Diocesan Director of Education)

Anglican Communion:
Okene (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Onsachi
Buhiga (Burundi) The Rt Revd Evariste Nijimbere
Bujumbura (Burundi) The Rt Revd Eraste Bigirimana

23 AUG  PRAYING WITH THE SANDWICH DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Chris Spencer
Lay Chair: Don Martin
Secretary: Christine Taylor
Treasurer: Trevor Longman

Anglican Communion:
Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia
The Most Revd Melter Tuais - Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Sabah

24 AUG  SANDWICH 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:
Frank Kent, Martin Cleeve, Anthony Fletcher, Robert Lunnon, David Willis, Martin Clark, Peter Hambrook, Roger Marsh, Nigel Genders, Jennifer Pilcher, John Winn, Toby Marchand, Christopher Dent, Jasmine Roberts, Rob Mackintosh, Patricia Wright, Jeanne Males, Wendy Jackson-Hill, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Michael Morris, Howard Pashley.

Anglican Communion:
Kibondo (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sospeter Ndenza
Kigali (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Nathan Amooti Rusengo
Kigeme (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Assiel Musabyimana

25 AUG  SANDWICH 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:
Olo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Tandama Obied
Busan (Korea) The Most Revd Onesimus Dongsin Park
Kigezi (Uganda) The Rt Revd George Bagamuhunda
21 AUG  THE SAXON SHORELINE

Clergy: Vacant
Reader: Andil Boothroyd
Reader in Training: Anne Loat
Churchwardens: Roger Lavender, Tim Loat, Charlotte Kerr, Norman Corfield, Ian Woods, Valentine Showell, Georgina Lancaster, Mary Sillibourne, Margaret Allen, Meriel Bailes

Please pray with us for the right person to be appointed as our new Rector, pray that he/she will be guided to us. Also, as worship within our churches resumes, give us wisdom to do this safely. Please pray for our churchwardens and Lay persons who are trying to keep God’s word alive in our communities, without having the benefit of formal religious teaching.

Pray too for our aged congregations, the majority of whom fall into the “vulnerable” category and many who fall into “Clinically at risk” category.

We pray for people to join our churches, people who have fresh ideas, youth and vitality.

Anglican Communion:

Oleh (Nigeria) The Rt Revd John Usiwoma Arukpor

Bungoro-Kitara (Uganda) The Rt Revd Samuel Kahuma

22 AUG  PRAYING FOR OUR DiOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

As for so many others, the Coronavirus pandemic has created a huge amount of work for the Communications Team as we seek to help churches understand all the latest guidance, as well as share stories of hope. We’re working hard on a digital-only edition of Outlook Magazine, which we hope to get out over the Summer. We’re looking forward to welcoming Marilyn back from maternity leave in August as our part-time Communications Officer, as well as (hopefully) finding some space for rest and refreshment, to energise us for the Autumn. Thank you so much for your prayers – and for the inspiring stories we’re hearing from our churches every day.

(Prayer Request written by Anna Drew, Diocesan Director of Communications)

Anglican Communion:

Kentucky (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Terry White
Kericho (Kenya) The Rt Revd Ernest Kiprotich Ny’eno
Khartoum (Sudan) The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo (Primate)

14 AUG  PRAYING WITH THE ROMNEY AND TENTERDEN DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Vacant,
Assistant Area Dean: Chris Hodgkins
Assistant Lay Chair: Ian Fentley
Secretary: Meriel Bailes
Treasurer: David Macaulay

Anglican Communion:

Oke-Osun (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Cornelius Adagbada
Bukavu (Congo) The Rt Revd Sylvestre Bahati

15 AUG  ROMNEY AND TENTERDEN 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:

Gill Calver, Dick Dengate, Tom Unsworth, Peter Brett, John Emmott, Michael Gooch, Richard Orchard, Rosemary Kous van Wegen, Keith Fazzani, Sheila McLachlan, David Stuart-Smith, Margaret Roylance, Joy Rapley, John Saunders

Anglican Communion:

Oke-Osun (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Abraham Akinlalu
Bukedi (Uganda) The Rt Revd Samuel Egesa
Katsina (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jonathan Bumaiyi

16 AUG  ROMNEY AND TENTERDEN 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:

Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church

The Most Revd Mark Strange - Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness
17 AUG  BETERSDEN WITH HIGH HALDEN & WOODCHURCH

Clergy: Vacant
Readers: Vera Hopkinson, Barbara Lunn
Churchwardens: Carol Serginson, Arthur Gammon, Ann Tiplady
Schools: High Halden CE Primary School, Woodchurch CE Primary School
Pray with us for guidance.

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit’s grace and presence the churches of Betersden with High Halden and Woodchurch; keep us steadfast in faith and united in love, that we may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Anglican Communion:
Okigwe (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Edward Osuegbu
Okigwe North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Godson Udochukwu Okanwa
Okigwe South (Nigeria) The Rt Revd David Omuoha
Kebbi (Nigeria) The Most Revd Edmund Akanya

19 AUG  THE BENEFICE OF ROMNEY MARSH

Clergy: Chris Maclean, John Richardson,
Assistant Priest: Shuna Body
Curate: Jacky Darling
Readers: Les Carter, Penny Lowe, George Faulks, David Gillies
Reader-in-Training: June Noakes
Schools: Bexshot CE Primary School, Brookland CE Primary School, School: St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Please pray with us for the successful appointment of a new Team Rector for our Benefice.
Pray also for the growing relationships between the parishes in our benefice.
And give thanks for the successful completion of our new parish hall at St Peter’s, Greatstone.

Anglican Communion:
Oklahoma (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Edward Konieczny
Banbury (Australia) The Rt Revd Dr Ian Coultts

20 AUG  THE BENEFICE OF TENTERDEN, ROTHER AND OXNEY

Clergy: Lindsay Hammond, Patricia Fogden, Judy Darkins, Chris Hodgkins
Assistant Priest: Judith Shaw,
Curate: Jeanette Kennett
Readers: Alison Gilbert, Judy Vinson
Schools: St Michael’s CE Primary School, Tenterden CE Junior School, Wittersham CE Primary School
Give thanks with us as we develop as a praying and worshipping community.
We are investigating ways of live streaming, and how we blend recorded worship with live worship and provide a mixed liturgical economy.
We therefore ask prayers for all those who are unable to attend worship in our churches, but who would benefit from live streamed services, and also those who do not have the means to be able to access digital worship. We ask God’s blessing on our endeavours, that we may continue to create and renew connections with the wider community and our churches.

Anglican Communion:
Okrika (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Tubosunemie Atere
Bungoma (Kenya) The Revd George Mechumo

18 AUG  BIDDEN: ALL SAINTS AND SMARDEN: ST MICHAEL

Clergy: Alex Bienfait
School: The John Mayne CE Primary School
Anglican Communion:
Okinawa (Japan) The Rt Revd David Eisho Uehara
Bukuru (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Juwa Zhumbes