



**Diocese of Canterbury**  
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# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

**‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’**



**June 2025**

## **1 Sun Praying Together: for the gifting of the Holy Spirit**

Let us pray together as we prepare for Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church. Today, we give thanks for all who are praying with us throughout our world, - in countries where the word of God is known and loved, in places where our fellow Christians worship in secret and fear. We give thanks that the good news of God's message is for everyone.

Lord, as the disciples met together and received the Holy Spirit, we too thank you for the gifts you have bestowed upon us, and we pray that we may learn to use them wisely. May we use them in our church community and beyond, taking the Good News to those who wait to hear your word.

Prayer written by Elizabeth Walsh - Authorised Lay Minister at Brents & Davington: St Mary Magdalene

*Anglican Communion:  
6th Sunday of Easter  
Sunday after Ascension  
Thy Kingdom Come  
The Anglican Church of Korea*

## **2 Mon West Sheppey**

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Angela Cummings, Julie Palmer, Mary Shoebridge, Brenda Smith, Ashley Sheil

Reader: Roxane Lee-Affonso

Schools: St George's CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:  
Thy Kingdom Come  
The Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

### **3 Tue Praying Together with the Weald Deanery: for clergy and people**

Area Dean: David Commander

Lay Chair: Graham Codling

Secretary: Julia Collard

Treasurer: Graham Codling

Pray and give thanks for the joys of encouraging Chapter meetings; praying, supporting and caring for one another. Giving thanks for the safe space and being able to share anything. But at the same time praying that Chapter is made a priority by all members of Chapter....we are stronger in God's ministry when we are working together.

Pray for the challenges facing the incumbents of benefices in the Deanery as they navigate through financial pressures and time-consuming administration whilst trying to provide pastoral care to those in need and plan for the future.

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Mpumalanga – The Anglican Church of  
Southern Africa*

#### **4 Wed Praying Together: for our Eco Churches**

Lord, we give thanks today for the churches in our Diocese who are consciously seeking to preserve and steward your wonderful creation. Gift them with enthusiasm and creativity, and may they share their passion for ecology with the wider community; gently reminding all they come into contact with that each of us has a responsibility to care for and nurture your amazing creation. This we ask in Jesus name, Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Susan Manners - Priest in Charge of the Stour Downs Benefice

*Anglican Communion:  
Thy Kingdom Come  
The Diocese of Mpwapwa –  
The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

#### **5 Thurs Praying Together with the Weald 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:

Jack Bateson, Diana Bourne, Judy Darkins, Neville Gallagher, Lesley Hardy, Stephen Hardy, Jean Mayhew, Kaz Reeves, John Sykes, John Tapper, Monica Taylor, David Trustram, Richard Williams, Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

*Anglican Communion:  
Thy Kingdom Come  
The Diocese of Mthatha – The Anglican Church of  
Southern Africa*

## **6 Fri Praying Together with the Weald Deanery: for Chaplains**

We give thanks for the continued ministry offered by our Chaplains, throughout the Deanery. We pray for God's guidance for their ministry, for their relationships within their parishes, and for energy to continue the work God calls them too.

Pray today for:

Sonja Drew, Rodney Dreyer, Nicky Harvey, Serena Willoughby, Tracey Bateson, Gwyn Davies

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Muhabura – The Church of the Province of Uganda*

## **7 Sat Benenden: St George & Sandhurst: St Nicholas**

Clergy: David Commander, Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

School: Benenden CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Mukono – The Church of the Province of Uganda*

## **8 Sun Praying Together: The Day of Pentecost**

Generous God,

At the first Pentecost you blessed humanity with the rich gift of the Holy Spirit. Today, may we be blessed again with the richness of the Spirit that, like those who first received this precious gift, we may change the lives of those around us to know the reality of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of all.

Prayer written by The Venerable Darren Miller -  
Archdeacon of Ashford

*Anglican Communion:  
Pentecost  
Thy Kingdom Come  
The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

## **9 Mon Cranbrook: St Dunstan**

Clergy: Richard King  
Assistant Curate: Shelley King  
Reader: John Mulrenan  
School: Colliers Green CE Primary School, Cranbrook CE  
Primary School

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Multan – The Church of Pakistan (United)*

## **10 Tue Goudhurst: St Mary the Virgin with Kilndown: Christ Church**

Clergy: Rachel Robertson

Reader and Anna Chaplain: Sonja Drew

School: Goudhurst & Kilndown CE Primary School

Today we pray for our church community, may our individual prayer lives be a source of nourishment, and may our corporate prayer life be strengthened. Also, we pray for our young people, that they may be filled with the knowledge that they are loved and valued, particularly during exam season.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Mumbai – The Church of North India  
(United)*

## **11 Wed Praying Together: for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your abundant gifts throughout the ages. We pray for an outpouring of your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese in these our own times. As followers of your Son, Jesus Christ, may we be blessed with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Help us to respond to your gifts with a spirit of gratitude and generosity. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Lindsay Yates - Diocesan Generous Giving Advisor

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Mumias –  
The Anglican Church of Kenya*

## **12 Thurs Hawkhurst: St Laurence with All Saints**

Clergy: Rodney Dreyer

Reader-in-Training: Stephen Ringer

School: Hawkhurst CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Mundri – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

## **13 Fri Headcorn and the Suttons**

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Stephen Morrison, Anne-Marie Trustram, James Gover, Julia Ireland, Naomi Worsfold,

Reader-in-Training: Russell Anderson

We ask for prayers today as we continue to prepare our Parish Profile, ready for advertising the vacancy. Lord, we pray that a priest will be sent to us who will be able to inspire and encourage our churches and communities. In the meantime, please bless us with your wisdom, discernment and the gifts of your Holy Spirit, as we seek to shine with your light.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Mundu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*



## **14 Sat Marden: St Michael & All Angels**

Clergy: Nicola Harvey

Assistant Curate: Vicki Young

Please pray for the continued growth in our church. For the new people coming and staying, and finding a home with us. We pray for Gods guidance in what we need to do to serve them and encourage them in faith. Pray for those whose faith journey is leading to Confirmation this month. Give thanks for the work of Messy Church and our new faith based Youth Group.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Murang'a South – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

## **15 Sun Sissinghurst: Trinity Church with Frittenden: St Mary**

Clergy: Peter Deaves

Reader: Tony Staples

Schools: Frittenden CE Primary School, Sissinghurst CE  
Primary School

Pray with us today as we rejoice at answers to prayer since last September's establishment of our joint churches monthly youth group, Youth@Trinity. Give thanks for the faithful team of helpers and leaders, and a consistent turnout of around 25 secondary school aged pupils! Ask God to enable each helper to be a friendly familiar face, and wisdom in nurturing each young person's engagement with the Bible discussion. Please pray for growth in faith, and for new Year 6 pupils to feel encouraged to attend in the summer months. Please pray that we can reach out to all of our Youth families and welcome them to our Sunday Services.



*Anglican Communion:  
Trinity Sunday  
La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*

## **16 Mon Staplehurst: All Saints**

Clergy: Silke Tetzlaff

We give thanks for a renewed sense of unity and purpose at All Saints, and for the quiet but steady ways in which God is calling us to deepen our life of prayer and service. Please pray for our ongoing discernment as we listen for how God is leading us to serve our village with grace, hospitality and hope. We give thanks for those offering themselves in new ways, and ask prayer for wisdom as we navigate the challenges of ageing buildings and limited resources alongside a growing openness to God's renewing Spirit.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of the Murray – The Anglican Church of Australia*

## **17 Tue Praying Together with the Ashford Deanery: for clergy and people**

Area Deans: Jeremy Worthen, Sandra Marsh

Lay Chair: Sally Lees

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Anthony Crouch

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Muyinga –  
The Anglican Church of Burundi*

## **18 Wed Praying together: for missional service**

Lord of all,

As we remember how you freely give the gifts of the Spirit to all who choose to receive them, may we have the patience to listen, the faith to believe and the wisdom to understand.

Enable us thereafter to pray for, and proactively help, those in need.

Amen.

Prayer written by Di Dawson - Churchwarden, Secretary and Authorised Lay Minister at the Stour Downs Benefice

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Mytikyina – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*

## **19 Thurs Praying Together with the Ashford 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:

Bonnie Appleton, David Bannerman, Alex Bienfait, Marian Bond, Ian Campbell, Philip Cox, Eve Lanchantin-Piggott, William MacDougall, Paul Miller, Linda Schryver, Gilbert Spencer, Sue Starkings, Richard Webb

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Mzimvubu – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

## **20 Fri Praying Together with the Ashford 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.

Geoff Walters, Ian Rich, Tricia Hill, Cat Darkins

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nagpur – The Church of North India (United)*

## **21 Sat Praying Together: in the power of the Holy Spirit**

Wonder-working Spirit -

Gladden our hearts with signs of your presence and your work in our world. Stir us to deeper faith as we pray for miracles of hope and healing in our local communities. Comfort all who have travelled to our shores in search of refuge, and give wisdom to those making decisions about their future. Rest on all those who will be ordained or priested in the coming months. Call and equip pioneers who have the creativity to help us plant new expressions of church in our diocese.

Prayer written by Lyndall Bywater - Diocesan Changing Lives Prayer Network Co-ordinator

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Nairobi –  
The Anglican Church of Kenya*

## **22 Sun Praying Together with the Ashford Deanery: for Ignite Deanery Communities**

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Ashford Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enabler; Teena Twelves. May she be upheld and enthused in her 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:*

*1st Sunday after Trinity*

*Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola*

## **23 Mon Ashford Town Parish**

Clergy: Jeremy Worthen, Adam Childs, Teena Twelves, Jo Purle, Cathie Aldis-Saunders, Charlotte Coles

Assistant Curate: Steven Horne

Chaplain: Ian Rich

Readers: Derek Goodwin, James Beck

Schools: John Wesley CE/MP School, Kennington CE

Academy, Kingsnorth CE Primary School, St Mary's CE

Primary School, The John Wallis Church of England

Academy Ashford

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Nakuru –*

*The Anglican Church of Kenya*

## **24 Tue Stour Downs Benefice**

Clergy: Susan Manners

Schools: Brabourne CE Primary School, Stowting CE Primary School

Pray for the work we are doing to join the agricultural year to our services and to celebrate what is happening around us. Pray for direction with children and families work in our parish. Pray for the leadership teams in each church and in the wider parish as we look for God's leading for the future.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Nambale – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

## **25 Wed Praying Together: for our Communities**

Loving God,

We thank you for all of the gifts you have provided to us through the Holy Spirit. May we use and value all your gifts, using them in loving service for others - both within the church and our wider communities. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer written by Chris Knight - Reader-in-Training at St Peter-in-Thanet

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Namibia – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

## **26 Thurs The Benefice of Calehill with Westwell**

Clergy: Sandra Marsh

Reader: Mark Taylor

Reader-in-Training: Kevin Moon

Schools: Charing CE Primary School, Egerton CE Primary School, Pluckley CE Primary School

We give thanks for all that is good. For those who give of their time and gifts to grow God's kingdom within and beyond our Benefice.

May we take our social responsibility seriously, as Christians, as citizens, as your disciples. Give us the desire and capacity to serve you in serving others; to challenge those who ignore the public good; to champion the marginalised, the deprived, the lonely; and to share your hope in the love of Christ.

May your kingdom embrace our communities with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Namirembe – The Church of the Province of Uganda*



## **27 Fri Praying Together with the Dover Deanery: for clergy and people**

Area Dean: Andy Bawtree

Lay Chair: Nigel Collins

Secretary: Jeremy Wilkes

Treasurer: Marianne Slater

Your prayers for us would be much appreciated as we enter the busy summer months, where the gateway to England and to Europe that Dover is, becomes even more active. There are some new initiatives to help new Christians grow in faith and opportunities for others to find out about Jesus. We are still carrying vacancies and give thanks for the faithful wardens and others heading up ministry. The new life we are seeing is encouraging, but we ask for wisdom to enable 30, 60 or 100 fold growth from St Margaret's to Capel le Ferne, and Barfrestone to Buckland. We pray for faithfulness to God's Word, and hearts for our communities, as we seek to serve in Jesus name.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Nampula – Igreja Anglicana de  
Mocambique e Angola*

## **28 Sat Praying Together with the Dover 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:

Roger Broughton, Bob Coles, Brian Duckworth, Trish Godfrey, Bruce Hawkins, Kevin Jacobs, Richard Le Rossignol, Polly Mason, Marguerite Mower, Jo Robertson, Peter Sherred, Stephen Whaley, Richard Woods

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Nandyal – The Church of South India  
(United)*

## **29 Sun Praying Together with the Dover 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.

Malcolm Sawyer, David Slater, Kevin Jacobs, Barry Knott, Sean Sheffield, Angie Stupple

*Anglican Communion:*

*2nd Sunday after Trinity*

*The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*

### **30 Mon Praying Together with the Dover Deanery: for 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, with generosity, and that through our acts of loving service and discipleship we will share the good news.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Nasik – The Church of North India (United)*



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