

### St Mary, Greenhithe

Thank God for the blessing of joint services with St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe, and pray that both congregations will grow spiritually and numerically during this time. Please pray for safety, for all, as works to our roof and masonry continue; for materials to be available when needed and for the job to be finished on time and price, as scheduled. Pray for those across the Deanery preparing for Confirmation at St. Mary's, Greenhithe, on October 8th.

*Charlie and Gareth Lloyd-Evans; Mandy, Jen, Margaret; Ben and Rod and the PCC.*

### St Peter & St Paul, Milton

For our congregation and parish; for all the plans for August and September.

*For Graham and Linda Herbert and the PCC.*

### St Peter and St Paul, Shorne

For our congregation and parish; for all the plans for August and September.

*For Ted and Sylvie Hurst and the PCC*

### St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe

Please pray for Rev Charlie, Gareth and all their family at this time.

We ask for God's blessing for the children as they begin their summer holidays. Please pray for all who feel lonely or who have suffered a bereavement at this time.

*For Charlie and Gareth Lloyd-Evans, Jean Budgen, Church Wardens and the PCC.*

### Gravesham Street and School Pastors

Pray for the Ministry of Street and School Pastors as we give thanks for the response given in fundraising with the Concert and Cream Tea. Pray fervently for more volunteers as present members look to retirement.

Prayers for the **October and November 2023** edition of the Gravesend Deanery

Pray-ers leaflet no **later than 9am, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September please** to:

Marion Fielder-White [fwm Marionfw@gmail.com](mailto:fwm Marionfw@gmail.com) 01474 823381

### *Deanery Prayers Meeting*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September*

*2.30pm at St Botolph's Church (main door)*

*An opportunity for prayer, fellowship and refreshments together*

## Gravesend Deanery

## August and September 2023

**Isaiah 18v4** "This is what the Lord says to me: "I will remain quiet and will look on from my dwelling place, like shimmering heat in the sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."



**A message for all of us from Revd Nigel Bourne, Area Dean  
Heavenly Father,**

**Bless each parish, church and school in our Gravesend Deanery  
to build us up for the blessing of this area and for your glory.  
Help our leaders, ordained and lay, and help us all to work together  
and know the fruit of your Holy Spirit in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

At the end of the school year and the beginning of another, we hold in prayer all the schools, playgroups and nurseries in the Deanery; for those attending, for staff, parents and carers and for Governors and Trustees.

### St Aidan, Gravesend

We pray for: all teachers and young people having a well earned break after a difficult year; for families spending more time together - that relationships will grow stronger; for those going to school for the first time - those changing schools - those leaving home to further their education

For this parish of St Aidan and our Patronal Festival, 3rd September, giving thanks for all who have faithfully worked and worshipped here in the past, for Dennis and Rob our churchwardens and all who carry responsibility for the smooth running of our church.

*For Michael and Amy Payne and the PCC*

### All Saints, Perry Street

We pray for all going on holiday, that they may have a relaxing time unhindered by industrial action, and return refreshed and ready for the realities of life. For new people visiting our church that they may find a welcome and spiritual refreshment. We pray for all who are sick and suffering and those awaiting medical appointments; calm their fears and anxiety. We give thanks for the lives of all who have gone before us and now live with the Father in heaven.

*For Fr Clive Jones and Fr Simon Walker, Wardens and PCC.*

**St John, Higham with Merston**

For our congregation and parish; for all the plans for August and September

*For Fr Clive, Churchwardens and PCC*

**Huggens College, Northfleet**

We give thanks for the community of the College, the residents of the 30 bungalows, the members of staff and their families, and the College Trustees.

For our activities, social events and outings. For the current consultation with Collegians about increasing the number of Collegians living at Huggens. For the College Chapel, its regular pattern of daily worship and the fellowship that flows from this.

*For College Chaplain, Philip Davies, and for Julia Davies and their family.*

**Holy Family, Gravesend**

We pray for the work on the church which will be carried out soon to remove asbestos from the building and the renewal of asbestos guttering.

We pray for our Priest, Fr Ted and for Sylvia, as he recovers from his shoulder operation, and for our visiting Priests during Ted's absence

*For Ted and Sylvie Hurst; Church Wardens Ruth and Sylvie and the PCC*

**St Margaret, Ifield**

Continue to pray for the wellbeing of our 2 sometimes 3 strong Churchyard maintenance team; they perform a difficult and valuable task. For the life of our fellowship, future fundraising plans and fine weather for the outdoor activities

*For Ted and Sylvie Hurst, Chris Benson and the PCC and Carey Laughland*

**St Botolph, Northfleet**

We pray fervently for the person God is leading to be appointed Priest in our Parish.

Thanks be to God for gifts and talents; for our choir and organist, David Rosenthal, and for the richness they bring to our worship; pray for our Organ Fund Appeal (Organ now Listed Grade 2\*) For Revd David Scott, celebrating the Eucharist with us week by week with such joy. Pray for safe and happy days of rest and refreshment, for our schools, congregation and community. For God's blessing on Dennishia and Delia as they begin a new chapter of their lives.

*For Church Wardens Pauline and Wendy and the PCC*

**St Mark, Rosherville**

Loving God, you know us and all that we are facing, and we praise you for the love and hope you show us daily. We give grateful thanks for our church and the continuing services given by Fr Neil and Rosaline during our interregnum. We pray for Dennishia and Delia as they settle into their new home. For local schools, Rosherville Primary and Northfleet Nursery during their summer break, that the pupils, teachers, governors, and support staff enjoy a restful break. Pray for our local community, shops and industry.

*For Church Wardens Keith and Sarah and the PCC*

**Christ Church, Milton**

Pray for the Father's blessing and encouragement on the confirmation group, preparing to be confirmed in October.

Pray for good weather in August, as work begins to replace the hall roof and the church shed; for social events taking place in August & September, Family Barbeque, Last Night of the Proms and Table Top Sale, that they may be opportunities for fellowship and fun.

Pray for teachers, pupils and all who work in the field of education, as the new school year begins in September.

*For Andrew and Alison Davey, Jacqueline Littlewood, Wardens and the PCC*

**St George, Gravesend**

We pray for all on holiday or taking a break from usual routines. We pray for good rest and refreshment. We also pray for those who will find the Summer a difficult time and where finances are hard. We pray for our events with children and families over the summer. For our art and flower exhibition around Harvest time; we give thanks for all of God's blessings upon us

Prayers for those on our confirmation course.

*Jim and Sarah Fletcher, Mark and Natalie Edwards, Emma Oliver, Ministry Team and PCC*

**St Mary, Chalk**

Give thanks for the blessing of fine weather and a happy time at the Village Fete. Pray that God will guide the PCC in various strategy/vision decisions especially re: the future of our Barns by our woodland /church. Pray for the parents, children and leaders of Loaves and Fishes (our children's and youth work) restarting in September. For all aspects of Hands of Compassion School in Ndola, Zambia; financial aid and the staff giving a hope and a future to poor children. For refreshment during the summer in readiness for all that recommences in September.

*For Nigel & Sue Bourne, and for the PCC, for Nigel in his role as Area Dean.*

**St Mary, Wrotham Road**

We pray for Trudi; God has spoken to her about her future, she has decided to leave St Mary's and go to Eynsford, we pray the move goes smoothly, We pray for our Church during the Vacancy; for the holiday club, the first one since the pandemic, we pray the children will meet with God, and at the same time enjoy themselves. We give thanks for our successful Summer Fair, and for our growing Sunday School.

*For Trudi and Shaun Oliver and the PCC*