



Diocese of Canterbury
CHANGED LIVES ⇨ CHANGING LIVES

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



February 2023



Dear Father, we give you thanks for all those who lead us in worship Sunday by Sunday. For the time spent in bringing all the many strands of a service together. For their quiet dignity as they lead us into your presence, through liturgy, music and prayer.

We especially thank you for the many members of the laity who give so generously of their time and their gifts to support our clergy in this vital ministry. Please Lord, help all our leaders to feel you walking alongside them as you fill each one with your love and your grace. Amen.

Prayer request written by Ann Friedlos - Licensed Lay Minister in Training at Margate: Holy Trinity

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Pelotas - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (1 Province)

Please pray today for the Missional Learning community 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:

Candlemas

The Diocese of Pennsylvania - The Episcopal Church (III Province)

3 FEB

FOLKESTONE: ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Clergy: Adam Denley

Readers: Robert Grieve, Frances Morgan, Alex Finlow, Joan Herbert

Pray for wisdom and discernment as we seek to disciple our growing community of Iranian men attending the church. Our Thursday nights mens group has now organically changed into an evening with our Iranian brothers. These evenings we take a topic in the Bible and have Q&A's sessions with a Farsi translator. We are teaching them simple Bible handling skills and enjoying listening to them. The majority of them have fled persecution for leaving Islam and converting to Christianity. Pray that we would be sensitive to their needs, pray that the church community would be moved by hearing their stories, and in light of that pray that St John's would be a loving family around them to offer care and help them to heal. The church seems to be attracting many new individuals and families please pray for our eyes to be opened wider to the wonder of the Kingdom of Heaven and the love of God.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania - The Episcopal Church (III Province)

4 FEB

FOLKESTONE: ST MARY, ST EANSWYTHE AND ST SAVIOUR

Clergy: John Walker

Schools: Folkestone St Mary's CE Primary Academy, St Eanswythe's CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania - The Episcopal Church (III Province)

5 FEB

PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE WORK OF THE FOOD BANK



Father God,

We thank you for Your love and grace and the resources and people which help us to keep operating throughout the year.

We have been extra busy recently, with so many people needing help with food, household items, and asking for someone to listen and lift them to You. Thank You for your justice, mercy, and your grace to love without measure.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayer request written by Dave Lamberton -
Chaplain to the Faversham Food Bank

From the 1st of April 2022 to the end of December 2022, the Faversham Food Bank have helped 803 households, feeding 2533 individuals, giving out a total of 22797 meals. This is an increase of 36% over the same period in 2021.

Anglican Communion:

3rd Sunday before Lent

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

6 FEB

FOLKESTONE: ST PETER

Clergy: Mark Haldon-Jones

School: St Peter's CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Territory of the People - The Anglican Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province)

7 FEB

FOLKESTONE: HOLY TRINITY BENEFICE

Clergy: Bob Weldon, Roger Smith

Readers: Hilary Richter, Barry Lock, Heather Tapsell, Charles Lewis, Janette Smith

Anna Chaplains: Bill Mills, Heather Parsons

School: Christ Church CE Primary Academy

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Perth - The Anglican Church of Australia (Western Australia Province)

8 FEB

HAWKINGE BENEFICE

Clergy: Rob Grinsell

Anna Chaplains: Sarah Grinsell, Maggie Smithard

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Peru - The Anglican Church of South America

9 FEB

HYTHE: ST LEONARD

Clergy: Michael Darkins

Reader: Mike Cox

School: Hythe Bay CE Primary School

Heavenly Father, thank you for the movement of your Spirit in Hythe – for the opportunities, encounters, and moments of witness you have presented your people with. We ask that you would continue to bless Hythe. May the 101 Open Door Project continue to be a space for mission and service to the whole community. Inspire the Youth Ministry to continue to flourish and grow, and may it be a loving community for all who are a part of it. Strengthen our ecumenical friendships; and give us wisdom, discernment and the gift of hospitality as we develop a new pattern of worship at Holy Cross Church. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Peshawar - The (united) Church of Pakistan

10 FEB

LYMPNE AND SALTWOOD BENEFICE

Clergy: Barry Knott

Hospital Chaplain: Tricia Hill

Reader: Bob White

Schools: Lympe CE Primary School, Saltwood CE Primary School

We seek God's guidance and strength in all we are doing as we prepare for Easter. We have been blessed with growth and hope for which we give thanks and praise. May God bless those who do so much for him in our benefice, despite the challenges they face in their daily lives. There is so much to be grateful for despite the loss of loved ones and much illness. Our aim throughout 2023 is to give glory to God, for this is the way to His peace for the world and our lives. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Peterborough - The Church of England

11 FEB

PRAYING WITH THE ROMNEY AND TENTERDEN DEANERY: CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Chris Hodgkins

Assistant Area Dean: Sue Rose

Lay Chair: Ian Bentley

Assistant Lay Chair: Penny Lowe

Secretary: Meriel Bailes

Treasurer: Tony Richter

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Central Philippines

12 FEB

PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY



Based on Psalm 43 verse 3:

Lord Jesus Christ

We have answered your call to be active disciples.

We are committed to discipleship and shining a light on Your Truth.

Help us to maintain that light when we inevitably stumble or are overwhelmed

by events. Encourage us not to become distracted in the face of unrelenting disbelief in Your Name. Be with us and strengthen us in our chosen mission to bring others to Your True Light.

Amen.

Prayer request written by Anthony Hyde - Reader in the Dover Deanery, ministering particularly across the St Margaret's Benefice

Anglican Communion:

2nd Sunday before Lent

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

13 FEB

ROMNEY AND TENTERDEN 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:

Gill Calver, Dick Dengate, Keith Fazzani, Sharon Francis, Michael Gooch, Jane Horton, Rosemary Kobus van Wengen, Sheila McLachlan, George Orchard, Joy Rapley, Michael Rose, Margaret Roylance, David Stuart-Smith

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of North Central Philippines

14 FEB

ROMNEY AND TENTERDEN 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 Northern Philippines

15 FEB

BETHERSDEN WITH HIGH HALDEN & WOODCHURCH



Clergy: Sue Rose

Reader: Vera Hopkinson

Schools: High Halden CE Primary School, Woodchurch CE Primary School

Please pray for us as we seek to welcome everyone to our churches. Pray for our coffee mornings and winter warmer initiatives to continue to grow and provide spaces of welcome and hospitality and warmth to those who are struggling this winter. Help us to continue to be brokers between those who are able to donate food and money and those who have needs in our villages at this time. Help us to continue to welcome those who might feel isolated and lonely or unwelcome elsewhere, and for those needing help to have the courage to reach out.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Southern Philippines

16 FEB

BIDDENDEN: ALL SAINTS AND SMARDEN: ST MICHAEL



Clergy: Tessa Lowe

School: The John Mayne CE Primary School

Please could we ask for prayer for our Takeaway Pantry in All Saints Church, Biddenden, which is offering free food and toiletries to the community and has become a source of support and community within the village, especially for young families as the cost-of-living rises. We give thanks to God for

all donations of food, money and time, and for the growing use of our church building as a community hub, alongside the flourishing community library which is also based in the building.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Phulbani - The (united) Church of North India

17 FEB

THE BENEFICE OF ROMNEY MARSH

Clergy: Chris Maclean, Chris Hodgkins, Shuna Body, Jacky Darling

Readers: Les Carter, Penny Lowe, George Faulks, David Gillies, June Noakes

Schools: Brenzett CE Primary School, Brookland CE Primary School, School: St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Pittsburgh - The Episcopal Church (III Province)

Clergy: Lindsay Hammond, Jeanette Kennett

Assistant Curate: Andrew Tapsell

Readers: Alison Gilbert, Judy Vinson, Alan Gostelow, John Badcock, Tessa Badcock

Schools: St Michael's CE Primary School, Tenterden CE Junior School, Wittersham CE Primary School

Please pray for our nine churches and parishes, giving thanks for our ministry team and our churches coordinator Caroline.

Our mission focus for this year is to develop our outreach and worship for families and young people. We pray for our parent and toddler group Little Sparrows, for our relationships with local schools, and for the new initiatives and expressions of church we hope to explore over the coming months.

Pray that we might meet the challenge of continuing to meaningfully minister across our many parishes, especially when we feel stretched. We give thanks for the breadth and depth of our family of church communities, praying that we will grow ever closer in our mission to respond to God's calling.

Anglican Communion:

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

Clergy: Vacant

Reader: Anne Loat

Churchwardens: Meriel Bailes, Charlotte Kerr, Tim Loat, Shirley Winch, Norman Corfield, Ian Woods, Georgina Lancaster, Valentine Showell, Margaret Allen, Mary Sillibourne

Please pray for the 8 churches in the Saxon Shoreline Benefice, that we will, by now, be looking forward to welcoming a new Rector with whom together we will grow in confidence in our faith by deepening our knowledge through the bible, prayer and worship, as we seek to build good relationships with local primary schools and nurture faith amongst families and young children. Pray that we will be receptive to new ways of worship whilst respecting the traditional; for humility to reach out to the marginalised; reinvigorated to explore new ways to share the wonderful news of God's love for all.

Anglican Communion:

Sunday next before Lent

Joseph of Nazareth

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Area Dean: Chris Spencer

Lay Chair: Ian Stephen

Secretary: Christine Taylor

Treasurer: Trevor Longman

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Popondota - The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

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: Martin Clark, Martin Cleeve, Christopher Dent, Anthony Fletcher, Nigel Genders, Sharon Greenwood, Peter Hambrook, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Jeanne Males, Roger Marsh, Michael Morris, Howard Pashley, Sheila Porter, Jasmine Roberts, David Willis, John Winn, Pat Wright, Frank Kent

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Portsmouth - The Church of England



Naked we came from our mothers wombs,
naked we shall depart.

Merciful Lord, in our pain, anger and
questions about the state of the world
we have sinned against you.

Father forgive us.

As we set off on this journey through the wilderness,
Form our character,
Renew our love for You and one another.

Sanctify us for your work in the world.

Strengthen us to grow in faith and to direct others to You.

Settle us in our promised lands that we may flourish
to the glory of Your name.

Through Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Prayer request written by Revd Fungai Catherine Ngangira - Assistant Curate
(Special Responsibility) at Bearsted: Holy Cross Parish

Anglican Communion:

Ash Wednesday

The Diocese of Pretoria - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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.

Mary Donaldson, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Liz Larner

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Puerto Rico - The Episcopal Church (IX Province)

24 FEB

DEAL: ST ANDREW

Clergy: Angus Beattie

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Pune - The (united) Church of North India

25 FEB

DEAL: ST GEORGE THE MARTYR

Clergy: Chris Spencer, Chris Penfold

Assistant Curate: Ben Forbes

Anna Chaplain: Mary Donaldson, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Liz Larner

Anglican Communion:

The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Missionary Diocese of Pyay - The Church of the Province of Myanmar

26 FEB

PRAYING LENT: THE WONDER OF PRAYER

Jesus Christ, born away by the spirit to a hard and lonely place, teach us to trust, even in the barren places where wonder seems a most unlikely promise. As we stumble along unfamiliar paths, lift our eyes to see the beauty we would never have seen had you not led us this way. As we feel the scorch of loss or the thirst of unfulfilled longing, strike for us water from the rocks along our way, that we might wonder at the refreshment you can give, even in the driest places. As we choose to keep moving forward instead of giving up or going back, guide our wanderings, that we might discover new lands and wonder at new possibilities.

(Praying Lent written by Lyndall Bywater - Diocesan Changing Lives Prayer Network Co-ordinator)

Anglican Communion:

1st Sunday of Lent

The Scottish Episcopal Church

27 FEB

PARISH OF UPPER DEAL AND GREAT MONGEHAM

Clergy: Monica Cameron

Self-Supporting Minister: Patrick Kavanagh

Readers: James Sullivan, Nicholas Tomaszewski

Schools: Sholden CE Primary School, Deal Parochial CE Primary School

Please pray for the Missional Community of Upper Deal and Great Mongeham as we pray and work together to respond to the needs of our communities: the Warm Space combined with our Ukrainian Hub and Community Cafe, Friendship Lunch, Coffee Mornings, Messy Church and Chill out Zone for teenagers; visiting Care Homes, Community Hospital and local schools. The work we do with other organizations: ESOL classes, Food Bank, Memory Cafe for people with dementia and their carers, Froglets for under 5s and their parents. Pray for Rev Mother Monica, the Ministry Team, church officials, volunteers and partners.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Qu'Appelle - The Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province)

28 FEB

EASTRY AND WOODNESBOROUGH

Clergy: Andrew Brown

Reader: Hilary Baldwin

Schools: Eastry CE Primary School, Northbourne CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Quebec - The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province)



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