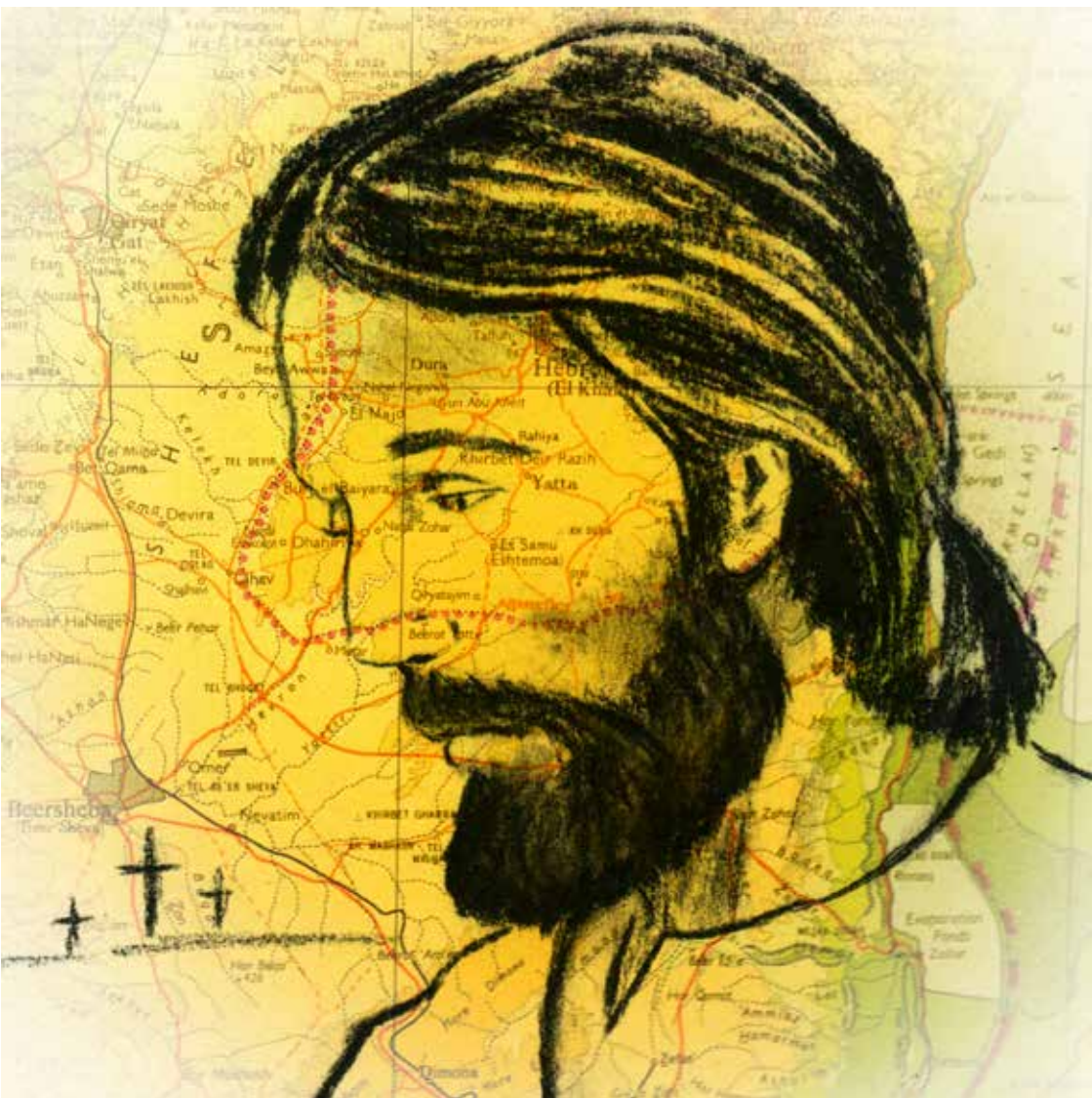




Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



March 2024

1 MARCH **WEST SHEPPEY**

Clergy: Paul Kite

Schools: St George's CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Christ the King - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

2 MARCH **PRAYING WITH THE WEALD DEANERY**

Area Dean: David Commander

Lay Chair: Graham Codling

Secretary: Julia Collard

Treasurer: Nana Twum Ampofo

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Christchurch - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

3 MARCH **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**



Heavenly Father, as his disciples in the world today be with us as we make our Lenten journey following in the footsteps of your Son. Forgive us when we stumble and lose our way. Make us worthy to travel with Jesus in humility on the path that leads not just to Calvary and the Cross but to the empty tomb and the joy of the resurrection. May we, filled with that joy and equipped by the Holy Spirit, continue on our journey of faith and commitment to you.

Amen.

Prayer written by Margaret Hawkins - Licensed Lay Reader at Birchington: All Saints with Acol: St Mildred & St Thomas Minnis Bay

Anglican Communion:

3rd Sunday of Lent

The Church of the Province of Uganda

4 MARCH WEALD 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:

Diana Bourne, Judy Darkins, Neville Gallagher, Lesley Hardy, Stephen Hardy, Malcolm Jones, Jean Mayhew, John Sykes, John Tapper, Monica Taylor, David Trustram, Richard Williams

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Chubu - Te Nippon Sei Ko Kai

5 MARCH WEALD 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.

Rodney Dreyer, Tracey Bateson, Jack Bateson, Nicky Harvey, Serena Willoughby, Sonja Drew

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Clogher - The Church of Ireland

6 MARCH BENENDEN: ST GEORGE & SANDHURST: ST NICHOLAS

Clergy: David Commander, Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

School: Benenden CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of the Coast - The Church of Nigeria

7 MARCH CRANBROOK: ST DUNSTAN

Clergy: Richard King

Reader: John Mulrenan

School: Colliers Green CE Primary School, Cranbrook CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cochin - The Church of South India (United)

8 MARCH

GOUDHURST: ST MARY THE VIRGIN WITH KILNDOWN: CHRIST CHURCH



Clergy: Rachel Robertson

Reader & Anna Chaplain: Sonja Drew

School: Goudhurst & Kilndown CE Primary School

Please pray for protection, courage, & a sensitivity to God's leading. We give thanks for two new Alpha courses starting, one aligned with our Community Lunch which has recently celebrated its first birthday, and a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Life Skills course starting in East Sutton prison. We continue to mourn with our Ukrainian families, known and loved here, but painfully

separated from their loved ones back home.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Coimbatore - The Church of South India (United)

9 MARCH

HAWKHURST: ST LAURENCE WITH ALL SAINTS

Clergy: Rodney Dreyer

Reader-in-Training: Stephen Ringer

School: Hawkhurst CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Colombia - The Episcopal Church

10 MARCH 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MOTHERING SUNDAY



We thank God for the successful launch of our Growbaby outreach to families who may not be able to access clothing, food and nappies for their babies and toddlers.

Pray with us as we continue to open our doors at St Paul's church, Lynsted on the first Thursday of each month, and that this ministry will grow and strengthen links with the surrounding communities.

We especially see many mothers coming through our doors, and other women giving up their time to serve. Mothers of all kinds, natural mothers, frustrated mothers, mothers needing support to do their jobs, those who have lost children, those who get to have cuddles everyday. Grandmothers, adoptive mothers. Fathers who mother. Everyone.

Help us at Growbaby to serve the needs and concerns of our families and to help them see Christ's light and life shining in them. Today we pray with you, for mothers everywhere.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Caroline Turvey - appointed as Vicar to the Canonry Benefice

Anglican Communion:

4th Sunday of Lent

The Episcopal Church

11 MARCH HEADCORN AND THE SUTTONS

Clergy: Fiona Haskett

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Colombo - The Church of Ceylon (Extra Parochial)

12 MARCH MARDEN: ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Clergy: Nicola Harvey

Reader: Sarah Emmanuel

We pray today for the outreach of the church in the community, especially the work of the Foodbank. For the continued outreach and mission of our Messy Church, and for all the families who attend. We pray for continued discernment as to where God is calling us to be, and who God wants us to serve in Marden. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Colorado - The Episcopal Church

13 MARCH SISSINGHURST: TRINITY CHURCH WITH FRITTENDEN: ST MARY

Clergy: Peter Deaves

Reader: Tony Staples

Schools: Frittenden CE Primary School, Sissinghurst CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Congo Brazzaville - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

14 MARCH STAPLEHURST: ALL SAINTS

Clergy: Silke Tetzlaff

Lord, we seek your guidance and provision for the challenges we face. We humbly ask for your blessings and generosity as we embark on two extensive building projects that require substantial financial resources. We recognize that the cost of these building projects is colossal, and we acknowledge our dependence on your provision.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved elderly parishioners. Their absence has left a void in our hearts, and we pray for your healing and comfort to be upon those who are grieving.

Strengthen our faith and unity as we work together towards a common goal. Help us to lean on one another for support and encouragement, knowing that we are stronger together.

Lord, we lift up Staplehurst and All Saints Church to you, entrusting our hopes, dreams, and concerns into your loving hands. May your presence be felt among us, bringing comfort, peace, and renewed hope. Guide us in our efforts, and may everything we do bring glory to your name.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Connecticut - The Episcopal Church

15 MARCH PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Jeremy Worthen

Lay Chair: Liz Richardson

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Anthony Crouch

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Connor - The Church of Ireland

16 MARCH PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD 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:

Bonnie Appleton, David Bannerman, Alex Bienfait, Marian Bond, Ian Campbell, Philip Cox, Clive Laker, Eve Lanchantin-Piggott, William MacDougall, Paul Miller, Gilbert Spencer, Sue Starkings, Robert Willis

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross - The Church of Ireland

17 MARCH PRAYING TOGETHER: ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Lord, make me a channel of disturbance.
Where there is silence, may I be a voice.
Where there are doors closed and hearts locked,
Grant the willingness to listen.
When laws dictate and pain is overlooked...
When tradition speaks louder than need...
Grant that I may seek rather to do justice than to
Talk about it;
Disturb us, O Lord.
To be with, as well as for, the alienated;
To love the unlovable as well as the lovely;
Lord, make me a channel of disturbance.
Amen.

Author unknown.

Prayer 'discovered' by Revd Steve Coneys - Diocesan Mission and Growth Advisor

Anglican Communion:

5th Sunday of Lent

The Church in Wales

18 MARCH ASHFORD DEANERY: PRAYING 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 Costa Rica - Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

19 MARCH ASHFORD DEANERY: PRAYING FOR IGNITE DEANERY COMMUNITIES

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Ashford Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enabler; Steven Horne. May he be upheld and enthused in his 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 Coventry

20 MARCH ASHFORD TOWN PARISH



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

Chaplain: Ian Rich

Readers: Alison Gunther, Derek Goodwin, James Beck

Mission Enabler: Sophie Carnaby

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

Our large Parish, consisting of 10 worshipping communities, is making good progress with our Mission Action Planning. Across Ashford there are wonderful signs of God's Kingdom growing. One example is the newly launched Hub at St. Francis Church. This is a new venture which includes existing missional projects such as 'Make-lunch' where we cook meals for vulnerable families every school holiday. It also now includes 'Frankie's' our weekly Community Café, the monthly Bereavement Support Group and an exciting new formal partnership with Uprising (Christian Youth and Community Charity) who are going to move onto the church site in summer 2024. Please thank God for his leading, wisdom and provision.

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Cuba - The Episcopal Church

21 MARCH STOUR DOWNS BENEFICE

Clergy: Chris Carnaby-Denyer

Assistant Curate: Susan Manners

Reader: John Selden

Schools: Brabourne CE Primary School, Stowting CE Primary School

Please pray for the outreach at St Mary's Sellindge, using our Festival Church space for the community to gather for fellowship, hospitality and to access the Parish Foodbank. We give thanks for the generosity of volunteers and pray for donations to continue to make a difference to those in need. Please pray for our exploration of Festival Church status for Monks Horton and Stowting, that we might bring these churches to flourish in new ways. Please pray for the new pattern of worship, that this will enable further growth at services in Smeeth, Mersham and Brabourne churches.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cueibet - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

22 MARCH THE BENEFICE OF CALEHILL WITH WESTWELL

Clergy: Sandra Marsh

Reader: Mark Taylor

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

We give thanks for our continued growth especially in our work with families and young people. Please pray with us as we discern new leaders so that our work may expand wider. May those who joined our Christmas services have found new seeds planted within them and that our Alpha course in May might open questioning, learning and sharing as we grow together.

We pray for our prayer groups and for those who are housebound; praying that they will all feel that they are an important part in God's mission.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cuernavaca - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

23 MARCH PRAYING WITH THE DOVER DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Andy Bawtree

Lay Chair: Nigel Collins

Secretary: Jeremy Wilkes

Treasurer: Marianne Slater

We give thanks for the many blessings we have here in the Dover Deanery - faithful followers of Jesus both older and younger seeking to share his love and good news, both lay and ordained. From the town churches to the smallest villages Christ is proclaimed as risen from the dead and alive. Love for neighbour is expressed through local action and joint activity with Christians together in Dover. We pray for the Benefice of St Margaret at Cliffe currently in interregnum. There is ongoing work in the schools and new ventures in Bewsborough and Temple Ewell with Lydden.

Anglican Communion:

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

24 MARCH PRAYING TOGETHER: ON PALM SUNDAY



Lord Jesus Christ, as you entered Jerusalem you were greeted joyfully by the crowds who then rejected you in your hour of need; through your mercy, leave us not when we call upon you, but help us to know your presence alongside us as we walk with you to the cross and your tomb. When our courage fails, give us strength to shout out for what is right and keep our eyes fixed on the joy that comes from living your eternity.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Thomas Pote - Chaplain at King's School, Canterbury

Anglican Communion:

Palm Sunday

The Church of the Province of West Africa

25 MARCH DOVER DEANERY: PRAYING 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, Peter Sherred, Richard Woods

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cyangugu - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

26 MARCH DOVER DEANERY: PRAYING 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, Peter Sherred, Wendy Bowditch, Kevin Jacobs, Barry Knott, Sean Sheffield, Catherine Tucker, Angie Stupple

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

27 MARCH DOVER: 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, with generosity, and that through our acts of loving service and discipleship we will share the good news.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Daejeon - The Anglican Church of Korea



Loving God, Creator, King;
before dinner you washed your disciples feet.

Help us to serve each other as you serve us.

Loving God, Incarnate, Redeemer;
at dinner you shared your life in bread and wine.

As we take part in your meal forgive us our sins.

Loving God, Counsellor, Advocate;
after dinner you prayed with your disciples.

Give us strength to pray with you,
not mine, but your will be done.
Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Richard Birch - PTO in the North Downs Deanery

Anglican Communion:

Maundy Thursday

The Diocese of North Dakota - The Episcopal Church



Eternal God and Father,

In Jesus Christ you showed your sacrificial love for us and all creation.

On the day of his crucifixion Jesus opened wide his arms for us on the cross

to embrace death and all that is dark in our world, and won for us and all your people eternal life.

We thank you. We praise you.

His pierced wounds have won for us the victory over sin and death.

That darkest day is our brightest light.

We kneel in silent penitence in awe of your wondrous love.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Amen.

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

Anglican Communion:

Good Friday

The Diocese of South Dakota - The Episcopal Church

Loving God,
We give you the empty spaces
In our hearts and lives:

The hopes, fears,
And disappointments.

Come and do
What only you can do,

A miracle which
We cannot yet articulate.
Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Christa Brodie-Levinsohn - Assistant Curate at Thanington: St Nicholas & St Faith

Anglican Communion:

Holy Saturday

The Diocese of Dallas - The Episcopal Church



God of new beginnings,
renew within us all your promise of resurrection
so that Easter might not just be a day of joy
but rather the start of a new stage and a new way of life.
May everything within us, within our church and within
our communities
that is tired, broken, sad or weighed down by the
burdens of sin and death
be transformed in ways beyond our imagining and
beyond our tangible hopes.

Use these signs of your love we pray, as demonstrations
of your great power to save;
showing to all that you are the God of the living
and the God who longs to make all things new
in Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.
Amen.

Prayer written by The Very Revd Dr David Monteith - Dean of Canterbury Cathedral

Anglican Communion:

Easter Day

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)

The Church in the Province of the West Indies



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