

St Mary, Greenhithe

Thank God for the ministry of Andy and Margaret Wooding-Jones, across the Diocese, whilst living on our church site, in the Archdeaconry. Ask God to remove the obstacles delaying the purchase of their new home in Sheffield. Until Completion they will live in their Camper Van, on holiday, visiting family and friends, and on Retreat. It sounds wonderful but must have its draw backs! Please pray for them.

Give thanks for Andy's new job, with CPAS, starting in January and pray that God will provide ministry opportunities for Margaret when they are finally settled.

Charlie and Gareth Lloyd-Evans; Mandy, Jen, Margaret; Churchwarden 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 ask for God's blessings for all the churches within the Gravesend Deanery and the new Swanscombe Deanery.

We pray for our new Swanscombe area Dean, Rev Charlie Lloyd-Evans as she begins this new chapter in her ministry.

We give thanks for all that the seasons give to us and particularly at this time, we give thanks for harvest and for all God's gifts to us.

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 the fragile night-time economy in Gravesend and for the homeless with whom Street Pastor Patrols meet. For School Pastors as they get to know the new students settling in at school. For Street Pastors Co-ordinator, Nigel Downes; for Ruth Field, School Pastors' Co-ordinator; for Mike Collins in his role as Chair, for Rev David Scott in his email and prayer ministry for us.

This is the final Gravesend Deanery Prayer leaflet.

Give thanks to God for all the support given to each other, for the growth of prayer groups, prayer ministry and fellowship; for how we have walked with God through good times and not so good as we have shared together.

May God richly bless us as we go forward into a new Deanery structure, and all that holds for our Parishes.

Thanksgivings and Prayers Gravesend Deanery October and November 2024

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.

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 give thanks for the increase in numbers of families joining us for worship, especially for the children coming to our Sunday School.

We pray for our All Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service on 6th October; for our alternative to Halloween Light Cafe on 31st October; for our All Souls Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance on 3rd November; for our Christmas Fair on 30th November and for those who will be attending our special Christmas Services.

We pray for God's blessing on those who will be leaving home for the first time to continue their education, for their tutors and all who support them.

We pray for our ministry team, for Rob, our churchwarden and all who contribute to the smooth running of our services and activities.

For Michael and Amy Payne, Church Wardens and the PCC

All Saints, Perry Street

Thanksgiving for new people coming forward to help at events, for the fellowship we share. Pray that more people will be moved to find out more about you. Pray for all suffering ill health, that they may receive healing and return to full health.

Give thanks for the priests looking after us.

For our PCC and wardens; for Fr James, Fr Simon, Fr Lindsay

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 plans for social events and outings.

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

For the carers who support some of the residents.

For College Chaplain Philip Davies and for Julia Davies.

Holy Family, Gravesend

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

For Ted and Sylvie Hurst; Church Wardens and the PCC

St Margaret, Ifield

Give thanks for prayers for our Churchyard maintenance team. It has doubled in size to 6 could possibly be 8 soon!

Give thanks and pray for our fellowship and our plans for the remainder of the year.

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

St Botolph, Northfleet

Give thanks and praise for many new members in our congregation that they may grow in faith and fellowship with us. For our projects of repair and restoration, enabling us to fully use the church and hall as a hub for the wider community, and to the glory of God. For special services; the Annual Memorial service (27th October) –Saturday Morning Prayer (10am 9th November) for Remembrance Sunday –‘Lest we Forget’. Give thanks to the amazing response for funds raised for Macmillan and Operation Smile. Pray for our ‘Son et Lumiere’ in the church grounds, 6pm. Saturday 16th November, and for good weather!

For Gordon and Csilla MacBean, and their family, Church Wardens and PCC

St Mark, Rosherville

We give thanks for the installation of our new sound system helping to bring the glory of God’s words more clearly to our ears. We pray for our community coffee morning on Saturday 5th October, and we look forward to welcoming people from our local community. We pray for our Harvest Festival service, and as we give thanks to God for his bounteous gifts, may we be moved to share these gifts with people in need. We pray for our Prayer Time on Saturday 12th October; may we enjoy this prayerful reflective time with you Lord.

For Gordon and Csilla MacBean, and PCC

Christ Church, Milton

As we celebrate the Harvest season, give thanks for God's gifts, so abundantly and graciously given, and pray that we would use them to his praise and glory

On Remembrance Sunday, give thanks for all who in the past and in more recent times laid down their lives in the service of this country in time of war. 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them'

Pray for the success of our Christmas bazaar on 9th November that it would be a time of fun and fellowship

For Andrew and Alison Davey, Jacqueline Littlewood, Chris Winter, Warden and the PCC

St George, Gravesend

Lord, we commit our Harvest Festival to you and helping those in need.

We pray for the Black History Thanksgiving service at St George’s and those attending Remembering departed loved ones as we plan for All Saints’, All Souls’ Day and Remembrance Sunday

We pray for those preparing for baptism and marriage at St George’s.

Prayers for the Deanery course and Archdeaconry Vocations day.

Prayers for all the hard work in preparation for Advent and our Christmas Fayre.

Jim and Sarah Fletcher, Emma Oliver, Ministry Team and PCC

St Mary, Chalk

Give thanks for 30 years of Take a Break; may friendships over coffee and cakes continue to develop in the coming months. Pray for Mark Morgan, recently ordained priest, as he continues training as our curate. Pray for fundraising events for various charities during these 2 months (HoC School, Christian Aid, Christmas Fair). Pray for Julie and all families who come to Loaves & Fishes sessions when they can. Give thanks for the changing seasons as autumn follows on from summer.

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

St Mary, Wrotham Road

Please pray for all the preparation being done for the Christmas fair

Give thanks for the very successful holiday club

Please continue praying for our very popular toddler group, we have some families from the group now coming to our cafe' worship

Pray for the growing Beaver & Scout troops at St Mary’s

We are still in Vacancy; please pray for the right person to apply for the position

For the Church Wardens and PCC