



Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



September 2025

1 Mon Hackington: St Stephen

Clergy: David Vannerley

Assistant Curate: Sally Pickersgill

Chaplain: Dawn Watson

Anna Chaplain: Sally Pickersgill

School: The Archbishop's School

Pray today for us as we continue to pray for someone to hear God's call to be our new Rector. In the meantime we give thanks for the fellowship and togetherness that exists within our church family and especially the way several new families and couples have been welcomed recently, and who are already becoming involved in worship and social activities.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Oji River – The Church of Nigeria

2 Tue Harbledown: St Michael & All Angels

Clergy: Peter Harnden

Pray with us as we give thanks for another successful year of our 'Little Angels Stay & Play' group and for the encouraging start to the bi-monthly 'Tea & Talk' sessions, which are both part of our current community ministry.

We pray that we may be inspired to find ways of improving our now grave financial situation so that we may be better equipped to spread the Good News and maintain our church's life with its current pattern of worship into the future.

We pray for those who have joined our worshipping community during this year, that they may continue to grow in faith, confidence and commitment.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Okene – The Church of Nigeria

3 Wed Listening and Discerning: Our hearts cry

Thank you God for September seeds, released and dispersed to land where You take them. Shortened days and ready soil beckon the gift of darkness. In the silence the cry of our dilemma "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." Help us to carry this into Resurrection. To live the mixed reality and to grow into gratitude held by Your Grace.

Amen.

Prayer written by Marianne Hambrook - Diocesan PA to the Director of Mission & Ministry & Senior Administrator

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Oke-Ogun – The Church of Nigeria

4 Thurs St Dunstan, St Mildred & St Peter Canterbury Benefice

Clergy: Jo Richards

Readers: John Morrison, Tessa Taylor, Margaret Wells

This creation-tide, we pray for all those who are helping us to work towards Net Zero both in our homes and churches. In this season of harvest we give thanks for the work of our farmers and all those involved in the production of our food, and we remain mindful of those who go without, both locally and globally. We ask for prayer for our recently launched scrabble club, and may it be a place of welcome and refuge for those who are lonely and marginalised. Praying also for all those known to us who have been recently bereaved and those beginning new schools and colleges at this time of year.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Oke-Osun – The Church of Nigeria

5 Fri Sturry: St Nicholas with Fordwich: St Mary the Virgin & Westbere: All Saints with Hersden

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Jane Freeman, Martin Pilgrim

Local Preacher: Ron Chadwick

School: Sturry Church of England Primary School

Please pray for all who lead our worship in our Local Ecumenical Partnership. In the Canterbury and East Kent Circuit of the Methodist Church, we give thanks for the ministry of Revd Danny Wheadon and ask your prayers for Revd Dr Peggy Mulambya-Kabonde, as she takes his place as Superintendent Minister.

We are praying that a part time Anglican minister will soon be appointed, and ask that the Lord will guide all who are involved in the process of an appointment, praying that this will enable us to increase our pastoral work, especially in the new housing developments in our parish.

We pray for our Café Church and for those who organise and lead this new form of worship. And we ask that God inspires and strengthens us as we work to develop our children's ministry.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Okigwe – The Church of Nigeria

6 Sat Thanington: St Nicholas & St Faith

Clergy: Nick White

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Season of Creation

The Diocese of Okigwe

South – The Church of Nigeria

7 Sun Praying Together: for Lay and Licensed Ministers

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for your kindness to us,
Thank you Lord for your Holy Spirit who moves, heals and restores us
Thank you for the opportunities you give each of us to serve you.
Lord, we lift to you all those Lay and Licensed members of our rich and broad
community of faith,
And we ask that you would bless them, anoint them afresh and gift them with
discernment to hear your voice as they prepare to preach or lead.
We ask that all this would be in your precious hands. We remember your suffering
for each one of us
And we ask that all offerings of time, talents and preparation would be a pleasing
offering to you,
For your praise and glory,
Amen.

Prayer written by Natalie Croft - Licensed Lay Minister at Maidstone: St Luke the
Evangelist

*Anglican Communion:
12th Sunday after Trinity Season of Creation
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

8 Mon Almshouses Canterbury

Please pray today for all those living in the Canterbury Almshouses. Praying for these
communities and for those who minister amongst them,

*Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Okinawa – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

9 Tue Canterbury: Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ

The Dean: David Monteith
Archdeacon: William Adam
Canon Librarian: Vacant
Canon Missioner: Emma Pennington
Canon Treasurer: Andrew Dodd
Precentor, Residentiary Canon Designate: Vacant
Non-Executive Members of Chapter: Jane Ibbotson, Pim Baxter, David Ubaka, Guy
Perricone, Paul Sylva
Receiver General, Chief Operating Officer: Kathryn Beldon
Director of Finance and Planning: Julie Wood

*Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Oklahoma – The Episcopal Church*

10 Wed Listening and Discerning: In a time of Change

God of the plentiful harvest, You sow Yourself as seed within our soul. Thank you for the companions and community where Your seed can break open. For light and love and water to flood in, and for Life itself to burst out in service. We welcome the signs of revitalisation within the people and the places around us right now, even if we seem few and things look new.

Amen.

Prayer written by Marianne Hambrook - Diocesan PA to the Director of Mission & Ministry & Senior Administrator

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Okrika – The Church of Nigeria

11 Thurs Praying with the East Bridge Deanery: for its clergy and people

Area Dean: Estella Last

Lay Chair: Paul Allen

Secretary: John Andrews

Treasurer: Michael Gallagher

We give thanks for all those in our Deanery who are serving in our churches and all who are contributing to and taking part in the life of our Deanery. We pray particularly for those parishes for whom it sometimes feels like a struggle. As we work together to see how we can support each other in ways that release us for mission in our parishes, we pray for wisdom in our discernment and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us forward on our journey together.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Oleh – The Church of Nigeria

12 Fri Praying Together: Giving thanks for Creation

Almighty God, our Creator and Sustainer,

We lift hearts filled with gratitude for the wondrous gift that is your creation!

Thank you for affording us the privilege to benefit from the beauty of our seas, forests and skies. Thank you for every beautiful and fragrant plant, every animal and insect. Help us to be good stewards, honouring and nurturing the delicate balance of nature - Your creation!

Amen.

Prayer written by Barbara Campbell - parishioner from Cranbrook: St Dunstan

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

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

13 Sat Praying with the East Bridge 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:

Nigel Hale, Lizzie Hopthrow, Rex Morton, Barbara Way, Jane Weeks

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Olympia – The Episcopal Church

14 Sun Praying with the East Bridge 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 East Bridge Deanery: Hilary Hills, Ray Horton, Helen Jones, Esther Jonas

Anglican Communion:

13th Sunday after Trinity Season of Creation

The Anglican Church of South America

15 Mon Barham Downs with Adisham and Aylesham Benefice

Clergy: Stefan Thomas, Nick Ratcliffe

Assistant Curate: Clary Read

Readers: Esther Jonas, Simon Pooley

Anna Chaplain: Esther Jonas

School: Adisham CE Primary School

Barham CE Primary School



Pray with us today. We would really welcome prayer for our vision of a monthly Tea Time Family Worship which we are launching this September at St John the Baptist Church in Barham. We ask for prayer in all our preparations, that people might be inspired to step forward with their gifts to help—whether in hospitality, music, storytelling or prayer. We are praying that this gathering will become a space of joy, welcome, and growth in faith for families of all ages. We need strength for those leading this ministry, and guidance and wisdom in each step. Our vision is that our community may be drawn into deeper relationship with Jesus and with each other through this new offering.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Omu-

Aran – The Church of Nigeria

16 Tue The Bridge Benefice

Clergy: Estella Last

School: Bridge & Patrixbourne CE Primary School

Pray with us as a new term gets under way, and we give thanks for the developments we are seeing in our ministry with families. We pray that our new programme will bring greater engagement with the gospel and a safe place for young and old to deepen their faith together. We give thanks for all who serve our churches and those who faithfully give of their time and money. As we look forward to the completion of the reordering and extension work at St Mary's Patrixbourne later in the year, we pray for the new missional opportunities this will bring.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Ondo – The Church of Nigeria

17 Wed Listening and Discerning: Attending to relationships

Jesus, thank you for harvesting the hospitality of our hearts. You refresh and restore us to serve fresh bread daily. You work within us to receive the hospitality of the world so that Your Church can breathe and grow with the years, to always say "Peace to this house".

Amen.

Prayer written by Marianne Hambrook - Diocesan PA to the Director of Mission & Ministry & Senior Administrator

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Ontario – The Anglican Church of Canada

18 Thurs Canonry Benefice

Clergy: Caroline Turvey

Assistant Curate: Anne Talbert

Reader: Janice Willett

Schools: Ash Cartwright & Kelsey CE Primary School, Goodnestone CE Primary School, Nonington CE Primary School

Please pray for the people of the eight rural churches of the Canonry Benefice, giving thanks for a steady growth in attendance of all ages; for young families requesting baptism for their children. Please pray that the Benefice Men's and the Women's Breakfast initiatives, House Groups, weekly Prayer Group and the Pastoral Team will continue to thrive; for our Children's and School's Ministries to flourish and for discernment as we listen for God's direction and guiding in the months ahead so we may serve him faithfully.

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Season of Creation

The Diocese of Oregon – The Episcopal Church

19 Fri Nonington: The Living Well

Chaplain of The Living Well:

Assistant Chaplains: Hilary Hills, Helen Jones, Ray Horton

Please pray for the chaplaincy team of Ray, Helen and Hilary and the 20+ members of the wider team. Pray for the trustees and treasurer in their responsibilities. God of Healing, we commit into your hands the work and ministry of The Living Well; May its door be wide enough to receive all who seek your healing grace; May it be a place of rest, laughter and forgiveness; Bless all whom you call to your ministry of healing; May The Living Well be a gateway to that wholeness which is your desire for all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Season of Creation

The Diocese of Eastern Oregon – The Episcopal Church

20 Sat The Little Stour Benefice

Clergy: Lesley Hardy

Reader: Katharine Harris

Schools: Wickhambreaux CE Primary School, Littlebourne CE Primary School

We pray for a renewed sense of hope and kindness within the benefice; a reaching out to those who are not part of the worshipping community but whose lives and experiences are just as precious to God as our own.

In particular Lord we want to find ways to speak to the many families and young people who have faith but have not yet found the church. We ask for your help in this; for greater resource and generosity in time and energy from our church communities.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Orlu – The Church of Nigeria

21 Sun Praying Together: Giving thanks for natural beauty

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all that is lovely in the world around us, the beauty in our fields, gardens and nature reserves: from the delicacy of a butterfly's wing to the flowers and the young lambs. We thank you too for the beauty of the trees in our woods and orchards: the blossom and new leaves each spring, the summer fruits and the autumn colours.

As we lift our hearts to you in praise, teach us how to care better for our natural world, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer written by a member of the Littlebourne congregation

Anglican Communion:

14th Sunday after Trinity

Season of Creation

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

22 Mon Praying with the Reculver Deanery: for its Clergy and People

Area Dean: Simon Tillotson

Lay Chair: Malcolm Waller

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: David Kemp

We invite the Diocese to pray with and for our Reculver Deanery as we seek God's direction. Through various prayer settings, we are listening to God's voice. We are called to serve people of all ages, especially through our vibrant and multi-focal ministry to youth and children in various settings. We are sharing the good news of the gospel in many contexts, from our schools ministry to Cafe Church, Ignite, Bubble church and our regular pastoral ministry. Please pray for the joys and challenges we face, that we may be equipped to serve our communities and share His love effectively.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Oru – The Church of Nigeria

23 Tue Praying with the Reculver Deanery: for Clergy with Permission to Officiate

We pray for all retired clergy with Permission to Officiate (PTO) who faithfully serve in the Reculver Deanery. Thank you for their continued dedication, wisdom, and willingness to minister. Bless their ongoing contributions to our churches and communities. We also pray for the Anna Chaplains within our Deanery. Grant them strength, compassion, and insight as they minister to the elderly and those living with dementia. May their presence bring comfort, dignity, and spiritual nourishment. Sustain them in their vital work, and fill them with your peace and joy as they share your love with those in their care. Amen.

Please pray for:

Gillian Craig, Denise Critchell, John Currie, Jenny Hadlow, Donald Lugg, Chris Morgan-Jones, Stephen Parrett, Chris Seppala, Chris Skingley, Carol Smith

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Osaka – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

24 Wed Listening and Discerning: For Mission

Lord of the harvest, send us out into the Plenty. Thank you for sending us people of peace, the curious, the wounded, the searching, the Other. Jesus, help us to notice and name what You're up to and join in the Life of the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Prayer written by Marianne Hambrook - Diocesan PA to the Director of Mission & Ministry & Senior Administrator

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Osun – The Church of Nigeria

25 Thurs Praying with the Reculver 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.

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The Diocese of Osun North – The Church of Nigeria

26 Fri Praying Together: giving thanks for God's goodness

Lord God of Creation, inspire us to see and to live in your beautiful world as you planned for it to be for all your children

Guide us and help us to appreciate your great bounty, helping our faith grow in your fertile soil, and as we journey on, please be with us in all the seasons of our lives

Amen

Prayer written by Janice Willett - Licensed Lay Minister at the Canonry Benefice

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The Diocese of Osun North East – The Church of Nigeria

27 Sat Praying with the Reculver Deanery: for IGNITE Hub

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Reculver Deanery. We pray for all those who are involved, in whatever 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.

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The Diocese of Ottawa –

The Anglican Church of Canada

28 Sun Praying Together: Reader Licensing Service

Loving God

We thank you for calling us to discipleship, sharing your Good News in and through our everyday lives.

We thank you for those who have responded to your call to licensed lay ministry as ministers of the Word, serving you in the church and the wider world.

We pray for Susan, Vicky, Ruth, Stephen and Andrew who are to be admitted to the office of Reader, and we pray for Angela who will be licensed with them to exercise a public ministry in our diocese.

We pray for all who minister in your name; may they be steadfast in faith as they seek to share in the work of building your kingdom on earth as in heaven.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

To be admitted and licensed as Readers: Susan Brealey, Vicky Friedrich, Ruth Jones, Stephen Ringer and Andrew Snowdon.

To be welcomed and licensed: Angela Frost (formerly of Rochester diocese).

Prayer written by Nigel Collins - Diocesan Lay Ministries Advisor and Pastoral Secretary

Anglican Communion:

15th Sunday after Trinity

Season of Creation

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

29 Mon Herne Bay: Christ Church (Hampton: St Andrew)

Clergy: Anthony Everett, Simon Fellows

Assistant Curate: Denise Parrett

We thank God for the united, joyful church family and the new people He is bringing to us. Please pray for - those recently baptised by total immersion in the church or sea - plans for a new congregation to start in the autumn reaching an area of town that is under reached. - the follow up to our summer holiday club for children. - God to continue to help our church family to grow in obedience to Him bringing glory to His name.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Otukpo – The Church of Nigeria

30 Tue Praying Together: Creation-Tide

Father God, you have made all things good and have placed mankind in that garden of your delight to tend and nurture what we have been given; we confess that we have so often failed in the duty laid upon us by misusing your creation for our selfish ends.

Grant us your aid, that we may in some measure restore the beauty of your handiwork, that it may again mirror your bounty and glory; in your great mercy, forgive our failings, give us thankfulness for the beauty of your creation, and help us to work together with each other and with you to restore what we have marred, that your power may again be seen in your created works, and all eyes opened to that revelation of your love and faithfulness.


In the power of the Spirit and through your Son our Lord Jesus we make our petition. Amen.

Prayer written by Charles Lewis - Licensed Lay Reader Holy Trinity Benefice, Folkestone

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The Diocese of Owerri – The Church of Nigeria



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