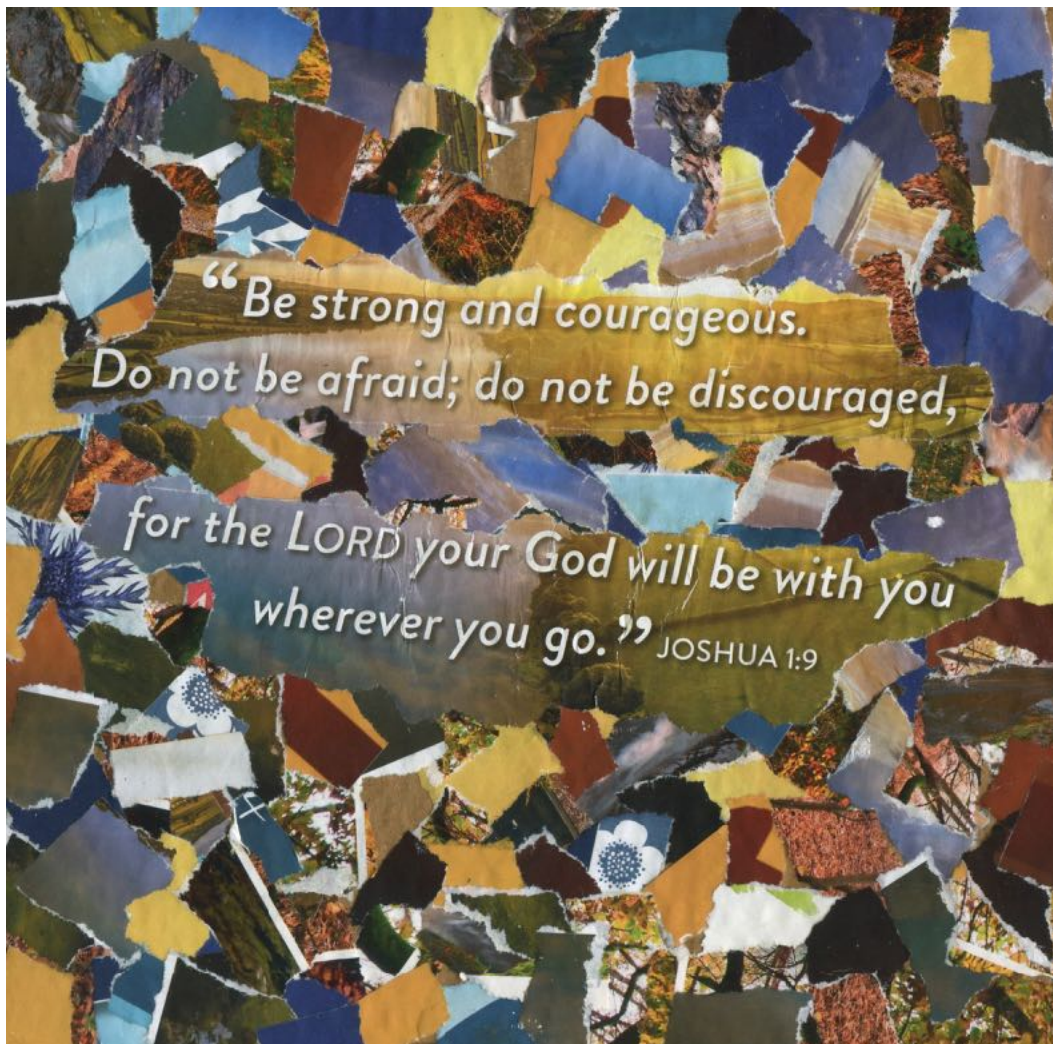




Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



August 2025

1 Fri Praying Together: for Fresh Expressions of Church happening at the Denswood Benefice

Please pray with us today for the Family Service which has recently started in Biddenden, for our 'Sunday Saints' family service in Woodchurch, for the Coffee Morning prayer group in Woodchurch, for the school prayer group and our café church in High Halden and for the Monday prayer group in Bethersden. We pray that all those who attend will be blest and encouraged, and we give thanks for all the volunteer teams who give so generously of their time. May we share the good news of the gospel with all we meet.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Niger Delta North – The Church of Nigeria

2 Sat Biddenden: All Saints and Smarden: St Michael

Clergy: Jayne Shillito

School: The John Mayne CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Niger Delta West – The Church of Nigeria

3 Sun The Benefice of Tenterden, Rother and Oxney

Clergy: Lindsay Hammond, Jeanette Kennett

Assistant Curate: Henry Setright

Readers: Alison Gilbert, Judy Vinson, John Badcock, Tessa Badcock, Alan Gostelow

Schools: St Michael's CE Primary School, Tenterden CE Junior School, Wittersham CE Primary School

Please pray for wisdom, discernment and insight as we continue to discuss becoming a single parish, so that we can find the best way forward to continue the good work that is happening to promote the Kingdom of God in our nine communities. Also give thanks for all of those who are working to put on events in the coming weeks that will provide opportunities for the local communities to engage with the churches and help raise much needed funds in these difficult financial times.

Anglican Communion:

7th Sunday after Trinity

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

4 Mon Praying Together: giving thanks to God

Creator God, lover of all things you made, we give thanks for all things in the natural world. We pray with gratitude for the many projects in the Diocese that look to the welfare of trees, plants and living creatures in the knowledge that it is part of your mission. We ask that we all might learn from one another in this work. God whose love endures for ever, hear our prayer. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Dr Jeanne Males - PTO in the Sandwich Deanery

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Niger West – The Church of Nigeria

5 Tue Praying with the Romney Deanery: for its Clergy and People

Area Dean: Chris Hodgkins

Lay Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Tony Richter

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nike – The Church of Nigeria

6 Wed Praying with the Romney 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Gill Calver, Michael Gooch, David Parrott

Anglican Communion:

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

7 Thurs Praying Together: For the Summer Holidays

Loving God, as we head through the summer holidays, we know that this is a time of great joy and recuperation for many. However, for some it can be a time of uncertainty and struggle. We pray for those children, families and young people who do not find the summer holidays easy, Lord will you make your presence known to them at this time, fill their days with your loving presence, a sense of rejuvenation and allow them to see where your help is through others. Amen.

Prayer written by Jen Tobin - Diocesan Lead Officer for Children and Young People's Ministry

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nnewi – The Church of Nigeria

8 Fri Praying with the Romney 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Helen Sanderson

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Northern Izon – The Church of Nigeria

9 Sat The Benefice of Romney Marsh

Clergy: Chris Hodgkins, Jack Greenhalf, Shuna Body, Jacky Darling

Assistant Curate: Penny Lowe

Readers: Les Carter, June Noakes

Anna Chaplain: Helen Sanderson

Schools: Brenzett CE Primary School, Brookland CE Primary School, School: St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of the Northern Territory – The Anglican Church of Australia

10 Sun The Saxon Shoreline

Clergy: Geoff Abasolo-Munnery

Reader: Anne Loat

As we see slow signs of growth in our parishes, we ask your prayers for inspiration and guidance as we continue our Mission programme 'Sowing the Seeds of Hope.' We ask prayers for our parish Mission Action Plans being created at this time, and for the fruits of this planning, namely, our fledgling youth group in Aldington, and the monthly Family Service in Aldington village hall, the building of a new kitchen and toilets at St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge, our Taizé Prayer services in Bonnington and our Café Church in Hamstreet.

Anglican Communion:

8th Sunday after Trinity

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

11 Mon Praying Together: for Summer Volunteer Teams

God, thank you for all the volunteers who look after children and young people during the summer. We pray that you bless and guide them as they minister and engage with children, families and young people in activities, holiday clubs and services. Fill them with wisdom, patience and energy. Provide them with opportunities to share your love with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer written by Jen Tobin - Diocesan Lead Officer for Children and Young People's Ministry

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Norwich – The Church of England

12 Tue Praying with the Sandwich Deanery: for its Clergy and People

Area Dean: Paul Kerr
Lay Chair: Ian Stephen
Secretary: Vanessa Nedderman
Treasurer: Trevor Longman

Pray with us today for our Deanery. For the vacant parishes St Andrew and St George. Pray for discernment as parishes prepare their MAP's and look forward to finances improving and numbers increasing, as well as opportunities to work with children, young people and older people. We give thanks for the ministry of our seven Anna chaplains and friends. And pray for our outreach through community events and lunches, community cafes, toddler groups and schools work. We thank God for the joys of unexpected meetings with people in and out of church, and for the opportunity of sharing the gospel. Pray for the continuing challenge of encouraging people to take up the roles, such as Churchwarden, which churches are obliged to fill.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – The Anglican Church of Canada

13 Wed Praying with the Sandwich 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:

Martin Clark, Martin Cleeve, Christopher Dent, Anthony Fletcher, David Flewker, Nigel Genders, Sharon Greenwood, Peter Hambrook, Wendy Jackson-Hill, Dawn Jewson, Frank Kent, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Jeanne Males, Roger Marsh, Michael Morris, Howard Pashley, Jasmine Roberts, Mark Roberts, Simon Roscoe, Rob Stevenson, John Winn, Pat Wright, Stephen Young

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nsukka – The Church of Nigeria

14 Thurs Praying Together: for families

Lord, we pray for those families who struggle to make ends meet, particularly during the summer break. Show us where we can help in practical but sensitive ways. Give adults the wisdom to know when to ask for or accept help. Please do not let families go hungry. Jesus, we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

Prayer written by Teresa Parker - Licensed Lay Minister at The Six Benefice

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nyahururu – The Anglican Church of Kenya

15 Fri Praying with the Sandwich 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.

Mary Donaldson, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Liz Larner, Sally Murray

Anglican Communion:

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

16 Sat Deal: St Andrew

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Lionel Ball, Sharon Ball

Anglican Communion:

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

17 Sun Deal: St George the Martyr

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Lynne Watson, Trevor Longman

Anna Chaplains: Mary Donaldson, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Liz Larner

We pray for our Church Wardens Lynne Watson and Trevor Longman, the Mission & Ministry Team, PCC and all who have stepped up and out into new opportunities. That we will continue to focus on a regular rhythm of personal and corporate prayer in seeking God's will. That we will work well together united in bringing and sharing the good news of Jesus. This is no time to stand still! That the heart and mind of the right person will be prepared as the new Incumbent. We want to be God's love by being a welcoming community for all. Thank you.

Anglican Communion:

9th Sunday after Trinity

The Scottish Episcopal Church

18 Mon Praying Together: for Mission and Ministry

Heavenly Father,

We want to give thanks for the many volunteers across our diocese who share in your mission, bringing the good news to their communities in both word and deed. We thank you for what you have inspired them to do as your disciples and pray that you will nourish, sustain and encourage them in all that they do. Jesus said: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matt 9:37-8). And so we do indeed pray today that you will inspire many more volunteers to join in with your mission, freely giving of their time and energy to serve their communities. For the sake of your kingdom, we pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer written by Colin Evans - Diocesan Strategic Programme Manager

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Southern Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Kenya

19 Tue Parish of Upper Deal and Great Mongeham

Clergy: Monica Cameron

Assistant Curates: Lynn Overington-Hickford, John Wakeman, Nicholas Tomaszewski

Self-Supporting Minister: Patrick Kavanagh

Schools: Sholden CE Primary School, Deal Parochial CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

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

20 Wed Eastry and Woodnesborough

Clergy: Andrew Brown

Assistant Curate: Hilary Baldwin

Reader-in-Training: Susan Brearley

Schools: Eastry CE Primary School, Northbourne CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Del Occidental – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

21 Thurs Praying Together: for ministry to the elderly

Precious Father, God of all generations, we thank you for all those whose vocation is ministry amongst older people. For those ministering in care homes, in community and in family we ask your gifts of strength, love and compassion. We pray especially for all involved in Anna Chaplaincy in our Diocese enabling older people to continue in their journey of faith. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Jean Kerr - Anna Chaplain at Deal: St George

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Offa – The Church of Nigeria

22 Fri Sandwich and Worth

Clergy: Sebastian Hamilton

Reader: Derek Kirkaldie

Pray today for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we live out ‘The Warm Welcome Project’, a five-year vision to safeguard our fabric, and grow our missional life within the community - in particular in these six areas: Children & Young People (For our growing engagement with schools, and for development of larger plans), Teaching & Praying, Eco Church, Pastoral Care (for discernment of the role of Anna Chaplaincy within our congregation), Tourism & Visitors, and Little Gardens of Sandwich (thanksgiving for a successful revival in 2025, and prayers for future plans)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ogbaru – The Church of Nigeria

23 Sat Walmer and Cornilo

Clergy: Seth Cooper

Assistant Curates: Norman Gilliland, Paul Henderson, Malcolm Sawyer

Schools: The Downs CEPS, Kingsdown & Ringwould CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ogbia – The Church of Nigeria

24 Sun Praying Together with the Canterbury Deanery: for clergy and people

Area Dean: Jo Richards

Lay Chair: Roger Vickerman

Secretary: Harry Macdonald

Treasurer: John Morrison

Please pray for and give thanks for our Deanery, as we work through the six points of our Deanery Mission Plan: 1. Establish three new youth groups within the deanery 2. Establish three new ignite groups within the deanery 3. Establish three mission projects to new housing within the deanery 4. Enhance our engagement with university students 5. Employ a deanery building officer to liberate clergy and lay leaders for mission, ministry & strategic thinking. 6. Support one another in working towards net zero. Underpinning all this is prayer, and that we value enormously.

Anglican Communion:

10th Sunday after Trinity

Church of the Province of South East Asia

25 Mon Praying Together with the Canterbury 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:

Lindsay Adam, Bernard Allen, Carl Fredrik Arvidsson, Clive Barlow, John Barton, Sara Bimson, Richard Bolton, Martin Burrell, Perry Butler, Julia Butterworth, William Campen, Helen Connoll, Nina Coulthard, Diane Fawcett, Peter Freeman, David Houghton, Reg Humphriss, Peter Ingrams, Christopher Irvine, Brian Kelly, Lorraine Lawrence, Steve Lillicrap, Audrey McCartan, Brian McHenry, Derek Mottershead, Charmaine Muir, Geoff Pearson, Shiela Porter, Peter Richmond, Martin Robbins, David Roper, Eileen Routh, John Spriggs, Howard Such, Sue White, Grahame Whittlesea, Ken Wilkin, Paul Wilton

Pray too for Mary Butcher and Roger Thornington - (Readers with PTO)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ogbomoso – The Church of Nigeria

26 Tue Praying Together with the Canterbury 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. In particular, please pray today for the Chaplains ministering in Canterbury Deanery:

Pray in particular today for:

Lindsay Collins, Alison Walker, Stephen Laird, Joy Atkins, Jeremy Law, Martin Robbins, Dave Stroud, Kevin Maddy, Helen Connoll, Geoff Pearson, Jo Richards, Sally Pickersgill, Peter Joyce, Dawn Watson, Tricia Hill, Thomas Pote, Angie Stupple, Caroline Spencer, Lucy Sullivan, Paul Glass

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ogoni – The Church of Nigeria

27 Wed Praying Together: for outreach in our communities

God of mission, whose love embraces all. Bless all who seek to share that love. Give wings to their words and heart to their actions, by the power of your Spirit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Canon Kerry Thorpe - PTO Clergy Thanet Deanery

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ogorimangongo – The Church of Nigeria

28 Thurs Blean: St Cosmus & St Damian

Clergy: Stephen Laird, Stacey Rand

Reader: Peter Clough

Reader-in-Training: Henrik Schoenefeldt

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema – The Church of Nigeria

29 Fri Canterbury: All Saints

Clergy: Patrick Ellisdon

Assistant Curates: Angela Swindley, Joy Dunton

Reader: Gavin Netherton

School: St John's Church of England Primary School

Pray today for the new Ignite community, currently being set up at All Saints, aimed at reaching out to people from marginalised communities, and offering a café-style church for those who may not feel comfortable in a traditional church service. Please pray for all the leaders and volunteers as a team is gathered, introductory events are organised and the community is launched in September.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ohio – The Episcopal Church

30 Sat Canterbury: St Martin & St Paul

Clergy: Mary Kells, Charlotte Sleight

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

Pray with us as we embark on the next chapter of our journey, with a new Rector. We are exploring our hopes and dreams together and how we can best embody how to be an inclusive, sacramental church. Please pray for discernment, wisdom and boldness for us, that we may build up St Martin's, build on St Paul's and build out into our community.

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Southern Ohio – The Episcopal Church

31 Sun Canterbury: St Mary Bredin

Clergy: Barney De Berry, Stephen Carter

Reader: Martin Collings

Give thanks with us that over the past year we've been mobilising our church into urgent prayer for mission and evangelism. Unsurprisingly this is also the area that we've felt most encouraged in the same period. An atheist in September was baptised by May, a young woman mute for years is testifying to God's healing power as she now moves into musical theatre, and a young man walking in off the street confused and angry against God, leaves having been touched with peace and gospel truth. Since Easter we've been spending our morning services teaching on the Lord's Prayer, and using this amazing prayer as we make it our aim in following Jesus to 'Be Holy and Be a Blessing.'

Anglican Communion:

11th Sunday after Trinity

The Church of South India (United)

THE WONDER OF PRAYER

PENTECOST - PRAYING IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT



'When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray" ...' (Luke 11:1, CEV)

Holy Spirit, breath of God -

- Fill the hearts of all who are taking new steps in their vocation this summer.
- Rest on the Crown Nominations Commission as they discern who the next Archbishop of Canterbury will be.
- Breathe life over the summer outreach events happening across our diocese.
- Enfold all who feel anxious about changes to benefits and social care.
- Renew your Church, and teach us to pray.






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**Jesus Christ, Saviour and Teacher,
By your Spirit you empower us to live your risen life;
Breathe on us, that we might come alive in you, and be
to the world a living temple of your holy presence.
Amen.**

For reflection: Primrose has used the humble Biro to draw the figures in this image. It is a reminder to us that the Holy Spirit delights to come to us, no matter how ordinary or unremarkable we may feel.

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Image: 'Lord, teach us to pray in the power of the Spirit' by Primrose Northrop 2025



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