

St Mary, Greenhithe

Give thanks for the new Team who have taken over the running of our Toddler Group, 'Sticky Fingers', enabling LLM's, Mandy and Jen, to focus on other areas of ministry. Pray God will use 'Sticky Fingers' to draw families into a relationship with Himself. 44 Pray for God's enabling for Jason and our Tech Team, as each Sunday until Spring, the Church Hall has to be set up to allow Live Streaming of our service. We have no heating in Church!

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 February and March.

For Graham and Linda Herbert and the PCC.

St Peter and St Paul, Shorne

For our congregation and parish; for all the plans for February and March.

For Ted and Sylvie Hurst and the PCC

St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe

We thank God for the ministry of Rev Charlie, Rev Jean, Jennie, Mandy & our new ordinand Bart.

We ask God to comfort all those who are suffering with loneliness, depression or who just find the winter months more difficult. Help us to end homelessness and we pray for all people who are sleeping rough or who are struggling to afford to heat their homes during the colder months. We thank God for the brilliant work of the Food Banks within our deanery.

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 and pray fervently for more volunteers Pastors and for Prayer Pastors for both. For the Gravesend Market patrols on Saturday afternoons and for God's leading as a new Street Pastors' coordinator and a new Secretary are to be appointed. For Mike Collins in his role as Chair, for Rev David Scott in his email and prayer ministry for us. and for Ruth Field, School Pastors' Co-ordinator.

Prayers for the **April and May 2024** edition of the Gravesend Deanery Prayers leaflet no **later than 9am, Wednesday 20th March, please** to: Marion Fielder-White fwmarionfw@gmail.com 01474 823381

Thanksgivings and Prayers Gravesend Deanery February and March 2024



Hellebores – Lenten roses

Psalm 27v14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

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 ask for blessing and guidance for our 'Warm Spaces' initiative; for those who are struggling financially; for the homeless in our Borough. We pray and give thanks for those who work in or contribute to the food banks, The Hub and The Sanctuary.

We pray for Lenten observance; prayer/study groups and for our Holy Week and Easter services.

We give thanks for the valuable ministry given by our Street and Prayer Pastors and pray that others may respond to the need for more to join them.

Pray for all who hold positions of responsibility for the smooth running of our services and activities.

For Michael and Amy Payne, Church Wardens and the PCC

All Saints, Perry Street

We continue to pray for the growth of our church both spiritually and in number. We pray for the safety of Fr Kevin and Jan in Jerusalem. We pray that God will lead the person he is preparing for us to go forward. We pray for all who are struggling at this time that they may find the help they need. We pray for world peace.

For Fr James, Fr Simon, Fr Andrew, Wardens and PCC.

St John, Higham with Merston

For our congregation and parish; for all the plans for February and March

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 coming together for regular social events.

For the special services planned for this New Year including at Candlemas.

For the chapel, its regular pattern of worship and the fellowship that flows from this.

For College Chaplain Philip Davies and for Julia Davies.

Holy Family, Gravesend

Please pray for our Vicar who is due to have another operation soon, that it will go well, that he will have a speedy recovery and not suffer too much pain.
Bless all the activities we have planned for the coming year that through the them we will build God's Kingdom in this part of the Deanery
For Ted and Sylvie Hurst; Church Wardens Ruth and Sylvie and the PCC

St Margaret, Ifield

We give thanks and pray for our fellowship and the plans which unfold this coming year. Continue to pray for Mike, Lawrence and Steve; we give thanks for their resilience and good will in maintaining our peaceful and lovely Churchyard.
For Ted and Sylvie Hurst, Church Warden Chris Benson and the PCC and Carey Laughland

St Botolph, Northfleet

We continue to pray for Gordon, and his ministry to our church and community, giving thanks for God's guidance in our plans for the future. We give thanks for generous Christmas fund raising for The Hub, the Children's Society and 'Bags of Sparkle' for children. For our ancient church building in need of so much repair to the roofing, and the project for restoration of our Listed church organ. We pray for those being Confirmed on 23rd March. Lent, Holy Week and Easter - may we receive a new and expanded vision for our lives and our church. Help us to live full of faith, to find hope in the face of adversity as we await the glory of the Resurrection on Easter Day.
For Gordon and Csilla MacBean, and their family, Church Wardens and PCC

St Mark, Rosherville

Loving God we give grateful thanks for our new Priest-in-Charge Fr Gordon. We pray for him and his family as they settle into the parish. We give thanks for our church where we share fellowship and praise the glory of God. We pray for our regular groups who use our church for their activities. As we approach the season of Lent, calling us to a time of reflection and contemplation, we pray you will draw us to a closer communion with you throughout these 40 days. We pray for all our Holy Week and Easter services. We pray for all candidates being confirmed on 23rd March, may their spiritual commitment to God enrich their lives.
For Gordon and Csilla MacBean, Church Wardens and PCC

Christ Church, Milton

Give thanks for the church cleaning team and pray for new members to join us on the second Saturday morning of each month throughout the year. Pray that we would observe a holy Lent as we journey with our Lord on the road to Calvary and the cross. 'Christ is risen he is risen indeed alleluia' On Easter Sunday join with us as we celebrate the glory of the risen Christ who has triumphed over the powers of sin and death.
For Andrew and Alison Davey, Jacqueline Littlewood, Wardens and the PCC

St George, Gravesend

We pray for Revd Jim on his mini-sabbatical/study leave.
Bless those getting married at St George's this year and our marriage prep course in February. For all of our Lent and Easter services and courses.
We pray for those attending the 'Speaking God's Word' course
We pray for our children and families groups and our ministry in local schools.
For other places where we will provide Easter services, especially residential homes
Jim and Sarah Fletcher, Mark and Natalie Edwards, Emma Oliver, Ministry Team and PCC

St Mary, Chalk

Give thanks for the well-attended Christmas Services and the encouragement for all of us. For our Wardens and all they do, on Sundays and throughout the week.
Pray for the new monthly Teaching & Fellowship meetings, beginning on Shrove Tuesday. May it help growth spiritually and numerically.
Pray for all preparations for Easter Services and events, including children's Activities. For the PCC and decisions regarding improvements to the hall etc.
For Nigel & Sue, Mark & Carol and the PCC especially for Nigel in his role as Area Dean.

St Mary, Wrotham Road

Pray for St Mary's during the vacancy, please keep the Lay Ministers in your Prayers
Pray for all the activities we are continuing to do.
Give thanks for the visiting Clergy and Bishops who have covered our HC services
Pray for the upcoming events
Please keep the Hospice in your prayers, as the building work is taking shape (slowly)
For the Church Wardens and PCC

The Deanery Prayer

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.

Tuesday 5th March 2024

Deanery Prayer Meeting for Lent at Christ Church,

Old Road East, Gravesend

10.30am

Everyone welcome to join us.