



Diocese of Canterbury  
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# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'

**'We must allow ourselves  
to be interrupted by God...'**

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**



**August 2021**

## 1 AUGUST MAIDSTONE: ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS'

Clergy: Neil Bryson

Readers: Elizabeth Bryson, Eleanor Relle

Schools: St Michael's CE School Federation (Infant), St Michael's CE Junior School

We pray for continued health in body, mind and spirit of our online and physical congregations.

For a sustained outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the congregations, resulting in a closer walk with the Lord; Greater love of the Bible; More fervent resort to the Sacraments; Enhancement of our witness to the unreached souls in our parish, to our neighbours, families and friends; A release of finance so that we can expand our mission and effect essential repairs.

And we pray for a clear vision of and strategy for our future as the catholic witness in this area.

*Anglican Communion:*

*Church of the Province of South East Asia*

## 2 AUGUST MAIDSTONE: ST PAUL



Clergy: Vacant

Assistant Curate: Anthea Mitchell

Churchwardens: Brian Beswick, Mark Turner

We thank God for Anthea's ministry as Deacon at St Paul's and Minister in Secular Employment and for all who have been supporting us during our interregnum. We pray that our Church Leadership Team can reach out to our congregation in new and

exciting ways and, as further restrictions are lifted, we are able to once again connect with the young people of our parish. We pray that the local churches can work together to show God's love to the people of Maidstone through our presence in the Town and by taking God's message into our schools and care homes.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dogura - The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

### **3 AUGUST LISTENING AND DISCERNING ON THE WAY**

Thank you God, for all those engaged in the Spiritual Practices of the Missional Learning Communities across the diocese.

Each time we gather to Dwell in the Word, we Dwell in you and each other.

Help us to listen well, to tune in, to hear the inner voice, and to notice the prompt, to feel the stirring, and to sense what is true.

Fill us with the desire to pass this practice onto others.

In this deep listening together we are all changed, yet we are all One.

Amen.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Doko - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion Lokoja Province)*

### **4 AUGUST NORTH DOWNS DEANERY**

Area Dean: John Corbyn

Lay Chair: Rhian Banham

Secretary: Sue Heslop

Treasurer: Peter Roberts

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dominican Republic - the Episcopal Church (IX Province)*

### **5 AUGUST NORTH DOWNS 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:

David Bond, Yvonne Salmon, Richard Love, Lesley Ludlow, Robin Gill, Anthony Hirst, Anne Price, Richard Birch, Colin Terry, Millie Hart

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dornakal - The (united) Church of South India*

## 6 AUGUST NORTH DOWNS 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.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Down & Dromore - The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province)*

## 7 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE MINISTRY OF MAKELUNCH



Please pray for the ministry of MakeLunch, working with families experiencing holiday hunger during the school holidays. Pray for more volunteers to come forward and for those serving on team to have good conversations with the families. Pray that both children and parents would enjoy being able to gather as a group again and be blessed by the time they spend with us.

(Prayer request written by Miriam Taylor -

Growing Faith Pastor at St Mary Bredin Canterbury)

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough - The Church of Ireland (Dublin Province)*

## 8 AUGUST BOUGHTON MONCHESEA: ST PETER



Clergy: Philip Goodey

Readers: David Parry, Gordon Mackley

Reader in training: Christine Holland

We pray for the lay leaders in St. Peter's. And we give thanks for God's provision during this past year, and for the amazing support that has continued throughout this time and the creativity that has enabled us to continue to worship in new ways. We pray for: This time of change and transition as we move out of lockdown. For

wisdom and discernment as we decide what to continue with, what to do in a different way and what to stop. We hold before God the many people who are struggling, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Help us to see your hand at work in each other and in the world, Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Church of South India (united)*

## 9 AUGUST LEN VALLEY BENEFICE

Clergy: John Huggins

Assistant Curate: Charlotte Coles

Reader: Joan Drury, Pamela Cuerden

Schools: Ulcombe CE Primary School, Harrietsham CE Primary School

We ask you to pray for our four churches that:

We will find unity in diversity, learning the lessons from Covid in simplifying our service rota to include a time together every month.

That we will notice God at work in our communities, joining with people of peace to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Pray that our embryonic eco-group and eco-champions will continue to be inspired and that through them our local environment would flourish.

Pray too that God would answer the prayer of our hearts to 'reach younger' through Breakfast Church and by restarting Messy Church in a way that parents, as well as youngsters, can be engaged.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Duk - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

## 10 AUGUST LISTENING AND DISCERNING ON THE WAY



Thank you God, for the People of Peace you bring across our paths.

Give us courage to Dwell in the World.

Help us to notice and connect with people, to form relationship for its own sake, to see how you weave these connections together.

Keep us open and responsive to people where we live, work, learn, relax, and shop.

Help us resist the temptation to rush in and fix.

Prompt and teach us to first offer peace wherever we Dwell in the World.

Our hope lies in participating in your Mission, God.

Amen.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dunedin - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Pakeha Tikanga)*

**11 AUGUST NORTH DOWNS BENEFICE**

Clergy: John Corbyn

Assistant Curate: Cathrine Ngangira

Clergy with Permission to Officiate: Lesley Ludlow

Readers: Ann Harrison, Virginia Corbyn

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dunkwaon-Offin - The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)*

**12 AUGUST NORTH DOWNS BENEFICE (PILGRIMS WAY PARISHES)**

Missioner: Captain Graham Bibby CA

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Durgapur - The (united) Church of North India*

**13 AUGUST NORTH DOWNS BENEFICE (SOUTHERN PARISHES)**

Clergy: Mark Pavey

Reader: Peter Roberts

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Durham - The Church of England (York Province)*

## 14 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR REFUGEES



Almighty and Merciful God,  
You that are the Father,  
And have experienced hate and mistrust upon your  
Son,  
Please grant us an understanding heart;  
We pray for refugees, asylum seekers and  
unaccompanied asylum-seeking children;

Bless those whose home is no more,  
And those who welcome the stranger as their own;  
Lord of Light,  
You are the One and only who truly knows the limits of the mind;  
Help us shine from within.  
Let us be the tiny matches carrying your light where we see darkness;  
And lead us in simplicity with others;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

(Prayer request written by Domenica Pecoraro - Kent Refugee Project Officer)

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dutse - The Church of Nigeria (Kaduna Province)*

## 15 AUGUST PRAYING WITH THE OSPRINGE DEANERY

Area Dean: Steve Lillicrap

Lay Chair: Miranda Ford

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Hilary Tulett

Please pray for the Ospringe Deanery as we seek to Support, Encourage and Serve one another across the Deanery. We give thanks for the encouragement from the conversations held with each benefice in looking to where God is leading us. Please pray for the continuing conversations in each Benefice and the planned new meetings with each Benefice in the Autumn. We pray for Jean Burrows as she retired at the end of July and for the Boughton, Hernhill and Graveney Benefice as they seek God for the future. As we move through the summer with the changes in rules affecting worship, we pray for those who are celebrating the changes as well as those who are feeling anxious about them. Please pray that we would continue to care for one another under God.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

## **16 AUGUST 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:

Michael Johnson, Penny Fenton, Don Ruddle, Struan Dunn, Peter Lock, Ros Parrett, Douglas Turton, Martin Webb, Diane Webb, Sharran Ireland, Allan Norris, Sarah Williams, John Smith, John Mowll, Sue Smith

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Easton - The Episcopal Church (III Province)*

## **17 AUGUST LISTENING AND DISCERNING ON THE WAY**



Thank you God, for all those engaged in the Spiritual Practices of the Missional Learning Communities across the diocese.

Help us learn to accept the Hospitality offered by others in unusual places and by those we least expect.

Turn our assumptions of Hospitality upside-down.

Lead us to depend on the Hospitality of the world

as much as we offer it.

Build bridges of Hospitality for us to cross back and forth upon.

Amen.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Eau Claire - The Episcopal Church (V Province)*

## **18 AUGUST 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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Central Ecuador - The Episcopal Church (IX Province)*



**19 AUGUST 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 Edinburgh - The Scottish Episcopal Church*

**20 AUGUST BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN**

Clergy: Vacant

Readers: Keith Clark, Patricia Saunders

Churchwardens: Peter Willcock

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

Please pray for our benefice following the retirement of our Vicar at the end of July. We give thanks and pray for those leading our services during the vacancy; and we pray for guidance as we look to the future and discern the way forward.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Edmonton - The Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province)*

**21 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: LIVING IN FAITH AND LOVE**



We pray that as individuals, parishes and deaneries approach the conversations focusing on Living in Love and Faith their dialogue, engagement and reflection will be blest. We ask for wisdom and skill in facilitating, sensitivity and attentiveness among members of groups, and remember especially those whose lives are profoundly touched in whatever way, by the subject matter of the material. We give thanks for those whose time and patience has provided us with the resources to come together in

the Spirit as we consider the way forward.

(Prayer request written by Rosemary Walters - Reader at St Paul's Canterbury)

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury & Ipswich - The Church of England (Canterbury Province)*

## **22 AUGUST FAVERSHAM BENEFICE**

Clergy: Simon Rowlands, Daniel Corcoran

Reader: Kevin Swinney

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Anglican Church of South America*

## **23 AUGUST KINGSDOWN, CREEKSIDE AND HIGH DOWNS**

Clergy: Steve Lillcrap

Assistant Curate: Caroline Turvey

Readers: Bob Kinnear, Norman Fowler, Caroline Ramshaw

Reader in training: Pim Baxter

School: Teynham Parochial CE Primary School

Join with us in thanking God for his leading of us. Pray that we will continue to hear that leading clearly. We thank God for the increase in our clergy team with the arrival of Caroline Turvey as Curate and appointment of Rev Jim Pye as a part-time Associate Priest. Please pray with us as we continue to seek God for increasing the number of those willing to serve on the Ministry Leadership Team using the gifts God has provided.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Egba - The Church of Nigeria (Lagos Province)*

## **24 AUGUST LISTENING AND DISCERNING ON THE WAY**



Thank you God, for all those engaged in the Spiritual Practices of the Missional Learning Communities across the diocese.

Give us courage to Announce the Kingdom and point to your activity when we are with others.

Keep us in the holy habit of noticing and naming Your very presence.

It is so simple, yet sometimes so hard for us to speak into the silence and above the noise.

Enliven us with the Spirit to make us eager participants with you, God.

Amen.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Egba West - The Church of Nigeria (Lagos Province)*

## **25 AUGUST** SHEPHERDS LEES

Clergy: Peter Newell

Reader: Lesley Brookes

School: Selling CE Primary School

Please join with us as we give thanks to God for the fellowship and sense of unity that has grown among our church family over the past eighteen months. During this time, some of us have worshipped together online every Sunday, whilst others have been able to worship physically in church when this has been possible, and still others unable to connect virtually or physically have worshipped on their own at home. As we look forward, we pray for God's guidance that we may be both courageous and sensitive to each other's needs.

We invite your prayers for all the congregations within our benefice, and particularly for the church family in Sheldwich who, together with their new churchwardens, are seeking to discern where God is leading in the next stage of the church's ministry.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Egbu - The Church of Nigeria (Owerri Province)*

## **26 AUGUST** PRAYING TOGETHER: LIVING IN FAITH AND LOVE

Heavenly Father, we pray for the living in love and faith discussions, giving thanks for all who contributed to the material, and asking that through listening, prayer, and reflection we may gain a deeper understanding of how you call us to live in love and faith. We pray for all those who will find these discussions painful or have been hurt by our actions; may they know your love. Through these discussions may we grow in knowledge and respect for one another, focusing not on what divides us but what unites us, namely, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Prayer request written by Samuel Keeler-Walker - LGBT Advisor to the Bishop of Dover)

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Egypt - The Episcopal/ Anglican Province of Alexandria*

## **27 AUGUST MAIDSTONE: ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST**

Area Dean: Julian Staniforth

Lay Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: David Gilbert

As we look to becoming more missional as a Deanery, working more closely from across different traditions to serve its diverse urban and rural settings, we pray for the building and strengthening of relationships between clergy, lay ministers and congregations; we pray that we may be church communities seeking to pray for and bless our wider communities; we pray to discern where and with whom the Lord is calling us to engage and partner within our localities; we pray especially for the way forward for mission & ministry with schools, families, children and youth in each locality.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Missionary Diocese of Eha - Amufu - The Church of Nigeria (Enugu Province)*

## **28 AUGUST MAIDSTONE: ST MARTIN**

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:

Margaret Mascall, Roni Lamont, Paul Longbottom, Ron Partridge, Michael Moseley,

Gerry Arber, Colin Johnson, Andrew Hockett, Cindy Kent, Chris Shipley, Ann Mackenzie, Tim Foreman

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ekiti - The Church of Nigeria (Ondo Province)*

## **29 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER FOR STREET PASTORS**



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.

Struan Dunn, Liz Cox, Paul Wintle, John Njoroge, Simon Young, Nicholas Ash

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

## **30 AUGUST** PARKWOOD: CHRIST CHURCH

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Sittingbourne Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enablers; Karen Burgess, Matt Spocchia and Helene Spocchia. May they be upheld and enthused in their ministry and mission. And 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.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ekiti Kwara - The Church of Nigeria (Ibadan Province)*

## **31 AUGUST** LISTENING AND DISCERNING ON THE WAY



The trauma of cross-channel migration not only involves migrants and refugees deceived by traffickers, but this activity also impacts on those who live and work around the coast, they too suffer directly or indirectly, mentally or physically, as a consequence of this activity.

Lord Jesus who was a child refugee, give your mercy and grace to those living around the coast of our diocese who have suffered in any way at the hands

of, or through the actions of migrants, especially those rebuffed by the church when they have come for comfort. Bring your peace to all sides of this conflict, in your name, Amen

(Prayer Request written by David Slater - Joint Lead for Kent Emergency Chaplains Scheme)

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ekiti Oke - The Church of Nigeria (Ondo Province)*





# COP 26

## Canterbury to London



**We'll be taking part in the nationwide pilgrimage from Friday 30 July to Thursday 5 August to show our unity in the call for action as leaders meet at the UN Climate Change Conference in the autumn.**

As we travel from Canterbury Cathedral, through to St Paul's, we would like to take with us your prayers and hopes for those meeting at COP26 in Glasgow and for the future of our planet. We will hold them together and journey with them across the dioceses. The relay team will collect them from us in London and carry them on to Scotland. Uniquely, we will gather them together on a memory stick (no paper!) and this will be our 'baton' to pass on.

Send us your prayers requests at <http://ow.ly/fGuO5oFwxUm>

# KEEP PRAYING PENTECOST

Spirit of Love, leading us out

*‘Breathe on us, breath of God; fill us with life anew.’*

How do we talk to the people around us about our faith, without being driven by guilt or getting tongue-tied by awkwardness?

Here in the Canterbury Diocese we’ve been exploring the idea of ‘Changing Lives Conversations’ – finding simple, easy ways to talk about our faith with each other and with those we meet when the Spirit of Love does indeed send us out.

A Changing Lives Conversation starts with a simple question like: ‘how is Jesus changing your life at the moment’ or ‘what has happened this week to make you smile’, and suddenly we’re talking about things that are meaningful, rather than just getting by on small talk.

We’ve just put together a series of videos giving snapshots of changing lives conversations between all sorts of people, and you can watch them here. Bishop Rose gets the series underway by sharing some ways we can practise ‘talking God’ in our everyday lives. It turns out it can be surprisingly enjoyable!

Find our Changing Lives Conversation playlist here: <http://ow.ly/9Ujt50FxtK8>



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