

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

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October 2022

1 OCT RAMSGATE: ST GEORGE

Clergy: Paul Worledge

Give thanks for the continuing work of the Community Meal and the establishment of a Community Investment Company to help hold and raise funds for this and other local initiatives. Pray for wisdom as we consider other areas of work that we may engage with.

Pray for the food club that runs out of our church hall as it is taken on by Social Enterprise Kent.

Pray also for the continuing development of the Growth Communities idea as we set up leadership teams to help enable building community and growing disciples in partnership with St. Luke's.

Pray for the appointment of a Regeneration officer to help us develop the church buildings to be a useful community resource in the centre of Ramsgate. We advertised in September and are hoping to interview and appoint on 6th October.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Murray -The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australia Province)

2 OCT LISTENING AND DISCERNING: CLIMATE CHANGE



Creator God, we see the consequences of climate change around us, the heatwaves, droughts, and floods across the globe. Help us to minimise our carbon emissions and move away from our dependence on fossil fuels. We pray that alternative and renewable forms of energy are developed quickly. We pray for global effort and your guidance in seeking solutions to the climate crisis.

Prayer request written by Teresa Redfern -
Canterbury Diocesan Environmental Officer

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Anglican Church of Canada



Eternal God,

You have set before us a banquet of beauty and love;

Expand our hearts to care for your creation,

And extend our tables to all in need of home,

Amen.

Our Harvest/Creationtide image reminds us of the privilege of sitting down together to enjoy food and friendship.

Who are the people in our local communities who rarely get to be part of a scene like this?

What might we do to create spaces of warmth and welcome?

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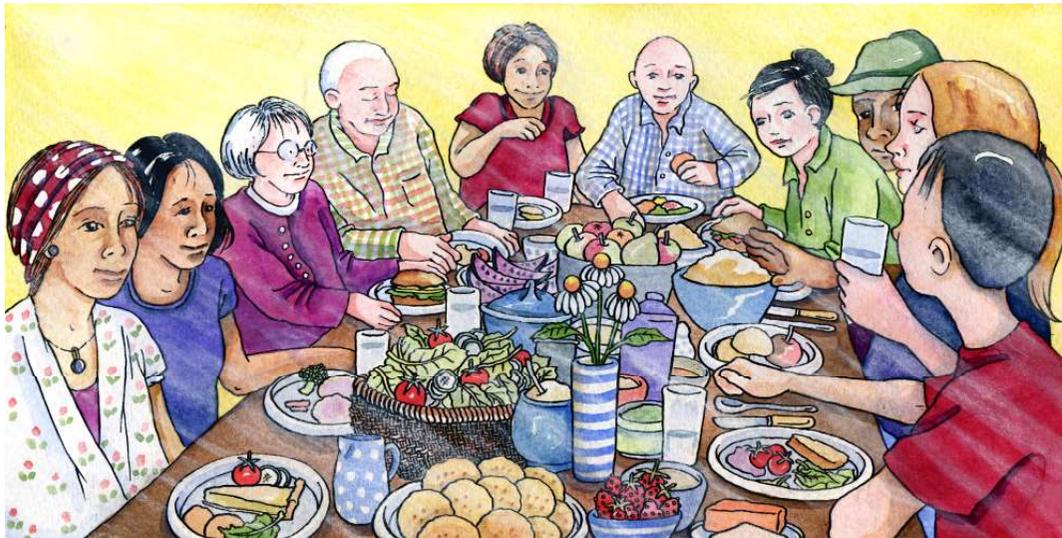
KEEP PRAYING



HARVEST AND CREATIONTIDE - TO PLANT IS TO HOPE: TO RESTORE IS TO HEAL: TO PROTECT IS TO LOVE

Generous Creator God -

- We take comfort from the rhythm of the seasons, bringing beginnings and endings, growth and change.
- We pray for the 'Communion Forest', launched at the Lambeth Conference, encouraging tree-planting, forest protection and eco-system restoration around the world.
- We pray for the new Prime Minister: for wisdom in addressing the challenges we face.
- We pray for food banks and all those working to alleviate food poverty as food prices rise.
- We pray for ourselves, for the grace to welcome, include and share.



3 OCT RAMSGATE: ST LUKE

Clergy: Paul Worledge

Assistant Curate: Claire Coleman

Give thanks for the continuing success of our Thursday morning coffee morning, Cafe-4-all and pray it will help us grow further connections with the local community.

Pray for the development of our Youth and children's work in the coming months as we seek renewed vision for this important part of our ministry.

Pray also for the continuing development of the Growth Communities idea as we set up leadership teams to help enable building community and growing disciples in partnership with St. George's.

Give thanks for a number of new people in church, including those who are new to faith and pray for the upcoming confirmation service on Sunday 6th November.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Muyinga - The Anglican Church of Burundi

4 OCT ST ANDREW, READING STREET

Clergy: Philip Musindi

Reader: Michael Hawthorne

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Myitkyina - The Church of the Province of Myanmar

5 OCT ST LAURENCE-IN-THANET BENEFICE

Clergy: Andrew Jacobson, Ken Cox

Readers: Sue Cox, Judith Andrews, Frances Barnes, Amanda Champs

Anna Chaplain: Judith Andrews

We praise God for the new people who have joined our churches, particularly those who are deepening their faith through the parish confirmation and discipleship group. We thank God for our local leadership teams, PCC and all who lead our various groups and societies, especially our faithful PTOs and Lay Readers.

Please pray for the 'Break the Cycle' Project based in St Christopher's House Newington that offers those released from prison into potential homelessness the opportunity to rebuild their lives from a secure base.

Please pray for our parish pastoral teams as they continue to care for the many sick and bereaved.

We continue to thank God for our strong links with St Laurence in Thanet Church of England Junior Academy and the opportunity to lead collective worship twice a week.

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nagpar - The (united) Church of North India

6 OCT WANTSUM GROUP

Clergy: Vacant

Reader: Sally Willins

Churchwardens: Sue Hergest, David Mairs, Peter (Budgie) Paul

Schools: Chislet CE Primary School, Minster CE Primary School, Monkton CE Primary School, St Nicholas at Wade CE Primary School

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we the people living, working and worshipping in the Wantsum Benefice are in need of your prayers. Please help and pray with us as we ask the Lord to grant us courage, increase in strength of faith and for his healing light to shine upon us. We pray also for growth in our congregations and forgiveness of our sins. We do not know what we will face tomorrow but in God's word we place our trust. May God richly bless us all. In the blessed name of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Lord and Father, we ask that you guide us at this time of vacancy in the Wantsum benefice. Bind us together with a strong bond, so we can support each other through the uncertainty. We particularly ask that you grant us the vision to see clearly what we can be for your glory in the village communities we serve. We ask all this for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nairobi - The Anglican Church of Kenya

7 OCT WESTGATE-ON-SEA: ST JAMES

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Jean Starke, Mick Flanders

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nakuru - The Anglican Church of Kenya

8 OCT WESTGATE-ON-SEA: ST SAVIOUR

Clergy: Karen Gooding

Pray with us for a continued response to God's call to offer service, confident in his power to equip and sustain. Over past months, various individuals have moved into lay leadership roles focused on prayer, bible study and extending hospitality on behalf of the church into the wider community. We pray for those who will begin to take responsibility for leading worship over the coming months and for the strengthening and unity of the Christian fellowship.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nambale - The Anglican Church of Kenya

30 OCT LISTENING AND DISCERNING: WELLBEING BENEFITS FROM OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Creator God, we thank you for this wonderful world we live in, for your gifts of creation that support and sustain us, for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat. Help us to appreciate the many physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing benefits from spending time with nature. May we treasure and care for all your wonderful gifts of creation so that they may continue to support and sustain generations to come. We pray for global understanding of the value of nature for wellbeing and for the long term care of our natural world.

Prayer request written by Teresa Redfern - Canterbury Diocesan Environmental Officer

Anglican Communion:

4th Sunday before Advent

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

31 OCT MAIDSTONE: ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST



Clergy: Gareth Dickinson

Reader: Brad Cook

We are very thankful for a great church holiday at New Wine and our community holiday club which ran over the summer. Lord, bless the new families we connected with.

Please pray for:

St. Luke's Vision Sunday

Our Pilgrim's Way Comedy Night with comic Andy Kind.

The 'Transforming Space for Transforming Mission' building project, as we look to update and build facilities fit for the mission and ministry of Jesus.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of New York - The Episcopal Church (II Province)

28 OCT MAIDSTONE: ST ANDREW (BARMING HEATH)

Clergy: Vacant

Reader: John Sweetman

Churchwardens: Julius Gnanamoney, John Sweetman

We give thanks that the number attending our services has grown despite being in interregnum. We pray and give thanks for the eight young people being confirmed. We pray especially for our supporting priest, Canon Liz Walker and for all her efforts to sustain our Church family including the reopening of our Thursday Afternoon Community Café as a free facility for people in our community as winter approaches. We also pray that more people may come forward to share in leadership and in caring for our Church.

Anglican Communion:

Simon and Jude, Apostles

The Diocese of New Jersey - The Episcopal Church (II Province)

29 OCT MAIDSTONE: ST FAITH WITH RINGLESTONE HALL



Clergy: Arthur Houston

Readers: Sue Shaw, Ann McDonald

As we watch with excitement the progress in the building of the St Faith's Church and Community Centre, we thank God for his faithfulness to us and give him the glory.

Please pray for:

- Safety on the construction site.
- Rev Arthur Houston, our PCC and the Ringlestone Church and Community

Centre Development Group, for wisdom in the many decisions which still need to be made.

- The necessary resources and finances to be in place at the right time.
- Our congregation, currently worshipping in a variety of venues, including the local pub, after the sale of the old St Faith's Church.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of New Westminster - The Anglican Church of Canada - BC & Yukon Province)

9 OCT LISTENING AND DISCERNING: BIODIVERSITY LOSS



Creator of the rich diversity of life, the way that we have used and spoilt land and seas – through deforestation, agriculture intensification, built development and pollution – has caused huge losses of biodiversity. Help us to change our ways towards more sustainable land management and fishing practices that enable wild flowers, insects, birds, mammals and sea life to flourish. We pray for global action to halt further species loss and to

reverse the decline in biodiversity.

Prayer request written by Teresa Redfern - Canterbury Diocesan Environmental Officer

Anglican Communion:

17th Sunday after Trinity

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

10 OCT PRAYING WITH THE WEST BRIDGE DEANERY

Area Dean: Cathy Sigrist

Lay Chair: Caroline Knight

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Nigel Poole

Please pray for West Bridge Deanery and for the mission, ministry an outreach opportunities in our Deanery.

We give thanks to all, whether lay or ordained, who offer their time and talents unstintingly in the various ministries to which they have been called and we give thanks that Caroline Knight has recently become Lay Chair of our Deanery.

We pray for our schools, students, teachers, support staff and school governors. We praise and thank God for the teachers who inspire the students with their wisdom and knowledge and pray that their learning may be full of truth and wonder and that their hearts and lives always reflect God's love and truth every day.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Namibia - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

11 OCT WEST 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:

Garth Barber, Brian Chalmers, John Hewes, Linda Schryver, Dylan Turner

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Namirembe - The Church of the Province of Uganda

12 OCT PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE COST IN LIVING CRISIS



Dear God,

At a time when so many are struggling with the cost of daily life, we give thanks for all those are still willing to share with others the resources that they have. Bless, we pray, those who give and those who receive and may they know that the Kingdom of God has come close to them. Amen.

Prayer request written by Dr Peter Le Feuvre
- Chair of Trustees for The Rainbow Centre,

Folkestone

Anglican Communion:

The Missionary Diocese of Nampula - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

13 OCT WEST BRIDGE 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 Nandyal - The (united) Church of South India

14 OCT CHARTHAM AND UPPER HARDES WITH STELLING

Clergy: Louise Vincer

Pastoral Assistant: Angela Hirst

Anglican Communion:

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

25 OCT LOOSE: ALL SAINTS

Clergy: Steve Price, Chris Thom

Reader: Barbara Lewis

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of New Busa - The Church of Nigeria (Kwara Province)

26 OCT PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE COST IN LIVING CRISIS



Loving Father, we pray for a blessing on the work our team offers to those in need. As winter approaches, and as the cost of living continues to increase, we pray for all those who are struggling with hardship and deprivation, for families and for individuals in any kind of need. We ask for guidance and wisdom as we seek to offer valuable and meaningful help. May we reach out with the loving, gentle, generous hands of Jesus Christ. This we ask in his name and for his glory. Amen.

Prayer request written by the Tenterden Community Hub

Anglican Communion:

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

27 OCT MAIDSTONE: ALL SAINTS WITH ST PHILIP WITH ST STEPHEN (TOVIL)

Clergy: John Richardson

School: Archbishop Courtenay CE Primary School

Give thanks with us that the roof project is complete and All Saints is open for business on a daily basis. The three congregations are blending together well in a weekly basis in their Sunday Worship and Study Groups.

The new culture of mission, ministry and pastoral care is based on prayerful discipleship as people are drawn into their personal relationship with Jesus. And new leaders are emerging. Exciting days are happening at St. Stephen's (based in Archbishop Courtney School), where the church is blossoming with school and community families through a weekday church. We rejoice in the success of this fresh expression church plant.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of New Hampshire - The Episcopal Church (I Province)

21 OCT MAIDSTONE 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.

Clifford Goble, Nicola Mitra, Sue Yeo, Susie-Alexandra Simpson, Geoffrey Burn

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nebraska - The Episcopal Church (VI Province)

22 OCT MAIDSTONE IGNITE HUB

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Maidstone Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enabler; Angela Frost. 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:

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

23 OCT LISTENING AND DISCERNING: ENVIRONMENTAL REFUGEES

Creator God, we pray for all those forced to leave their homelands as a result of environmental degradation, for those where there is no rain for crops to grow, for those where sea level rise makes coastal areas unliveable, for those where flooding from storms washes homes and livelihoods away. We pray for global action to support people displaced as a result of environmental degradation and for action to combat the main driver of this, climate change.

Prayer request written by Teresa Redfern -

Canterbury Diocesan Environmental Officer

Anglican Communion:

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

24 OCT ALLINGTON: ST NICHOLAS WITH MAIDSTONE: ST PETER

Clergy: Chris Lavender

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nevada - The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)

15 OCT KING'S WOOD BENEFICE

Clergy: Catherine Sigrist

Reader: Gerry Willis

School: St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our parishes as we continue to reconnect with those within our benefice, not only through our services but also through our social and outreach initiatives. We give thanks and pray for all the families, who have opened their doors and hearts to welcome families from Ukraine; with all the joys, opportunities and challenges that this presents. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and for all other areas of the world where there is fighting, war and unrest, praying for the day when those who have had to flee for their lives may be able to return in safety to their homes and communities.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nasir - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Upper Nile Province)

16 OCT PRAYING TOGETHER: A BLESSING ON OUR DAILY LIVES

Creator God, we praise you for your work in Creation,
for the beauty and wonder of the world in which we live.

We thank you that you have called us to serve you,
in all that we give of ourselves in our daily work,
whether in places of education, workplaces or homes.
In our work, may we come to fullness of life, in your image,
And be ever willing to serve you and one another.

Forgive us for when we have failed to appreciate the work of others.
Help us to see and respect the dignity of all,
And be willing to take our part, however costly, in ensuring that all are valued.

Bless us in our work and daily lives.
Give us confidence to be faithful in the small and everyday things,
Through which you make your purposes known. Amen.

Prayer request written by Revd Dr Stacey Rand - Senior Research Fellow (Associate Professor), University of Kent and Associate Priest, Blean and Tyler Hill, Canterbury

Anglican Communion:

18th Sunday after Trinity

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

17 OCT THE UNITED WYE BENEFICE

Clergy: Ravi Holy, Linda Cross, Lorraine Lawrence
Readers: Paul Burnham, Maureen Burnham, Kevin Rall, Lucy Carvill
School: Bodsham Church of England Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Natal - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

18 OCT MAIDSTONE DEANERY

Area Dean: Phil Goodey
Lay Chair: Geoff Lay
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Susan Ghinn
School: St Augustine Academy

Anglican Communion:

Luke the Evangelist

The Area of Mission in Navajoland - The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)

19 OCT PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS



God, you call us all to follow your Son as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You have gifted some to lead us and teach us how to follow Christ, and for them we pray today. Grant these ones humility in leadership, patience in leading, openness in their learning, and joy in every challenge. For our new curates, and those appointed to positions of leadership and ministry, O Lord, help us to uphold them as they grow into their roles like walkers becoming runners, like runner beans swelling to maturity, like eco-bulbs brightening with time and experience. Amen.

Prayer request written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie -
Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry

Anglican Communion:

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

20 OCT MAIDSTONE 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:

Ruth Bierbaum, Richard Birch, Clinton Davis, Alisoun Francis, Kes Grant, Joy Green, David Grimwood, David Jones, Paul Kish, Peter Maurice, Adie McCall, Brian Stevenson, Colin Terry, Julian Waite, Liz Walker, Robin Williamson

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Nebbi - The Church of the Province of Uganda