Calendar of Prayer

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’

November 2023
We give thanks for our continued growth together as an Anglican/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership – now in its sixth decade!

For our two 0.2 ministers: Catherine Wagstaff (Methodist); Gillean Craig (Anglican);

For continuing reinvigoration of ministry to our communities of Sturry, Fordwich, Westbere, Hersden and Broad Oak; For our Visioning Programme of new outreach – especially to the large new housing developments throughout our parish;

For ministry to our parish schools – Sturry C of E Primary, Junior King’s School Canterbury, Hersden Primary, and Spires Academy.

Anglican Communion:

All Saint’s Day

The Diocese of Argentina - The Anglican Church of South America

Father of all, you call us into being in the midst of your glorious creation and set us upon the adventure of learning.

Bless Canterbury Christ Church University, which bears the name of your Son.

And send your Spirit to open the eyes of students and staff that they may discover you as the foundation and goal of education.

Amen.

Prayer written by The Revd Dr Jeremy Law - Dean of Canterbury Christ Church University Chapel

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Northern Argentina - The Anglican Church of South America
3 Nov  Thanington: St Nicholas & St Faith

Clergy: Nick White
Assistant Curate: Christa Claire Brodie-Levinsohn

We are grateful to God for providing the funds to repair and restore the lychgate at St Nicholas Church. Work is now underway.

We are also grateful for the arrival of Rev Christa Brodie-Levinsohn. She has moved from London to Canterbury with her family and will be with us for two years to complete her curacy. Please pray for her and her family as they settle in.

Thanington: Messy Church continues at St Nicholas Church. Our vision is for this to become a new congregation within the parish. Please pray for local families to hear about it, to give it a try, to experience God’s love for them, and to grow in faith, hope and love. Please also pray for the volunteer team, that we may work together well and reflect God’s welcome and love in all that we do.

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Argyll and The Isles - The Scottish Episcopal Church

4 Nov  Canterbury: Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ

The Dean: David Monteith
Archdeacon: William Adam
Canon Librarian: Tim Naish
Canon Missioner: Emma Pennington
Canon Treasurer: Andrew Dodd
Non-Executive Members of Chapter: Caroline Spencer, Jane Ibbotson, Janice Reid, Richard Oldfield. We are beginning a vision and strategy process with much listening, talking and prayer going on in the coming months to discern the path ahead for the cathedral in our ministries locally, across the diocese, province and internationally. This will set a direction for the next 5-10 years. Covid and other challenges hit us hard. We need to rebuild confidence in staff, volunteers and congregations and each year we have to secure £11million of funding just to keep open before we attempt big restoration work. We don’t get government or diocesan funding so we need to be imaginative. Please pray for us as we try and become radically open to those who wish to join us or visit us. Pray for our growing ministry to visiting schools, our new music outreach work in local schools, our response to the challenge of becoming Carbon-zero, our on-line provision which sustains thousands across the world. This Advent and Christmas we will focus on Angels and that they bring good news especially to the poor and fearful partnering with Porchlight’s work with homeless people. We have more opportunities than we can address - please pray that we may be discerning in our choices and that our teamwork and mutual support may develop and strengthen.

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Arizona - The Episcopal Church
5 Nov  
**EAST BRIDGE DEANERY: ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

Area Dean: Stefan Thomas  
Lay Chair: Steve Sheath  
Lay Chair Assistant: John Andrews  
Secretary: John Andrews  
Treasurer: Michael Gallagher

We give thanks for Rev Lesley Hardy as the new incumbent for the Little Stour Benefice but we continue to pray for the Canonry Benefice who wait for a minister to be called to their parishes. We pray that through our Deanery Plan that we can sustain our mission priest, Rev Nick Ratcliffe and for all our benefices to be visionary in blending lay and ordained ministries for the Gospel in reaching into our communities. We also pray that a part-time Ignite Enabler may expand to assist some churches of our deanery and for ministries in our schools.

*Anglican Communion: 4th Sunday before Advent. La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*

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6 Nov  
**EAST BRIDGE 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:

Kenneth Child, Nigel Hale, Lizzie Hopthrow, Barbara Way

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Arkansas - The Episcopal Church*

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7 Nov  
**LISTENING AND DISCERNING: FOR THOSE SEEKING WARMTH THIS WINTER**

Lord, we pray for all who will seek shelter and warmth this winter, and for all those places around our diocese where a welcome will be offered. We pray for your blessing on warm spaces, on open churches and community buildings, and on everyone who will share and receive hospitality and food.

Give us open hearts and listening ears to learn from one another and to rejoice in your gifts of friendship, love and service.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer written by Revd Vicky Coneys - PTO Priest in the Thanet Deanery

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Armagh - The Church of Ireland*
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:

Lorraine Apps-Huggins, Hilary Hills, Ray Horton, Rex Morton

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Armidale - The Anglican Church of Australia

9 Nov  

Barham Downs with Adisham Benefice

Clergy: Stefan Thomas, Nick Ratcliffe
Readers: Esther Jonas, Simon Pooley
School: Adisham CE Primary School
Barham CE Primary School

We give thanks for the new ministry of Simon Pooley as Lay Reader and pray that as we prepare to build a toilet for St Margaret’s, Womenswold, it will allow the church to be used by all members of our community. We give thanks for the mission to families and youth at Aylesham and for the Youthscape Launchpad project to enable new youth mission in our rural parishes. We pray for our Churchwardens and Treasurers as they work and learn together in enabling mission to be supported and for our pastoral care team.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Arochukwu / Ohafia - The Church of Nigeria

10 Nov  

The Bridge Benefice

Clergy: Estella Last
Assistant Curate: Miriam Hinksman
Reader: Margaret Clarke
School: Bridge & Patrixbourne CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Aru - Province de L'Eglise Anglican Du Congo
Clergy: Vacant

Readers: Janice Willett, Anne Talbert

Churchwardens: Jacqueline Wilkinson, Dave Hampson-Ghani, Alison Stone, Mollie Metcalfe, Roddy Baker, Susan Kittle, Hugh Norton, Paul Willett

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

Anglican Communion:

*The Diocese of Asaba - The Church of Nigeria*

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**12 Nov**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

We pray for those whose lives have been disfigured by war;

For current and former service personnel who suffer in mind, body and spirit,

for the families and friends who support and love them,

and for those who mourn loved ones lost in conflicts past and present.

Inspire and strengthen us to bind up the wounded, to comfort the bereaved, and to strive daily for justice and peace.

May your Holy Spirit rest kindly upon each one,

and may the souls of the fallen rest in peace and rise in glory.

For we ask these things in the name of your Son, the Prince of Peace,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Jack Greenhalf - Assistant Curate at the Whitstable Team Ministry

*Anglican Communion:*

*3rd Sunday before Advent*

*Igreja Anglicana de Moçambique e Angola*
Chaplain of The Living Well: Lorraine Apps-Huggins
Assistant Chaplains: Hilary Hills, Ray Horton, Rex Morton

Please pray for The Living Well: its chaplaincy, wardens, administrator, trustees, team, guests, programme and ministry as it looks to the future and wonders about God’s ongoing provision. Pray as it seeks out more volunteers, in the area of hospitality and chaplaincy, and continues to serve faithfully, joyfully with a constant call to bring healing to a hurting, restless world.

The new sturdy rustic fencing put in place this autumn reminds us to walk our boundaries, to establish what we can offer and what we cannot, to accept that we live always on the edge of that which is slightly beyond.....but which can be ‘glimpsed’ in Christ Jesus. Amen!

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Asante-Mampong - The Church of the Province of West Africa

God our Father, look with compassion on our brothers and sisters who will find themselves sleeping rough, on the streets, in tents or in hostels through the cold dark months of this winter.

We ask for your wisdom and your blessing for all the different ways in which people and communities will reach out to try to help. We pray with thanks for our Ignite congregations which draw together many whose lives are vulnerable or difficult; may your Spirit be powerfully present.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer written by Revd Vicky Coneys - PTO Priest in the Thanet Deanery

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Saint Asaph - The Church of Wales
15 Nov  THE LITTLE STOUR BENEFICE

Clergy: Lesley Hardy
Reader: Katharine Harris
Schools: Wickhambreaux CE Primary School, Littlebourne CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Athabasca - The Anglican Church of Canada

16 Nov  RECULVER DEANERY: ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Simon Tillotson
Lay Chair: Malcolm Waller
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: David Kemp

Pray today for Herne parish during the current vacancy - especially for discussions about this side of the Deanery.

For our Deanery Mission Plan - especially our current bid applications for children and youth outreach projects at Seasalter and Swalecliffe and for ways for working together more effectively as a Deanery.

For our PTOs and Readers and for those training for ordained and Reader ministry.

For Revd Simon Tillotson, our Area Dean and Malcolm Waller our Lay Chair and the members of the Deanery Mission Ministry Committee and Deanery Synod as we work closely together.

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Atlanta - The Episcopal Church

17 Nov  RECULVER 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:

Denise Critchell, John Currie, Jenny Hadlow, Keith McNicol, Chris Morgan-Jones, Barbara Nicholson, Chris Seppala, Chris Skingley, Christopher Smith, David Springthorpe, Pat Strowger, Howard Such

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Attooch - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
18 Nov Reculver 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.

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Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Auckland - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

19 Nov Reculver Deanery Ignite Hub

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Reculver Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enabler; Paula Martin. May she be upheld and enthused in her 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:

2nd Sunday before Advent

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

20 Nov Reculver Deanery Missional Learning Communities

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:

The Diocese of North West Australia - The Anglican Church of Australia
Lord Jesus, we hold before you those who are travelling across countries and between nations in these cold months of winter. Where there is fear, bring peace; where there is exploitation, bring justice; where people suffer, bring relief. Please give your wisdom and compassion to those who have responsibility for caring for them, those who make decisions about their futures, and those who speak out on issues of migration and asylum, for you are the Lord of peace and the hope of the hopeless.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer written by Revd Vicky Coneys - PTO Priest in the Thanet Deanery

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Aweil - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

22 Nov

HERNE BAY: CHRIST CHURCH (HAMPSTON: ST ANDREW)

Clergy: Anthony Everett, Simon Fellows

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Awerial - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

23 Nov

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF RECUlVER

Clergy: Sue Martin

Churchwardens: Ken Skinner, Catherine Hampton, Clare Hopper

Schools: Reculver CE Junior School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Awgu / Aninri - the Church of Nigeria

24 Nov

ST MARTIN’S, HERNE WITH ST PETER, GREENHILL

Clergy: Vacant

Reader: Deborah Waller

Churchwardens: Priscilla Cox, Christopher Exley

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Awka - The Church of Nigeria
Pray today for those amongst whom we minister who are bereaved or affected by conflict. For our children and young people, especially those with mental illness supported by the Coastal Family Hub, and for our plans and preparations for a Youth Hub. For those growing in the faith, for the new Runway service for 18 - 40yrs, for those training for ministry and discerning a vocation to public ministry. That each of our five churches continue to serve as beacons of hope for all across the parish, despite adversity and challenge.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Awori - The Church of Nigeria

26 NOV PRAYING TOGETHER: WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER

Loving Father, who draws us into relationship through Jesus,
We hold before you all taking part in this Advent’s Week of Accompanied Prayer.
We ask that your Spirit will lead and guide each Prayer Guide and Participant that through stillness we become aware of your whispers of love in whatever way you choose. May we all have a fresh encounter in preparation for celebrating Emmanuel - God with us.
Amen.

Prayer written by Anne Rees - Prayer guide in the Canterbury Diocese

Anglican Communion:

Christ the King
The Church of Nigeria
27 Nov  

**THANET DEANERY**

Area Dean: Philip Musindi  
Lay Chair: Judith Andrews  
Secretary: Audrey Morris  
Treasurer: Len Reed

Please pray today for the members of the churches in areas of deprivation; for the parishes in Vacancy; for all priests, deacons and lay ministers serving faithfully and with humility; for our school communities and those who offer Christian witness to them; for churchwardens and PCC members as they uphold the business matters of church life; for those who quietly and generously support the unnoticed activities of parish life; for those with key roles at Deanery level - for wisdom, grace and the Spirit's guidance.

**Anglican Communion:**

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

28 Nov  

**LISTENING AND DISCERNING: FOR CHILDREN IN NEED THIS WINTER**

Father, we pray for children here in our diocese who this winter will go to bed hungry; for those who this night will sleep on the floor, on sofas or in cold and damp accommodation; for those who will go to school without eating any breakfast.

Today we pray for the ministry of our local schools, and for all those who will care for children through breakfast clubs, and through pastoral care and support for families. Bless the life of our school communities, that children may experience acceptance, love and comfort. For every act of kindness, we give you thanks and praise.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer written by Revd Vicky Coneys - PTO Priest in the Thanet Deanery

**Anglican Communion:**

*The Diocese of Badagry - The Church of Nigeria*
29 Nov Thanet 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:

Bernard Allen, Phil Barnes, Malcolm Bradshaw, John Chater, Gary Colville, Vicky Coneys, Michael Cooke, David Frost, Peter Gausden, Brian Griffiths, Denis Hartley, Peter Russell, Annie Shaw, David Tate, Kerry Thorpe, Alysoun Whitton, Susan Wing, Sue Woan

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands - The Church in the Province of the West Indies*

30 Nov Thanet 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.

Judith Andrews, Brian Sharp, Bernard Allen, Margaret Paddison, Chris White, Ken Cox, James Goodwin-Hudson, Andrew Jacobson, Gerald Watkins, Margaret Paddison, Lorraine Bant,

Amanda Madgwick

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ballarat - The Anglican Church of Australia*
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