

St Mary, Greenhithe

Praise God for His miraculous financial provision enabling the work on our masonry and roof repairs to start on 5th June. Please pray for safety and wisdom for those working on site during the next 3 months, and for all materials to be available when needed. During this time we will be joining in, and taking part, in the Sunday Services at St. Peter and St. Paul, Swanscombe. Pray for this to be a time of growth, spiritually and numerically, for both congregations and that God will be glorified.

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 June and July
For Graham and Linda Herbert and the PCC.

St Peter and St Paul, Shorne

For our congregation and parish; for all the plans for June and July
For Ted and Sylvie Hurst and the PCC

St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe

We give thanks for our new King Charles III and Queen Camilla and we thank God for a wonderful Coronation. We pray for our friends at St Mary's, Greenhithe as they begin work on their church roof. We praise God for all aspects of the life and work of our church including our choir, Sunday school, events team, flower ladies, tea ladies and to all who ensure that our services run smoothly.

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

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.**

Gravesham Street and School Pastors

Pray for the Ministry of Street and School Pastors. Pray for Steve and Ruth in their roles as Coordinators; for the Management Team and Jordan Meade as Chair and Revd David Scott. In all that he does, Prayers for the Concert at Christ Church on 23rd June (posters to follow).. We all look to God for strength and guidance and pray for those patrols where members have been unwell, for healing and strength and for more volunteers to come forward.

Prayers for the **August and September 2023** edition of the Gravesend Deanery Prayers leaflet **no later than 9am, Thursday 20th July please to:**

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Thanksgivings and Prayers Gravesend Deanery June and July 2023



*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:12*

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

Early June brings us Trinity Sunday (often a time for the scratching of heads and dubious analogies). Yet, the mission of the church is born from a Trinitarian command: in Matthew's gospel we read that Jesus told his disciples, "... go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." While we should be able to give a reason for the hope within us, God invites us not so much to explain him (as in a school essay), as to worship and serve him (perhaps two sides of the same coin). May you so worship him that you increasingly know his love, peace and power to enable you to serve and enjoy him now and for ever.

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

For Dr Peter Harris who was licensed as a Lay Minister at Rochester Cathedral on 13th May. For newly elected ward councillors. For our Sunday School - our leaders, Amy and Ann, as they plan an extra session each month and for all the children who attend. For all young people sitting examinations and for all teaching staff who support them. For safety in travel as the holiday season begins
For Michael and Amy Payne and the PCC

All Saints, Perry Street

We pray for all newly elected to positions of responsibility, for the town council. PCC and Synods, that they may make wise decisions. We pray for our monthly Coffee Morning and Messy Church, (3rd and 4th weeks). For our weekly Little Lambs and for our Fathers' Day tea party in the vicarage garden (18th June). For all who are struggling financially, for the sick and sorrowful. We pray for peace throughout the world.
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 June and July

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.

Our coming together for summer activities, social events and outings.

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 roof and groundwork work at Holy Family, that it will be done and be successful.

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

St Margaret, Ifield

Continue to pray for our volunteer Churchyard Maintenance team and for their good health. Give thanks for such valuable service. For our fellowship and future plans.

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

St Botolph, Northfleet

'Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us'; we give thanks for all God's blessings as we look to Pentecost; for the growth in our faith, ideas, support and loving care within our congregation and community as more join our services each week. Give thanks for the amazing response to 'The Big Help Out' (after the Coronation) and for new contacts made. For those children being Baptised during the summer months and for those families who take part in our 'First Sunday Eucharist' services and for our monthly 'Who Let The Dads Out'. For God's guiding for a new priest for our Parish.

For Church Wardens Pauline and Wendy and the PCC

St Mark, Rosherville

As we enter Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit fills our hearts, inspires us to new beginnings, and helps us to reach out to others with the good news of Christ. Loving Father we give thanks for our church and our community; for Fr Neil and Rosaline and our Sunday services. We pray for our PCC, especially new members. Guide their thoughts and actions with your love in their hearts. We pray for all taking exams, calm their anxieties and give them confidence to succeed.

For Church Wardens Keith and Sarah and the PCC

Christ Church, Milton

Give thanks for Jan, our newly elected church warden and the PCC, that the Lord would bless, encourage and guide them in their responsibilities to the parish in the coming year. Pray for our Summer Fete on 17th June and the pilgrimage to St Alban's on 24th June, that both events would be blessed by our Lord.

Pray for the Lord's provision as we continue fundraising to enable replacement of the flat roof over the church hall.

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

St George, Gravesend

For our local schools on their half-term break and getting ready for the SummerTerm.

Pray for Emma Oliver as she returns from maternity leave, and prayers for our work with children and families.

Praying for those beginning our Confirmation course and for those being baptised during this period.

For those recently elected at our APCM and praying for our Churchwardens as they experience the Visitation evening.

For our Summer Fayre and praying it will attract lots of people.

Praying for our work in local residential homes.

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

St Mary, Chalk

Give thanks for the development of the Jubilee Garden and pray that the whole area by the church will heal weary souls.

Pray for the planning and organising of Chalk Village Fete (15th July)

For the newly elected PCC, Steve and Barbara our churchwardens.

Pray for all Loaves and Fishes activities, weekdays and Sunday and our monthly teenage group, including the leaders.

Pray that those who attend groups at the Parish Hall will consider coming to church services and find a warm welcome.

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

St Mary, Wrotham Road

We give thanks to God for all that is planned for the next few weeks at St Mary's, especially our work with children and young people.

For the Hospice as the building work has started. For all who give and receive at the Hospice that the upheaval will have a minimum impact. We give thanks for our wonderful Doctors and dedicated nurses, and pray for the Chaplaincy.

For Trudi and Shaun Oliver and the PCC