



Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



December 2025

1 Mon Maidstone: St Luke the Evangelist

Clergy: Gareth Dickinson

Assistant Curates: Hollie Butler, Barbara Lewis, Phil Trainer

Reader in Training: Nat Croft

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ruaha – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

2 Tue Maidstone: St Martin

Clergy: Joyce Addison

Assistant Curate: Robin Fassenfelt

Anna Chaplain: Sue Yeo

Parish Pioneer & Reader: Angela Frost

Please pray for all who come through the church doors at St. Martins. Please pray for our Ignite and children's ministries as we look to grow God's kingdom through his grace. As food prices rise still please pray for those who are struggling and come to our free food ministries. May Gods abundant harvest continue in the estate community and may we just be that place where we are salt and light to all. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Rumbek – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

3 Wed Parkwood: Christ Church

Clergy: Vacant

Reader: Linda Thatcher

Pray with us today. We have several members who have serious health issues and sadly just lost a long term faithful member. Please pray for the family. We have started a new initiative of opening the church on a Tuesday morning for people to come in for a chat and a cup of tea and also a time of prayer in our new quiet space, if they need it. Please pray that people will feel they can join us, especially if they have needs. We are planning to run an Alpha course in the New Year so please pray for that, as we really pray people will come, especially non-church goers and people who want to go deeper in their faith.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Rumonge –

The Anglican Church of Burundi

4 Thurs Advent Reflection

Lord, my tasks propel me to Christmas at break-neck speed.
Hardly taking the time to dwell on how you got there.
Slow me down, Lord.
Help me to linger on your Advent steps:
through each week of waiting
watching
noticing ... and naming ...
what needs to change, in me
that I may receive you, afresh.
Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Carol Smith - Diocesan Ministry Consultant

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Rupert's Land – The Anglican Church of Canada

5 Fri Maidstone: St Michael and All Angels

Clergy: John Ainslie

Reader: Eleanor Relle

Schools: St Michael's CE School Federation (Infant), St Michael's CE Junior School

Please pray for us as we approach the 150th anniversary of the Consecration of the church of St Michael and All Angels; for the Priest in Charge Fr John Ainslie, for Churchwardens Jonathan and Zoe, and for the PCC as we plan a programme of celebration events for 2026. Please also pray for our church infants and junior schools of St Michaels, and for closer links between church and schools. Pray for our Action Plan priorities of making our church a more welcoming community, and the church building and grounds a vibrant and visible sign of God's presence in our community. 'Pray for the parish' especially those in need due to financial stress, addictions of various kinds, and anxiety and depression. For our children, that they would grow up knowing themselves to be loved and cared for by God, and would be brought up in safe, loving and committed families.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Rutana – The Anglican Church of Burundi

6 Sat Maidstone: St Paul

Clergy: Claudette Gayle

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ruvuma –

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

7 Sun Praying Together: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent is a time of waiting, but not the passive waiting of just letting time drift by. It's active waiting, taking positive action to prepare ourselves for the great gift of the Christ Child.

Father God, help me to use this season of Advent to prepare anew for the birth of your Son, taking time to sit in your presence, to hear your voice and be ready to be reborn into a life of faith and love.

Amen.

Prayer written by Amanda Boucherat - Diocesan Honorary Lay Canon

Anglican Communion:

Advent 2

The Church of Bangladesh

8 Mon Praying Together with the North Downs Deanery

Area Dean: Peter Callway

Lay Chair: Rhian Banham

Secretary: Mary Tasker

Treasurer: Peter Roberts

As we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in exploring the structure of the deanery and filling our four vacancies in five posts, we would value prayers for the committed churchwardens, PCCs, licensed ministers and clergy with PTO to have the vision and energy to continue to build God's kingdom in North Downs Deanery.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ruwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

9 Tue Praying Together with the North Downs Deanery for: 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:

David Bates, Richard Birch, Peter Callway, Robin Gill, Millie Hart, Arthur Houston, Lesley Ludlow, Yvonne Salmon

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of East Ruwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

10 Wed Praying Together with the North Downs Deanery for: 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.

Jackie Saunders, Peter Ashford

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of South Rwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

11 Thurs Praying Together: for the ministry of Street Pastors

Dear Lord,

We lift up the incredible Street Pastor volunteers and the dedicated prayer pastors who generously offer their kindness and support to those in need within our vibrant nighttime community. Their efforts truly enhance the safety of our beloved city of Canterbury. Just like the parable of the Good Samaritan, we are inspired to actively help those around us. Please bless Canterbury Street Pastors with growth and unwavering support in their mission. Lord, here I am, ready to serve! Fill my heart with love for my neighbours, and guide us all to spread compassion and warmth in our community. Amen.

Prayer written by Andrew Pantling - Coordinator Canterbury Street Pastors

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Sabah – Church of the Province of South East Asia

12 Fri Boughton Monchelsea: St Peter

Clergy: Vacant

Readers: David Parry, Christine Holland

Churchwardens: Peter Holland, Carol Parry

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Sabongidda- Ora – The Church of Nigeria

13 Sat Len Valley Benefice

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Kenneth Alexander, Vanessa Goodwin, Paul Hicks, Gill Simes, John Goode

Readers: Pamela Cuerden, Karen Bates

Schools: Ulcombe CE Primary School, Harrietsham CE Primary School

Please join us in our prayer today. Our Church Wardens have been busy with the process of preparing for a new incumbent. Please pray for the Len Valley Benefice as this continues. God called Mark and Claire Jane to start Harrietsham Community Choir six months ago. They say that they have been so blessed and encouraged, have a lovely mix of people, many 'God' conversations and fill the church with beautiful singing.'

Harrietsham Games Club has created a forum for people to meet others, have fun and learn about Church life. Interest is picking up so much that they need to change venue now.

Anglican Communion:

The Sacred Circle – The Anglican Church of Canada

14 Sun Praying Together: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Amazing God, you surprised Mary with Gabriel's message that she would bring your son into the world. Yet she took up the challenge with a gentle acceptance.

Startle us, God, as we follow Mary through this Advent time, and approach the manger with a fresh desire to prepare ourselves to meet the Christ-child. May we pass on to the world the love and peace which he brought to us.

Help us to experience the true meaning of Christ's Nativity, as we shake off the world's indifference to our Saviour's birth and message. Amen.

Prayer written by Don Martin - Authorised Lay Minister at St Mary, Woodnesborough

Anglican Communion:

Advent 3

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

15 Mon North Downs Benefice

Clergy: Rob Tugwell

Readers: Peter Roberts, Alison Callway, Ann Harrison, Andrew Snowdon

Anna Chaplain: Jackie Saunders

We give thanks for the communities we are able to minister into and for the beauty of our local context.

We give thanks for the many people who give so much to the life of our churches. For lay leaders, Readers, PCC members and other committed volunteers.

We pray for our local schools and give thanks for strong links with so many.

Many of the parishes and benefices in our deanery are in interregnum. We pray for PCCs putting together parish profiles and pray wholeheartedly that God will be calling people to these vacancies.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Saint Helena – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

16 Tue Praying Together with the Ospringe Deanery

Area Dean: Simon Rowlands

Lay Chair: Miranda Ford

Secretary: Peter Willcock

Treasurer: Hilary Tulett

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Saint Mark the Evangelist – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

17 Wed Praying Together with the Ospringe Deanery for: 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:

Peter Lock, Chris Maclean, Ros Parrett, Lou Seear, Sue Smith, Andrew Sweeney, Sarah Williams

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Saldanha Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

18 Thurs Praying Together: for Ignite Communities during Advent

Father God we pray for those who will be attending Ignite sessions across the diocese during this Advent period. We pray that those who work in Ignite will enable others to understand that Jesus' birth is good news for them and not just a children's story. Keep workers strong during this demanding period and help them all to have fun. Amen.

Prayer written by Debbie Ellisdon - Diocesan Ignite Project Lead

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Salisbury – The Church of England

19 Fri Praying Together with the Ospringe Deanery for: 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.

Ros Parrett, Caroline Ramshaw, Simon Rowlands

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of El Salvador – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

20 Sat Praying Together with the Ospringe Deanery 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 Sambalpur –
The Church of North India (United)*

21 Sun Praying Together: 4th Sunday of Advent

Lord Jesus, as the church remembers Advent, help us also to remember those for whom the Christmas run up means long hours and tensions at work. We lift up especially the 20% of workers doing shift work, whose lives do not revolve in a tidy 7-day cycle for whom church attendance is at best difficult and in some cases can even be met with rejection. Help all of us, whether or not we are formally 'chaplains', that where ever we go this season we should be a Christian Presence to those around us. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon David Slater -Trustee- Kent Workplace Mission , Chaplain to the Port of Dover & Channel Tunnel

*Anglican Communion:
Advent 4
The Anglican Church of Burundi*

22 Mon Boughton-under-Blean

Clergy: Catherine Ngangira
Reader: Patricia Saunders
School: Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk MP, Hernhill CE Primary School

We give thanks for God's grace and guidance in our missional focus. We pray for the ongoing encouragement from the Holy Spirit as we reconnect with and engage young people and children in our communities. We also pray for God's favour in the eyes of all members of our communities and for fruitful growth from our missional activities.

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Santiago (Chile) – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*

23 Tue Faversham Benefice

Clergy: Simon Rowlands, Daniel Corcoran

Reader: Kevin Swinney, Graham Dorkins

School: Ospringe CE Primary School, St Mary of Charity CE Primary School

In addition to day-to-day benefice mission/ministry, please pray for our charity GEM72, running: - the GEM Mobile Youth Centre (since 2020) engaging children, young people and families in local neighbourhoods, with snacks, conversation, games and activities linking with all our ministry in our schools. - Singalong: an all-age New Christian Community producing feel-good, big-screen, live-action, animated Christmas and Easter family musicals, featuring hits and parodies, dance, puppets, lights and lots of audience participation. - Faversham GEMs Awards: our 5th year celebrating children and young people who Go Extra Miles and make life sparkle (based on Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5).



Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Santiago (Philippines) – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

24 Wed Praying Together: Christmas Eve

Loving God, be with us on this frantically busy day of preparation and anticipation. Help us to find a few moments to realise what it is we are preparing to celebrate: the wild bursting of light and hope into our world through the birth of a tiny baby, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer written by Caroline Spencer - LGBTQ+ Chaplain in the Canterbury Diocese

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of São Paulo – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

25 Thurs Praying Together: Christmas Day

Today, Lord, as we celebrate the birth of your Son,
in whom heaven and earth have kissed each other,
so may we join the wonder of the shepherds,
the joy of the angels, the astonishment of the wise men,
as we too thrill at beholding your human face
now seen cradled in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

Prayer written by The Venerable Peter Lock - PTO Clergy in the Ospringe Deanery

Anglican Communion:

Christmas Day

The Diocese of Sapele – The Church of Nigeria

26 Fri Kingsdown, Creekside and High Downs

Clergy: Paula Jardine-Rose, Jim Pye

Readers: Pim Baxter, Caroline Ramshaw

Anna Chaplain: Caroline Ramshaw

School: Teynham Parochial CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Saskatchewan – The Anglican Church of Canada

27 Sat Shepherds Lees

Clergy: Peter Newell

Assistant Curate: Lesley Brookes

School: Selling CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Saskatoon – The Anglican Church of Canada

28 Sun Praying Together with the Sittingbourne Deanery

Area Dean: Vacant

Lay Chair: Elaine Appleton

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: David Gilbert

Deanery Minister: Nick Carpenter

Anglican Communion:

1st Sunday of Christmas

The Anglican Church of Canada

29 Mon Praying Together with the Sittingbourne Deanery for: 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:

Pam Beckinsale, Jacky Davis, Tim Foreman, Colin Johnson, Paul Longbottom, Ann Mackenzie, Ron Partridge, Sue Samson, Chris Shipley

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Sebei – The Church of the Province of Uganda

30 Tue Praying Together with the Sittingbourne Deanery for: 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.

Struan Dunn, Paul Wintle, John Njoroge, Simon Young, Nicholas Ash, Ken Wilkin

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Sekondi – The Church of the Province of West Africa

31 Wed Praying Together with the Sittingbourne Deanery for: Ignite Deanery Communities

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Sittingbourne Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enablers. May they be upheld and enthused in their ministry and mission. And we pray for all those who are involved, in what ever way. Please pray that each person will know that they are loved and valued, and may they find faith in the risen Lord, as friendships are shared, generosity offered and the joy of community experienced. Pray that the outreach of God's people will continually remind us of God's love for all.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Seoul – The Anglican Church of Korea

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