1 AUGUST  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.

Please pray today for;

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

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Wanyjok - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

2 AUGUST  BENENDEN: ST GEORGE & SANDHURST: ST NICHOLAS

Clergy: David Commander
Assistant Curate: Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
School: Benenden CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Warri - The Church of Nigeria (Bendel Province)

3 AUGUST  CRANBROOK: ST DUNSTAN

Clergy: Vacant
Reader: John Mulrenan
Churchwardens: Andrew Gasson, Nye Jones
School: Colliers Green CE Primary School, Cranbrook CE Primary School

Pray with us today.

St Dunstan’s Cranbrook is now fifteen months into an interregnum. Candidates have recently been interviewed, but we are still awaiting a decision on appointment. Please pray that we do get a new leader appointed.

Please pray for our depleted ministry team, now down to two retired priests, Revd John Tapper, and Revd Diana Bourne; and also for myself as the only Reader, (John Mulrenan). We have two newly appointed Wardens, Andrew Gasson and Nye Jones, and I am sure they would also value your prayers.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Washington - The Episcopal Church (III Province)
Father God,
We thank you for the summer holidays;
for the freedoms it offers us - from daily routines to exploring new spaces,
for the chances to let go and just be.
We ask you to be with those families who find the long holidays hard,
Who struggle with the enforced time together because of work commitments,
lack of routine and space, the worry of having to provide extra meals and just ordinary family dynamics.
Please enable those who need it time to recharge and relax,
time to appreciate the green spaces around us,
time away from the everyday stresses.
For those vulnerable children and young people,
we pray that they may find a measure of peace and security
at some point over the summer, to recognize that they are loved and valued by You.
In Jesus name,
Amen.

Prayer written by Fiona Higgs - Children, Families & Schools Minister at St Nicholas, Allington

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Wau - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)*
At Goudhurst and Kilndown church we continue to discern where the Holy Spirit is at work, and to join in. Please pray for the Weald Family Hub supporting young people who are struggling with mental health and for our other families and youth work including Café Toddlers, Sunday Groups and ‘Blend,’ (an after-school café for secondary school children). Pray for our wonderful teams of volunteers serving across a range of ministries from church services to prayer ministry, Community Lunches and Cupboard, and for our new venture as a CAP Life Skills centre.

Anglican Communion:

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

**6 AUGUST**

**HAWKHURST: ST LAURENCE WITH ALL SAINTS**

Clergy: Rodney Dreyer

School: Hawkhurst CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

*9th Sunday after Trinity, The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

*Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*
Lord Jesus,

You accompanied your disciples on the road as they healed the sick, cast out demons and shared the good news of the Kingdom.

Please be with us in the diocese in our Alpha courses, Parent and Toddler groups, coffee mornings, seeker services and all our outreach efforts.

When people meet us, may they see something of you in us, and may they be drawn by the love of Christ. Give us courage and boldness, gentleness and winsomeness, in inviting our family, friends and neighbours to church, and appropriate events. Please prepare their hearts for such invitations.

Please accompany us, your disciples, as we seek to carry out your Great Commission.

Prayer written by Martin Collings - Licensed Lay Minister at St Mary Bredin, Canterbury

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Wernyol - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province)

8 AUGUST   HEADCORN AND THE SUTTONS

Clergy: Fiona Haskett

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Wiawso - The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)

9 AUGUST   MARDEN: ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS'

Clergy: Nicola Harvey
Reader: Sarah Emmanuel

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Willochra - The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australia Province)
10 August Sissinghurst: Trinity Church with Frittenden: St Mary

Clergy: Peter Deaves
Reader: Tony Staples
Schools: Frittenden CE Primary School, Sissinghurst CE Primary School

Praise the Lord with us for: New people at our services: those who are thirsty for Jesus, and also those willing to pitch in and serve.

The huge blessing of Emma, our (newish) part-time Administrator, making an impact/reducing pressure.

Pray please expectantly for: Wisdom in nurturing/discipling those starting out in faith - especially younger men.

Strategic collaboration, and strengthened links and provision for our two Church Schools.

More joined up and shared pastoral care for the housebound, the bereaved, and many others.

Unity and growth in godliness as we continue grappling with how we faithfully contend for the gospel.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Winchester - The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

11 August Praying Together: for Rest and Refreshment

Our dear Lord Jesus,

We thank you for the opportunity to have a break from our everyday commitments, whether at home or away. We need space to refresh ourselves in both body and mind so that we return invigorated to our busy lives. May we use this time to speak to you and reflect on our own needs, to enjoy the beauty of nature and to share joy and laughter with our family and friends.

We ask this prayer in your name,

Amen.

Prayer written by Madeline Stroud - Authorised Lay Minister at Bearsted: Holy Cross

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Windward Islands - The Church in the Province of the West Indies
12 August  STAPLEHURST: ALL SAINTS

Clergy: Silke Tetzlaff

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Wondurba - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Province Central Equatoria Province)

13 August  PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Deans: Jeremy Worthen, Chris Carnaby-Denyer

Lay Chair: Liz Richardson

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Shirley Leslie

We pray for all those who live, work and study in the Ashford Deanery. We pray for our continuing work together to take forward the Deanery Plan. We give thanks for all who minister in, support and care for the churches in each benefice. We pray for God’s blessing on the communities we serve, particular those who are vulnerable, isolated or struggling. We give thanks for all who reach out to those in need in our urban and rural contexts and show the love of God.

Anglican Communion:

10th Sunday after Trinity

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

14 August  LISTENING AND DISCERNING: FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Dear Lord Jesus,

We pray for your peace in homes where children and young people are this summer. In a time of change and uncertainty being out of routine from school, may they know that you never change. Draw close to those who miss the safety and stability of school life and find being at home in the holidays challenging. Help us to notice them and pray for your peace over them. Amen.

Prayer written by Mim Taylor - Growing Faith Pastor at St Mary Bredin Church, Canterbury

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Worcester - The Church of England (Canterbury Province)
15 August

**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:

David Bannerman, Alex Bienfait, Marian Bond, Ian Campbell, Clive Laker, Paul Miller, Gilbert Spencer, Sue Starkings, Robert Willis, Bonnie Appleton, Philip Cox, Richard Webb

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Blessed Virgin Mary*

*The Diocese of Fort Worth - The Episcopal Church (VII Province)*

16 August

**ASHFORD 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. We pray today for;

Geoff Walters, Ian Rich, Tricia Hill, Cat Darkins, David Bellamy

And for all those offering ministry in the Ashford Outlet Centre, the John Wallis Academy, Ashford School, Asda, and the Town Centre ministry.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Wulu - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province)*

17 August

**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 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 Wusasa - The Church of Nigeria (Kaduna Province)*
Father God, your spirit guides us and brings us peace.

In the busyness of our lives grant us the wisdom to recognise the importance of rest and rejuvenation in this season where we hope to step back from the demands and responsibilities of our daily lives. Help those with commitments which make it hard to embrace the rest they need, especially those who are burdened by the constant pressures of our fast-moving world or financial hardship.

May this summertime provide a sanctuary where we find renewed energy, deepened faith, and a greater capacity to love and serve those around us.

Strengthen us for service Lord, in your name we pray. Amen.

Prayer written by Michael Keeler-Walker - Diocesan Head of People Services & Operations

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Wyoming - The Episcopal Church (VI Province)*
19 August  

**ASHFORD TOWN PARISH**

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

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

We seek God’s guidance in our mission planning as a family of churches in this parish.

We have a particular emphasis on those who are disadvantaged and on the margins. We see God becoming known through our work with poorer families and the refugee community; Ignite, our soon-to-be newest church; and the launch of the Hub at St Francis in September. We pray that people will move from dependency to interdependence, from fear to fullness of life.

We take joy in our many expressions of Christian worship, and ask that God’s love will continue to bring unity in our diversity.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Yambio - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province)*

20 August  

**STOUR DOWNS BENEFICE**

Clergy: Chris Carnaby-Denyer

Assistant Curate: Susan Manners

Reader: John Selden

Schools: Brabourne CE Primary School, Stowting CE Primary School

We pray for new and continuing opportunities to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our communities, developing new ways of worship and especially growing ministry with young people and families. We pray for: the Parish Foodbank, Messy Church, Toddler Church, Toddler Group, Open the Book, ‘Tuesdays at 10,’ Thursday morning coffee and cake, Friday drop-in, ‘First Friday,’ and ‘Thirsty Friday.’ We also pray for discernment in developing creative ways to use our buildings to serve the community, especially using St Mary’s, Sellindge, as a space for art in the community.

*Anglican Communion: 11th Sunday after Trinity*

*The Church of England*
Dear Lord, you call us all to go and make disciples. Help us in this Diocese to fulfil your great commission. May each church be able to see where the needs are greatest and through the Holy Spirit enable them to take meaningful action in their parishes. May the body of Christ seek out and minister to those who are lost, lonely and in despair, knowing that we follow in the footsteps of Jesus himself.

Amen.

Prayer written by Alison Gunther - Licensed Lay Minister at the Ashford Town Benefice

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Yangon - The Church of the Province of Myanmar*

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Clergy: Sandra Marsh

Reader: Mark Taylor

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

Please pray for our Fresh Expressions of church as we gather, share food, fun, friendship and fellowship together.

We ask that signs of a living faith will spring up in the most unexpected places and that we will step out to join with God in creating a passionate and growing Christian presence within the communities we serve.

May we be a beating heart of our communities, signposting God’s love to all, no matter the colour, creed or culture of those we serve.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Yet - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Central Equatoria Province)*
23 AUGUST  PRAYING WITH THE DOVER DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Andy Bawtree
Lay Chair: Nigel Collins
Secretary: Jeremy Wilkes
Treasurer: Marianne Slater

We are in good heart as a Deanery, with faithful hard working clerics supported and encouraged by some wonderful laity. As Christians Together in this corner of the Garden of England, we have been sharing the good news of Jesus in local schools, where we have teachers, governors and support staff. In our communities we offer hospitality and the opportunity to worship the Living God and to find out more, both in person and online. There will be hundreds and thousands of people passing through the port of Dover over the summer months, so we pray for smooth logistics and patience along with efficiency and a touch of humour where necessary. We pray that our zeal for the Gospel will not abate, even with changes in personnel.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Yeri - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Amadi Province)

24 AUGUST  DOVER 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:
Roger Broughton, Stewart Carolan-Evans, Bob Coles, Brian Duckworth, Trish Godfrey, Kevin Jacobs, Richard Le Rossignol, Polly Mason, Marguerite Mower, Peter Sherred, Richard Woods

Anglican Communion:

Bartholomew the Apostle

The Diocese of Yewa - The Church of Nigeria (Lagos Province)
25 August  Praying Together: For the New Academic Year

Heavenly Father, as we begin to prepare for a new academic year we pray for all those returning to places of education and for those who have moved on to the world of work and apprenticeships. We pray for all our hopes and uncertainties. We thank you for the time spent over the summer with families and friends. Give us happiness in our learning and may we work together in our various learning environments to care for one another.

Amen.

Prayer written by Ian Rich - Chaplain to the John Wallis Academy, Ashford

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Yirol - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

26 August  Dover 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.

We pray today for;

Malcolm Sawyer, David Slater, Peter Sherred, Wendy Bowditch, Kevin Jacobs, Barry Knott, Sean Sheffield, Catherine Tucker, Angie Stupple

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Yokohama - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
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:
12th Sunday after Trinity
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our children. We pray for each one of them as they begin new adventures, at Primary or Secondary school, sixth form, university or working; We ask that you will be with them and protect them. We thank you that you have created them for a purpose, and we pray that they would know your love for them. We pray that you would help those struggling with anxiety and mental health, and that you will help those who seek help to be bold to ask for it. Bless our children we pray Lord.

Amen.

Prayer written by Ian Rich - Chaplain to the John Wallis Academy, Ashford

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Lola - The Church of Nigeria (Jos Province)
29 AUGUST  ALKHAM: ST ANTHONY WITH CAPEL-LE-FERNE: ST RADIGUND & HOUGHAM: ST LAURENCE

Clergy: Brian Williams

Anglican Communion:

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

30 AUGUST  BEWSBOROUGH PARISH

Clergy: Sean Sheffield, Stewart Carolan-Evans

Assistant Curate: Seb Lundberg

Reader: Jenny Groombridge

School: Sibertswold CE Primary School

We give thanks for our ‘Let’s’ initiatives, which seek to connect and offer places of belonging for our communities. In particular, we pray for Let’s Chat which launched in May and is already gathering large numbers of local residents weekly for coffee, cake and chat! We pray and give thanks for Seb, Mariann and Hugo, as Seb begins his Curacy with us in the parish. We pray also that God would continue to lead us to be people of peace within our communities, and that we would see more of God’s Kingdom breaking through as we develop and nurture community partnerships and relationships.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ysabel - The Anglican Church of Melanesia
31 August Dover Town

Clergy: Catherine Tucker, Melissa Carter

Readers: Wendy Bowditch, Nigel Collins, Mike Bowditch, Chris Scoble, Graham Snellin

Anna Chaplain: Wendy Bowditch

Schools: St Mary’s CE Primary School, Guston CE Primary School, Dover College, Charlton Church of England Primary School

Pray with us today:

For the wider use, especially from schools, of the new Community Garden at St Martin’s Elmsvale Dover.

For the community’s greater involvement at the Community Open Day at St Peter & St Paul’s Church & Green Charlton.

For a growing connection between Dover College pupils and staff and St Mary’s Church Dover, especially with our Choir and new Director of Music and in respect of offering pastoral support and Confirmation courses.

For the future of the community environmental weekly session ‘St Andrew’s Alive’ at St Andrew’s Buckland.

We pray for discernment in the calling and recruiting of a new Team Vicar & Mission Enabler post within our team.

Prayers for the continued ecumenical work at the Dover Port Chaplaincy, Christians Together in Dover and Dover Outreach Centre.

We give thanks for the Levelling Up fund granted to Dover and we pray for the creative and business opportunities that will create in the town as well as the Port traffic easement scheme.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Yukon - The Anglian Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province)

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