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1 FEB NORTH DOWNS BENEFICE

Clergy: Mark Pavey, Robert Tugwell

Clergy with Permission to Officiate: Lesley Ludlow

Readers: Peter Roberts, Alison Callway, Ann Harrison

Anna Chaplain: Jackie Saunders

Pray with us today for the appointment of a new team rector who would serve the North Downs Benefice alongside being vicar at Holy Cross, Bearsted.

We continue to give thanks for all who were able to attend our busy Christmas services. And we pray for the many ministers, leaders, PCC members and helpers who support and lead the ministry in our parishes. We give thanks for each one of them as they generously share their time and talents.

We ask you to pray with us for wisdom and for opportunity, as together we look to reach new people, including families and young people.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Calgary - The Anglican Church of Canada

2 FEB PRAYING TOGETHER: CANDLEMAS



Precious Father, you have peopled this planet with your beloved children, and, to our utter amazement, you have love enough for us all. As we look at Jesus, the embodiment of your love, we are deeply stirred by his call to us to follow him; and we ask for an increase in our longing for deep communion with the one whose own longing for us was enough for him to die to restore us as his family. We ask for the strength and grace to walk faithfully and trustingly along the path you set before us. Amen.

Prayer written by Miriam Westendarp - Authorised Lay Minister at The Bridge Group Benefice

Anglican Communion:

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

The Diocese of California - The Episcopal Church



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Jesus Christ,

Sun of Righteousness,

**The darkness has never prevented your dawning in
our world;**

Wake us again to the wonder of your light;

**That we may reflect rays of hope into shadowed
places.**

Amen.

The Magi studied the stars: they stayed awake
in the darkness, looking for signs. What might it
mean for us to be awake to notice the signs of
God's presence.

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THE WONDER OF PRAYER

EPIPHANY – AWAKENED TO SEE

'On entering the house, they saw the child ...' (Matthew 2:11 NRSV)



Jesus Christ, our morning star -

- Awaken us to see the beauty of your being among us.
- Awaken us to discover the treasure we carry and the gifts we have to offer.
- Awaken grace in us, in the combative atmosphere of a General Election.
- Awaken fresh ingenuity in international diplomacy, that wars may cease.
- Awaken in us your people a renewed determination to work for peace and reconciliation.



3 FEB

NORTH DOWNS BENEFICE: PRAYING FOR THEIR FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH

Pray today for our Fresh Expressions ministry. For the fortnightly service at St John's church, Grove Green, with its own congregation. Which is run in a café church style, and reaches out to many local young families. As we continue this ministry, we pray for wisdom and discernment as we reach out to the adults (as well as the children) and seek to encourage them in their journey with Jesus. We give thanks for all who are involved in organising this ministry.

Prayer written by Revd Robert Tugwell - Team Vicar at the North Downs Benefice

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Northern California - The Episcopal Church

4 FEB

PRAYING WITH THE OSPRINGE DEANERY

Area Dean: Andrew Sweeney

Lay Chair: Miranda Ford

Secretary: Peter Willcock

Treasurer: Hilary Tulett

Anglican Communion:

2nd Sunday before Lent

Sexagesima

The Anglican Church of South America

5 FEB

OSPRINGE 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:

Struan Dunn, Sharran Ireland, Peter Lock, John Mowll, Ros Parrett, Don Ruddle, Sue Smith, Andrew Sweeney, Douglas Turton, Sarah Williams

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cameroon - The Church of the Province of West Africa

6 FEB OSPRINGE 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 wherever they go.

Ros Parrett, Caroline Ramshaw, Simon Rowlands

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of El Camino Real - The Episcopal Church

7 FEB OSPRINGE: PRAYING 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 Canberra and Goulburn - The Anglican Church of Australia

8 FEB PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE MINISTRY OF ANNA CHAPLAINS



Gracious God and Father,

Thank you for your unfailing love for all your people whatever their age or status. Bless those who are ministering as Anna Chaplains or Anna Friends amongst older people, be they in residential homes, in the community or in our congregations. Inspire your church to continually see you in those who may be of older age. May we be generous in respect, valuing them, just as you value and respect us. We offer these prayers through Jesus who is the hope of the ages and nations. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Jean and Revd Paul Kerr - Anna Chaplains for St George the Martyr, Deal

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Canterbury - The Church of England

28 FEB PRAYING TOGETHER: JOURNEYING TOGETHER THROUGH LENT



Lord of all hopefulness,

we are too easily blinded by the day to day busyness of our lives.

Help us to look deeper into our hearts and follow your example more closely, rejecting false promises and easy answers as we journey through this time of reflection and repentance.

So that in so doing we might become nearer

to you.

Amen.

Prayer written by Heather Lister - Authorised Lay Minister at Westwell: St Mary

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Chotanagpur - The Church of North India (United)

29 FEB TUNSTALL WITH BREDGAR BENEFICE

Clergy: Alan Pinnegar, Richard Braddy

Assistant Curate: Paula Jardine-Rose

Readers: Pat Tatchell, John Vaughan, Clive Jacobs

Schools: Bredgar CE Primary School, Milstead & Frinstead CEPS, Tunstall CE Primary School

Pray for our ministry team today, as we face challenges maintaining services and pastoral work in and around the benefice, as well as regular engagement with schools, with reduced resources; we ask for discernment as we seek to identify new vocations within our congregations.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Christ the King - Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

26 FEB SITTINGBOURNE WITH BOBBING

Clergy: David Ridley, Sue Samson

Assistant Curate: Karen Burgess

Readers: Jan Phillips, Gill Price, Tracy Williams, Roxane Lee-Affonso

We give thanks and pray for the Wardens and members of the Churches of Holy Trinity Sittingbourne, St Bartholomew Bobbing and St Michael's Sittingbourne during this time of Vacancy. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance to discern, together with the Deanery, the will of God in determining the right ministerial leadership for our parishes as we go forward. We also pray for the future of the Ignite project at St Michael's, as the term of office of the two Enablers draws to an end.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Chicago - The Episcopal Church

27 FEB THE SIX

Clergy: Julian Staniforth, Amanda Lane

Assistant Curate: Nick Carpenter

Readers: George Hulme, Elisabeth Willmet

Anna Chaplain: Elisabeth Willmet

School: Hartlip Endowed CE Primary School, Newington CE Primary School

As we seek to serve and bless our communities, may we discern where the Spirit is at work, leading and calling us to engage in building relationships and partnerships. We pray especially for our relationships with the local primary schools, as we seek to develop with them creative ways of engaging with families with children building on current initiatives of Assembly on Sunday in Iwade & Stepping Stones in Newington. May our congregations have confidence to share the hope we have through our experience of Jesus in our lives.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Chichester - The Church of England

9 FEB BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN

Clergy: Catherine Ngangira

Reader: Patricia Saunders

School: Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk MP, Hernhill CE Primary School

We are thankful for;

an encouraging start of a new ministry for our churches and Priest in Charge.

Christmas services and all who worshipped with us.

Prayer Requests;

That the Holy Spirit will tend to the seeds that were scattered during the Christmas services so that they will grow and bear fruit.

We ask for wise discernment as we seek God's will and the direction of travel for our benefice.

For encouragement of heart and unity of love as we work together.

For the upcoming baptisms and weddings.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cape Coast - The Church of the Province of West Africa

10 FEB FAVERSHAM BENEFICE

Clergy: Simon Rowlands, Daniel Corcoran

Readers: Kevin Swinney, Lisa Nissen, Graham Dorkins

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

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cape Town - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

11 FEB PRAYING TOGETHER: AS WE PREPARE FOR LENT



Jesus, Saviour of us all,

The road of your discipleship is steep and full of troubles.
We will stumble, but as we do, we know that your arms
will catch us, hold us, and set us on the path again.

We give thanks that you are with us on our journey to
your Salvation.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Lynn Overington-Hickford -
Assistant Curate at Deal: St Leonard w St Richard &
Sholden: St Nicholas w Great Mongeham: St Martin

Anglican Communion:

Sunday next before Lent

Quinquagesima

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

12 FEB KINGSDOWN, CREEKSIDE AND HIGH DOWNS

Clergy: Jim Pye

Assistant Curate: Caroline Turvey

Anna Chaplain & Reader: Caroline Ramshaw

Reader: Pim Baxter

School: Teynham Parochial CE Primary School

We are currently in vacancy and praying as a Benefice that God is calling the right person to come and join us. Please pray with us as we continue to serve our communities during this time, especially as we restart our Community Breakfast Café, and also as we start our new project 'Growbaby' which will provide quality clothing and equipment for babies and children - and other support based on local needs - for free, regardless of income, faith or background. We pray for God's Spirit of unity across this large Benefice in our worship, fellowship and outreach opportunities.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba - The Church in the Province of the West Indies

23 FEB EASTCHURCH WITH LEYSDOWN AND HARTY

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Sue Hopper, Yvette Gutheil

School: Eastchurch CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Chester - The Church of England

24 FEB MILTON REGIS WITH MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE

Clergy: Robert Lane, Simon Young

Assistant Curate: Jane Barker

School: Bapchild & Tonge CE Primary School

Give thanks for church-school relationships already begun, and pray for the schools of Bapchild, Lansdowne and Sunnybank. Give thanks for the work of Churchwardens and ALMS, and for our Messy Church groups. Pray for those on the edges of the churches to have the courage to make a deeper commitment. Pray for growth in holiness, strength of faith, depth of understanding, and in numbers.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Chhattisgarh - The Church of North India (United)

25 FEB PRAYING TOGETHER: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Lord God, as we gradually move deeper into Lent, may we deepen our relationship with you. In meditating on you and the promises you made to Abraham and to your people, may we develop a deepening understanding of, and trust in, your son Jesus Christ.

May his victory over sin and death challenge us to respond more faithfully to his calling, and to increase our resolve to sustain the poor and bind up

the broken-hearted in our damaged world.

Help us to concentrate on remaining focussed on this Lenten journey and so arrive at the cross prepared in heart and mind to hold the wounded Christ in open arms.
Amen.

Prayer written by Sir Don Martin - Authorised Lay Minister at Woodnesborough: St Mary the Blessed Virgin (Parish)

Anglican Communion: 2nd Sunday of Lent

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

20 FEB SITTINGBOURNE: PRAYING FOR DEANERY FRESH EXPRESSIONS AND MISSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

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Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory - The Church of Ireland

21 FEB PRAYING TOGETHER: JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT



Lord Jesus, we pray that as we wind our way through the precarious course of life, ever dwelling on your truth and grace, that you might unite us through the Holy Spirit, bringing God closer to us, and us closer to the Father. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Lawrence Tuck - Assistant Curate at Reculver: St Mary & Herne Bay: St Bartholomew w

Hoath: Holy Cross (Benefice)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Chandigarh - The Church of North India (United)

22 FEB BORDEN: ST PETER & ST PAUL

Clergy: Robert Lane

Assistant Curate: Jane Barker

Reader: Jill Petts

School: Borden CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Chelmsford - The Church of England

13 FEB SHEPHERDS LEES

Clergy: Peter Newell

Reader: Lesley Brookes

School: Selling CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Carlisle - The Church of England

14 FEB PRAYING TOGETHER: ASH WEDNESDAY



As we begin this season of Lent, fill us with the grace of prayer and service. May our offering of prayer and abstinence be secret and our love and compassion in the name of Christ be manifest.

Grant to the church the spirit of true repentance and the joy of sins forgiven. To a world where many trust in material things, bring the knowledge of where the true treasure is to be found.

Grant that we may so deepen and purify our worship that we shall know more fully your holy will.

Amen.

Prayer written by Mary Butcher - PTO Reader at Canterbury: St Martin & St Paul

Anglican Communion:

Ash Wednesday

The Diocese of East Carolina - The Episcopal Church

15 FEB PRAYING WITH THE SITTINGBOURNE DEANERY

Area Dean: Julian Staniforth

Lay Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Andrea Staniforth

Treasurer: David Gilbert

As we look ahead, we pray for a closer working between the parishes and benefices as they support and encourage ministry and mission, and learn to share resources. We pray for wisdom, particularly as we seek to discern the future shape of ministry for Sittingbourne town and the surrounding community villages. We pray for those parishes currently in interregnum, that the Lord will lead the appointment processes. We especially pray for incumbent clergy at this time, praying for strength and well-being.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of North Carolina - The Episcopal Church

16 FEB SITTINGBOURNE 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:

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

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of South Carolina - The Episcopal Church

17 FEB SITTINGBOURNE 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.

Elisabeth Willmet, Struan Dunn, Paul Wintle, John Njoroge, Simon Young, Nicholas Ash

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Upper South Carolina - The Episcopal Church

18 FEB PRAYING TOGETHER: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



God,
this world can seem full of darkness and despair
yet the days lengthen and light returns.

As we look forward to the new life of Easter,
by your grace sustain us in hope
for our planet,
our humanity
and our eternal future.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Prayer written by the Revd Dr Stephen Young - PTO Clergy in the Sandwich Deanery

Anglican Communion:

1st Sunday of Lent

Quadragesima

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

19 FEB SITTINGBOURNE: PRAYING FOR IGNITE DEANERY COMMUNITIES

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Sittingbourne Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enablers; Karen Sexton and Karen Burgess. 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 Western North Carolina - The Episcopal Church