1 Sept  | RIVER: ST PETER & ST PAUL

Clergy: Andy Bawtree
Readers: Lynne Watson, Steve Saunderson, Margaret Bowers, Don Soppitt

We are blessed with a wonderful core of faithful Christians who are involved in a wide variety of teaching, preaching and social activities.

We pray for continued joy, strength and wisdom to follow our Lord’s commands, loving Him and our neighbours.

The Lunch Club, the children’s Sunday Club, Christians together in Dover including Street Pastors.

We pray that others would be encouraged to share their love of Jesus and that their faith also would grow, as we ourselves bear the fruit of the Spirit.

We see ourselves as the beating heart of the village, and pray that we might continue to reflect God the Holy Trinity to our community as we worship and witness.

For compassion, joy and patience in taking funerals, weddings and baptisms, each to their own specific needs.

With special thanks for those who maintain the Church and churchyard, with beautiful flowers.

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Zaki-Biam - The Church of Nigeria

28 Sept  | 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

Please pray for our deanery. We ask for prayers as we seek to find new ways of structuring our deanery as we have found it too difficult to come together across such a large geographic area. We ask for healing and peaceful understanding for all, and we pray that we will find new ways of being the Body of Christ across Romney and Tenterden benefices and parishes so that we might work together to grow God’s Kingdom.

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Ajayi Crowther - The Church of Nigeria

29 Sept  | 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, Alan Davis, Jacques Desrosiers, Keith Fazzani, Tricia Fogden, Sharon Francis, Jane Horton, Rosemary Kobus van Wengen, Sheila McLachlan, George Orchard, David Parrott, Joy Rapley, Michael Rose, Margaret Roylance, David Stuart-Smith, David Trustram

Anglican Communion: Season of Creation
The Diocese of Akobo - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

30 Sept  | 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: Season of Creation
The Diocese of Akoko - The Church of Nigeria
26 Sept  
**LYMNPNE AND SALTWOOD BENEFICE**

Clergy: Barry Knott  
Hospital Chaplain: Tricia Hill  
Reader: Bob White  
Schools: Lympne CE Primary School, Saltwood CE Primary School  

*Anglican Communion:*  
*Season of Creation*  
*The Diocese of Ahoada - The Church of Nigeria*

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27 Sept  
**LISTENING AND DISCERNING: COST OF LIVING AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Creator God, help us to be wise with the use of natural resources. Our reliance on fossil fuels for energy, transport and manufacturing is driving carbon emissions and global warming with resulting extreme weather events (droughts, floods and wildfires), which are impacting on food and other supply chains. All of this is increasing the cost of living with the poor becoming poorer. We pray for sustainable solutions to the cost of living crisis where the environmentally friendly choices are the most economical and the most beneficial to people and planet.

Prayer written by Teresa Redfern - Stour Valley Eco Champion  

*Anglican Communion:*  
*Season of Creation*  
*The Diocese of Aipo Rongo - The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

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2 Sept  
**ST MARGARET-AT-CLIFF WITH WESTCLIFFE & EAST LANGDON WITH WEST LANGDON**

Clergy: Vacant  
Readers: Barbara Broughton, Anthony Hyde, Becky Clifford  
Churchwardens: Anthony Hyde, Anna Newton, John Plommer, Gill Cubitt, Brenda Lester

Please pray with us as we find ourselves in interregnum following a brief incumbency terminated by illness. We gain strength from working together, praying together and knowing that, by trusting in God’s purpose we can follow His Son’s light to lead us forward. We give thanks for the unselfish support of retired clergy who we hold in our prayers. In the absence of an incumbent, we praise those who have come forward to provide pastoral care and encouragement to our worshipping community. Jesus said, “Do not worry about tomorrow.....today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Amen.  

*Anglican Communion:*  
*Season of Creation*  
*The Diocese of Central Zambia - The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

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3 Sept  
**PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE MERCHANT NAVY**

As the nation celebrates Merchant Navy Day - remember the seafarers around our coastline, who have suffered in war, and face difficult and dangerous situations every day to still bring us over 90% of our daily goods.

Lord Jesus, we ask you to take into your care and protection all those who go down to the sea in ships and all who sail in difficult conditions. Protect them in the dangers and the perils of storm and tide, grant them peace and calm within their hearts. Whenever they are far from the shore, from home or from loved ones, help them to be quite sure that they can never drift beyond your love and care. Amen.

Prayer written by David Slater - Lead Chaplain to the Port of Dover and the Channel Tunnel  

*Anglican Communion: 13th Sunday after Trinity*  
*Season of Creation. The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean*
4 Sept
PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR CHILDREN RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for all those returning to or starting a new school this coming September. Be with them through all the joys and in any challenges. Offer them the guidance needed and let them see your Grace in every aspect of this new adventure. Amen.

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

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation
The Diocese of Eastern Zambia - The Church of the Province of Central Africa

5 Sept
TEMPLE EWELL: ST PETER & ST PAUL WITH LYDDEN: ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Clergy: Ian Parrish
Schools: Temple Ewell CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Northern Zambia - The Church of the Province of Central Africa

6 Sept
LISTENING AND DISCERNING: SOARING TEMPERATURES & CLIMATE CHANGE

Creator God, the UK has had the hottest June on record and we have seen soaring temperatures and wildfires in Mediterranean countries and elsewhere, all as a result of human induced climate change. Help our politicians to understand the issues and to have the courage to make bold and right decisions to set us on the path to reducing our emissions and moving to cleaner forms of energy with the ultimate goal of reaching net zero carbon emissions sooner rather than later.

Prayer written by Teresa Redfern - Stour Valley Eco Champion

Anglican Communion: Season of Creation
The Diocese of Zanzibar - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

25 Sept
PART THREE: CREATION AND OUR SENSES

As you pray, I wonder what your context is? Where are you praying: a church, a study, on the move, in a car, on train, or bus? You may be at home caring for a loved one, supervising children, or may be sitting in an armchair or lying in bed. My guess is that most of us will be indoors.

In this season of the church’s year, we are encouraged to focus our prayers on creation. “Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.” famously said Architect Frank Lloyd Wright

Today, may I invite you to do something different: to allow creation to guide your prayers. Let’s try to get close to nature, in whatever way is practical. Let’s deliberately take a small amount of time out of our routines, to be attentive to what is around us, and deliberately use one of our senses to pray, allowing Creation to shape our intercession before God.

Today let’s try to smell.

Taking careful and deliberate notice of what we can smell around us.

Breathing slowly and gently, smelling the earth, the sky, flowers, grass, rain, and then quietly give voice to our prayer.

Lord of Creation,
Thank you.
Amen.

Prayer exercise written by Revd Alex Bienfait - Co-ordinator of ‘Walk Church’

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Aguata - The Church of Nigeria
Loving God

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

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

We pray for Derek, Graham and Simon who are to be admitted to the office of Reader and we pray for Clare who will be licensed with them to exercise a public ministry in your name 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.

Pray by name for those to be admitted and licensed as Readers: Derek Kirkaldie, Graham Dorkins and Simon Pooley.

Pray by name for those to be welcomed and licensed: Clare Masters (formerly of Rochester Diocese).

Prayer written by Nigel Collins - Warden of Readers and Pastoral Secretary

Anglican Communion: 16th Sunday after Trinity
Season of Creation. The Church of Ireland

Clergy: Peter Sherred, Bob Coles, Polly Mason, Brian Duckworth, Kevin Jacobs
Reader: John Morrison

The ministers and congregation of St Mary-in-Castro, Dover Castle give thanks for the increase in our congregation during the past year, the support given to our worship and activities by English Heritage and especially for the growing connection with Guston C of E Primary School, its staff, pupils and parents. We pray that we may be given the vision to build on these encouraging developments offered to us by God’s grace and power and continue to offer witness and worship to all who come to the Castle as regular congregation members, visitors, tourists, military veterans and staff.

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation

The Diocese of Zaria - The Church of Nigeria

8 Sept

Area Deans: Barry Knott, Bob Weldon
Lay Chair: Alan French, Bill Mills
Secretary: Bill Mills
Treasurer: Laurie Maxfield

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation

The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe - The Church of the Province of Central Africa

9 Sept

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:

Peter Ashman, Kim Aston, Bruce Bridgewood, Pam Clark, Ted Clark, Peter Cornish, David Goodburn, Ronald Herbert, Martin Jewitt, David Makepeace, Roger Martin, Barry Preece, John Tomlinson, Eileen Webb

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation

The Diocese of Zonkwa - The Church of Nigeria
Elham 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;
Malcolm Sawyer, Tricia Hill, David Slater, Bill Mills, Heather Parsons, Sarah Grinsell, Maggie Smithard

 Anglican Communion:
14th Sunday after Trinity
Season of Creation
The Church of Ireland

Praying Together: for Rest and Refreshment

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In this season of the church’s year, we are encouraged to focus our prayers on creation. “Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.” famously said Architect Frank Lloyd Wright

For the next four Monday’s, may I invite you to do something different: to allow creation to guide your prayers. Let’s try to get close to nature, in whatever way is practical. Let’s deliberately take a small amount of time out of our routines, to be attentive to what is around us, and deliberately use one of our senses to pray, allowing Creation to shape our intercession before God.

Today let’s try to listen.
Taking careful and deliberate notice of what we hear.
Focusing on the sounds around us, the wind rustling through the leaves, the sound of rain falling on the earth, the busy buzzing of a bee, and then quietly give voice to our prayer.

Lord of Creation, Thank you. Amen.

Prayer exercise written by Revd Alex Bienfait - Co-ordinator of ‘Walk Church’

Anglican Communion: Season of Creation
The Diocese of Zululand - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Hawkinge Benefice

Clergy: Rob Grinsell
Anna Chaplains: Sarah Grinsell, Maggie Smithard

Anglican Communion: Season of Creation
The Diocese of North Africa - The Episcopal Church / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Hythe: St Leonard

Clergy: Michael Darkins
Reader: Mike Cox
School: Hythe Bay CE Primary School

Heavenly Father, as we journey into this new academic year, we ask that you would bless the parish’s mission with its schools, Hythe Bay and Palmarsh. Help the church community to engage with school life, that the relationship between the church and the schools may continue to grow and flourish. And send your Spirit to stir up and revive the community at Holy Cross church. In this year of dedicated mission, give volunteers energy and passion to share the Good News in bold and exciting ways, and bring growth and vibrancy to the church family there, and throughout Hythe. Amen.

Anglican Communion: Season of Creation
The Diocese of Agra - The Church of North India (United)
19 Sept

FOLKESTONE: ST PETER

Clergy: Vacant
Churchwardens: John Hendy, Andy Kemp
School: St Peter’s CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation

The Diocese of Accra - The Church of the Province of West Africa

20 Sept

LISTENING AND DISCERNING: BIODIVERSITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

Creator God, we thank you for the beauty in the variety of life on earth and we pray for the preservation of biodiversity across the world. We pray for an end to the destruction of the Amazon Rainforest, as well as other habitats and their associated species. We pray for the continuation of ecological systems which are vital in helping to regulate our climate.

Prayer written by Teresa Redfern - Stour Valley Eco Champion

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation

The Diocese of Adelaide - The Anglican Church of Australia

21 Sept

FOLKESTONE: HOLY TRINITY BENEFICE

Clergy: Bob Weldon, Roger Smith
Readers: Hilary Richter, Charles Lewis, Barry Lock
Anna Chaplains: Bill Mills, Heather Parsons
School: Christ Church CE Primary Academy

Please pray today for our two Ordinands. Pray too for two other members of our Benefice who are also discerning Ordained Ministry. May each one of them be blessed in their journey, finding that their faith is strengthened and deepened, as they journey forward in the light of Christ.

Anglican Communion: Season of Creation

The Diocese of Afiokpo - The Church of Nigeria

12 Sept

ELHAM DEANERY: MISSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

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:
Season of Creation

The Diocese of Abu - The Church of Nigeria

13 Sept

LISTENING AND DISCERNING: WAR & CLIMATE CHANGE

Creator God, we pray for all those caught up in war situations. We pray for an end to the conflicts and an end to the detrimental impact of war, which not only has a devastating effect on human life but which also is destructive to the built and natural environment with associated release of greenhouse gas emissions. We pray for an end to the unnecessary suffering of people and planet.

Prayer written by Teresa Redfern - Stour Valley Eco Champion

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation

The Diocese of Abu Ngwa North - The Church of Nigeria

14 Sept

CHERITON WITH NEWINGTON

Clergy: Stephen Crofts
Readers: Stephen Brown, Frank Conley, Jenny Hoyle
Schools: All Souls CE Primary School, Seabrook CE Primary School, St Martin’s CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation

The Diocese of Abakaliki - The Church of Nigeria
15 Sept

ELHAM VALLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

Clergy: Stephen Dougal
Assistant Curates: Deb Scoble, Sharon Paine
Readers: Diana Baldwin, Bill Meakin
Schools: Elham CE Primary School, Selsted CE Primary School, School: Lyminge CE Primary School

Please pray for our journey through interregnum. That we might use the time to discern God's needs in our benefice, and build the unity to work towards those goals. Also for all those within our three church schools, particularly those sharing the Gospel through collective worship and Open the Book, and our regular Family Services. We would also lift up in prayer all those in our rural communities who feel isolated and lonely. That their needs might become known to us, and we might have the strength to respond.

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney - The Scottish Episcopal Church

16 Sept

FOLKESTONE: ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Clergy: Adam Denley
Readers: Robert Grieve, Frances Morgan, Alex Finlow, Joan Herbert
Reader-in-Training: Ruth Jones

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Abuja - The Church of Nigeria

17 Sept

FOLKESTONE: ST MARY, ST EANSWYTHE AND ST SAVIOUR

Clergy: John Walker
Reader-in-Training: Vicky Friedrich
Schools: Folkestone St Mary's CE Primary Academy, St Eanswythe's CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:
15th Sunday after Trinity
Season of Creation
The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

18 Sept

PART TWO: CREATION AND OUR SENSES

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Today let’s try to gaze.

Taking careful and deliberate notice of what we can see around us.

Focusing with curiosity on the glimpses of Creation; a bird perched on a chimney pot, a beautiful sunset, wild berries in the hedgerow and then quietly give voice to our prayer.

Lord of Creation,
Thank you.
Amen.

Prayer exercise written by Revd Alex Bienfait - Co-ordinator of 'Walk Church'

Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Abyei - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan