

St Mary, Greenhithe

Thank God that we can meet together for worship in Greenhithe, again, and pray for a special blessing on the members of St.Peter and St.Paul's, Swanscombe, who hosted us for so long. Pray that both congregations will now grow numerically.

Pray for Bart Woodhouse who has started a one year Ordinand Placement, working within both Greenhithe and Swanscombe churches; for Bart's wife, Rachel, and family and for our Priest, Charlie, in her role as Placement Supervisor.

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 October and November.

For Graham and Linda Herbert and the PCC.

St Peter and St Paul, Shorne

For our congregation and parish; for all the plans for October and November

For Ted and Sylvie Hurst and the PCC

St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe

We thank God for the beauty of colourful trees and falling leaves as Autumn approaches.

We are sad to say goodbye as our friends at St Mary's resume worship in Greenhithe but we ask for God's blessing on them all and that their church and ministry goes from strength to strength. We ask for God's blessing on all those who assist in the running of their churches each week and especially for those involved in the music of their church.

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 for Street and School Pastors and Prayer Pastors for both as present members look to easing down and some to retirement.

Prayers for the **December 2023 and January 2024** edition of the Gravesend Deanery Pray-ers leaflet no **later than 9am, Monday 20th November, please** to: Marion Fielder-White fwmarionfw@gmail.com 01474 823381

Deanery Pray-ers Meeting took place on Thursday 14th September 2023

It was good to meet together at St Botolph's; though small in number we were huge in prayer for you all! We agreed to meet again in early February – date, place and time tba.



LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Sunday, November 12th 2023

Thanksgivings and Prayers Gravesend Deanery October and November 2023



**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.**

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 blessings upon our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations; for all food banks within the Deanery and give thanks for those who donate.

For families who are struggling to 'make ends meet' and for whom the food banks are a 'Godsend'. For young people who are living away from home for the first time to further their education

For the Christian Aid fund raising, 25th October at St George's Hall

For all churches in interregnum, for our Area Dean and all who cover their services.

For Michael and Amy Payne and the PCC

All Saints, Perry Street

Pray for the wardens and staff during the Interregnum that they may be supported. For the school links to be maintained and strengthened. For the growth of the church, both in number and spiritually. For the priests who are looking after us at this time.

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 October and November.

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 autumn activities and social events.

For the development planning by the Trustees and ongoing consultation with Collegians.

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 give thanks that our Vicar, Fr Ted is recovering from his operation and almost back with us. We ask for blessings for our PCC and Wardens as we ponder the problems of asbestos in our church. We ask for God's help and guidance as we seek to build God's Kingdom in this Parish

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

St Margaret, Ifield

Give thanks for Father Ted's return, and pray for his full recovery. We pray for the life of our fellowship, and autumn plans, and give thanks for our stoic Churchyard maintenance team.

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

St Botolph, Northfleet

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

Thanks be to God for all our blessings at Harvest time as we pray for a world in climate change where harvests are unpredictable and so many are suffering from manmade and natural disasters. We pray for our community working together in so many ways, with St Botolph's Church, to make lives better for all. 'Remembering', we pray for our Annual Memorial Service and Remembrance Sunday Service, and hold before God all who are bereaved and all who mourn, that they may know God's comfort and peace.

For Church Wardens Pauline and Wendy and the PCC

St Mark, Rosherville

Loving Father we give thanks for our church and our community, and for Fr Neil and Rosaline. As we look forward to our Harvest Festival service, we give thanks to God for the bounteous gifts so graciously given. May we use them wisely to his praise and glory. We pray for Rosherville School, for the teachers who work so hard to prepare lessons, and for the children, that they enjoy and learn from them. We give thanks for our Rainbow and Brownies groups and their leaders. We pray that more children become interested in joining. We pray for our Remembrance Day service in November.

For Church Wardens Keith and Sarah and the PCC

Christ Church, Milton

Pray for members of the Confirmation preparation group as they are Confirmed on 8th October. May they know the Lord's blessing and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the Lord's guiding and encouragement for those who feel that they are being called either to the ordained or lay ministry.

Give thanks for our outreach to children and young people through, God's Gang, First Steps and the Tots Group, and pray for those who have been called to this area of ministry.

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

St George, Gravesend

We pray for those being confirmed at our Deanery service and those being baptised during October – may this experience touch their lives and deepen their faith. Bless our Parish Quiet Day and PCC/Ministry Team Away day

For those at the 'It's Your Calling' day and considering a potential vocation – we hold them in prayer. We pray for Carol Bridge who is with us on a six-week placement as part of her ordination training.

For the half-term break – praying for rest and refreshment

Praying for plans for our Departed Loved Ones and Remembrance Services

Continued prayers for our Gravesham Churches Together work.

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

St Mary, Chalk

Pray for Mark Morgan, our new Curate, following his ordination at Rochester Cathedral as Deacon.

We give thanks for the Harvest and God's provision, also remembering those struggling financially.

Pray for our work with children, families and teens, also the planning of new monthly fellowship/teaching sessions at the Parish Hall.

Looking to November we ask God's blessing at the Bonfire & Fireworks (4th), Remembrance Sunday Service (12th), and Christmas Fair (18th).

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

St Mary, Wrotham Road

We pray for Trudi as she moves to Eynsford; we pray the move goes smoothly and give thanks for her ministry at St Mary's and St George's School. We pray for our Church during the Vacancy and all who will be involved.

We pray for our congregation and parish at this time; for services and events.

For the Church Wardens and PCC