



Calendar of Intercessions

Passiontide - Trinity 2021



Welcome

to the Prayer Calendar for the Diocese of Rochester.

A shared calendar of prayer is one of the many small ways we can keep a sense of community in these challenging times and I hope you will find this useful in your prayer networks.

You may want to supplement this cycle with the [Anglican Communion cycle](#) of prayer which is tweeted at [@ACOffice](#) and posted on [PrayerMate](#).

Similarly prayers from the [World Council of Churches](#) (WCC) are tweeted at [@WCCprayers](#) and on the [PrayerMate app](#).

In its current form, the calendar has two cycles: Parish and Community. The Community cycle includes any church schools attached to the parishes we pray for, day by day, but also includes other aspects of parish and diocesan life. When parishes have a link set up with another parish, we also include them in our prayers.

Sunday entries cover some of the bigger pictures in our Diocese (sometimes geographical, sometimes issues or activities). These are usually simply one or two lines of text, but occasionally have fuller entries.

Finally, there is space in the daily entries for you to note any prayer requests that have been made to you or your parish, or any special interests you want to remember in your prayers.



This prayer calendar can also be found in the PrayerMate app (<http://praynow4.org/rochester>), on the diocesan website (<http://rochester.anglican.org/ministry/prayer-amp-intercessions/intercessions/>), on Twitter and on Facebook.

Please contact Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff, Bishop's Chaplain, with any comments or suggestions – bishopscourt@rochester.anglican.org or 01634 814439.

Prayers during the pandemic.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. ***From Church of England Coronavirus (COVID-19)
resources.***

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>

Sunday
28 March

Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms:

Mark 11.1-11 or John 12.12-16

Psalm 118.1-2,19-end [or 118.19-end]

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 31.9-16 [or 31.9-18]

Philippians 2.5-11

Mark 14.1-end of 15 or Mark 15.1-39 [40-end]

Palm Sunday

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
'May they prosper who love you.

'Peace be within your walls *
and tranquillity within your palaces.'

For my kindred and companions' sake, *
I will pray that peace be with you. (Psalm 122)

The Coadjutor Bishop of Jerusalem, The Rt Rev Hosam Naoum, Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral

Prayer Requests:

<p>Monday 29 March <i>Holy Monday</i></p>	<p>Rochester Diocese: For all Christians as they prepare to keep this week holy.</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Tuesday 30 March <i>Holy Tuesday</i></p>	<p>Rochester Diocese: For all approaching Easter with faithful eyes for the first time.</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Wednesday 31 March <i>Holy Wednesday</i></p>	<p>Rochester Diocese: For those struggling with faith: for those who cannot believe, or who wish they did not, and for those who rage against the faith of others.</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>

Thursday
1 April
Maundy
Thursday

Rochester Diocese:

For all bishops, priests and deacons who are encouraged to renew their ordination commitment this week.

Prayer Requests:

Friday
2 April
Good Friday

Rochester Diocese:

For those who feel abandoned by God or who cannot see his face, for the despairing and the broken-hearted.

Prayer Requests:

Saturday
3 April
Holy
Saturday/Easter
Eve

Rochester Diocese:

For the bereaved, for all waiting for new life.

Prayer Requests:

**Sunday
4 April**

Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 25.6-9

Psalm 118.1-2,14-24 [or 118.14-24]

I Corinthians 15.1-11 or Acts 10.34-43

John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-8-33

Easter Day

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3)

For the many churches opening their doors to public, in-person worship for the first-time in many months, and for those communities and individuals who are celebrating still physically distanced from one another.

For our archdeacons, supporting parishes in these decisions: The Venerable Julie Conalty, The Venerable Andy Wooding Jones, The Venerable Dr Paul Wright.

Prayer Requests:

Monday
5 April
Easter Monday

Parish cycle:

Keston, The Parish Church
Rector: The Rev Carol Morrison

Community Cycle:

Keston CE Primary School, Keston
Headteacher: Mrs Julia Evison

Prayer Requests:

Tuesday
6 April
Easter Tuesday

Parish cycle:

Orpington, All Saints
Vicar: The Rev George Rogers

Companion Parish:

Mpwapwa, Parishes of Chitemo and Nyhinila

Community Cycle:

for schools, and everyone taking a post Easter break
Diocesan Board of Education: John Constanti

Prayer Requests:

Wednesday
7 April
Easter
Wednesday

Parish cycle:

Orpington, Christ Church
Vicar: The Rev Sharon Smith

Community Cycle:

HMP & YOI Rochester
Managing Chaplain: The Rev Beatrice Musindi

Prayer Requests:

**Thursday
8 April**
Easter Thursday

Parish cycle:

Petts Wood, St Francis
Vicar: The Rev Stephen Niechcial

Community Cycle:

South East Coast Ambulance Trust
Chaplains: The Rev David Jones and Ellen Couzens

Prayer Requests:

**Friday
9 April**
Easter Friday

Parish cycle:

Blendon, St James the Great
Vicar: The Rev Ian Smith

Community Cycle:

Diocesan Dept: Formation and Ministry
Diocesan Director of Formation and Ministry: The Rev
Canon Chris Dench

Prayer Requests:

**Saturday
10 April**
Easter Saturday

Parish cycle:

Bexley Team Ministry: Bexley, St John the Evangelist
and St Mary the Virgin, Joydens Wood, and North
Cray

Team Rector: The Rev Ren Harding
Team Vicars: The Rev Edward Barlow, The Rev Sue
Twynam, The Rev Clive Wood

Community Cycle:

Old Bexley CE Primary School, Bexley
Headteacher: Mrs Jill Iivil

Prayer Requests:

**Sunday
11 April**

Easter 2

[Exodus 14.10-end;15.20-21]

Acts 4.32-35

Psalm 133

I John 1.1-2.2

John 20.19-end

Cobham deanery

The Rev Canon Alyson Davie, Area Dean; Miss Pauline Foster, Lay Chair

Prayer Requests:

**Monday
12 April**

Parish cycle:

Lamorbey, Holy Redeemer
Vicar: The Rev Mell Jemmett

Community Cycle:

For the Called to Grow project work based at Anerley
Team Ministry, working with young people, ex-
offenders and local communities

Prayer Requests:

**Tuesday
13 April**

Parish cycle:

Lamorbey, Holy Trinity
Vicar: The Rev Mark Blakely

Community Cycle:

Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Lamorbey
Headteacher: Mr Adam Tyman

Prayer Requests:

**Wednesday
14 April**

Parish cycle:

Sidcup, Christ Church
Vicar: The Rev Tom Parsons

Community Cycle:

for the Bishop's Leadership Team, meeting today
Chair: The Rt Rev James Langstaff

Prayer Requests:

**Thursday
15 April**

Parish cycle:

Sidcup, St Andrew,

Vicar: vacancy

Community Cycle:

Diocesan Dept: Communications

Communications Officer: Jenny Ross

Prayer Requests:

**Friday
16 April**
*Isabella Gilmore,
deaconess, 1923*

Parish cycle:

Sidcup, St John the Evangelist, with Footscray, All Saints

Vicar: The Rev Cathy Knight-Scott

Community Cycle:

To give thanks for the ministry of deaconesses in this diocese

Bishops Adviser for Ordained Women's Ministry: The Rev Canon Mandy Carr

Prayer Requests:

**Saturday
17 April**

Parish cycle:

Ash, St Peter and St Paul, with Ridley, St Peter

Rector: The Rev Helen Reeves

Community Cycle:

For the courts, judges and police forces in the diocese, and for John Weir, the new High Sheriff of Kent, who takes up office today

Prayer Requests:

**Sunday
18 April**

Easter 3

[Zephaniah 3.14-end]

Acts 3.12-19

Psalm 4

I John 3.1-7

Luke 24.36b-48

Harare

Our Link Diocese, Harare: Bishop, The Rt Rev Dr Farai Mutamiri

Prayer Requests:

**Monday
19 April**

*Alphege,
archbishop,
martyr, 1012*

Parish cycle:

Cobham, St Mary Magdalene, with Luddesdowne St Peter and St Paul, and Dode

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Angela Walker

Community Cycle:

For our clergy spouses

Co-ordinator: Mrs Margaret Wooding Jones

Prayer Requests:

**Tuesday
20 April**

Parish cycle:

Fawkham, St Mary, and Hartley, All Saints

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Adele Barker

Companion Parish:

Mpwapwa, Lukole

Community Cycle:

Fawkham CE Primary School, Fawkham

Headteacher: Mrs Mandy Bridges

Prayer Requests:

**Wednesday
21 April**

*Anselm, abbot,
archbishop,
teacher of the
faith, 1109*

Parish cycle:

Istead Rise, St Barnabas

Priest-in-Charge: vacancy

Companion Parish:

Mpwapwa, Iyenge St John's

Community Cycle:

For the Called to Grow project work based at Erith

Christ Church, working with children and families

Prayer Requests:

**Thursday
22 April**

Parish cycle:

Longfield, St Mary Magdalene
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Adele Barker

Community Cycle:

Langafel CE Primary School, Longfield
Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Woodbine

Prayer Requests:

**Friday
23 April**

*George, martyr,
patron of
England, c.304*

Parish cycle:

Meopham, St John the Baptist, with Nurstead, St
Mildred
Rector: The Rev Canon Alyson Davie

Companion Parish:

Kondoa, Itolwa St Peter

Community Cycle:

For our Brothers and Sisters in the Salvation Army

Prayer Requests:

**Saturday
24 April**

*Mellitus, bishop,
624
Seven Martyrs of
the Melanesian
Brotherhood,
2003*

Parish cycle:

Southfleet, St Nicholas
Priest-in-Charge: vacancy

Community Cycle:

Sedley's CE Primary School, Southfleet
Headteacher: Mrs Amanda Everitt

Prayer Requests:

**Sunday
25 April**

Easter 4

[Genesis 7.1-5,11-18;8.6-18;9.8-13]

Acts 4.5-12

Psalm 23

I John 3.16-end

John 10.11-18

Dartford deanery

The Rev Dr Richard Mortimer, Area Dean; Mr Andrew Carr, Lay Chair

Prayer Requests:

Monday
26 April
Mark the
Evangelist

Parish cycle:

Crockenhill, All Souls
Vicar: The Rev Jenny Petersen

Community Cycle:

For young people, learning to witness to their peers
and elders
Diocesan Adviser for Children & Youth Work: Cheryl
Trice

Prayer Requests:

Tuesday
27 April
Christina
Rossetti, poet,
1894

Parish cycle:

Darent Valley: Darent, St Margaret of Antioch;
Horton Kirby, St Mary; and Sutton-at-Hone, St John
the Baptist
Vicar: The Rev Emma Young

Community Cycle:

Sutton-at-Hone CE Primary School, Sutton-at-Hone
Headteacher: Mrs Karen Trowell (Head of School)
Horton Kirby CE Primary School, Horton Kirby
Headteacher: Mr Glenn Pollard

Prayer Requests:

Wednesday
28 April
Peter Chanel,
missionary,
martyr, 1841

Parish cycle:

Dartford, Christ Church
Vicar: The Rev Dr Richard Mortimer

Community Cycle:

For all Church Army officers
Warden of Lay Ministries: Mrs Karen Senior

Prayer Requests:

**Thursday
29 April**

*Catherine of
Siena, teacher
of the faith,
1380*

Parish cycle:

Dartford, Holy Trinity
Vicar: The Rev Martin Henwood

Community Cycle:

Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Dartford
Headteacher: Mrs Vicki Wall

Prayer Requests:

**Friday
30 April**

*Pandita Mary
Ramabai,
translator, 1922*

Parish cycle:

Dartford, St Alban
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Mandy Young

Community Cycle:

For the Called to Grow project work based at
Gillingham, working with children and families, and
local communities

Prayer Requests:

**Saturday
1 May**

*Philip and
James, Apostles*

Parish cycle:

Dartford, St Edmund King and Martyr
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Mandy Young

Companion Parish:

Konoda, Kikore All Saints

Community Cycle:

Kent & Medway NHS & Social Care Partnership Trust
Chaplains: The Rev Ted Hurst & The Rev Ruth
Bierbaum

Prayer Requests:

Sunday**2 May**

*Athanasius,
Bishop of
Alexandria,
Teacher of the
Faith, 373*

Easter 5**[Isaiah 55.1-11]****Acts 10.44-end****Psalm 98****I John 5.1-6****John 15.9-17****Rochester Archdeaconry**

The Venerable Andy Wooding Jones, Archdeacon

Prayer Requests:

**Monday
3 May**

Parish cycle:

Stone, St Mary
Rector: The Rev Kenneth Clark

Community Cycle:

St. Mary's CE Primary School, Stone
Headteacher: Mrs Jane Rolfe

Prayer Requests:

**Tuesday
4 May**

*English saints
and martyrs of
the Reformation
Era*

Parish cycle:

Swanley, St Mary the Virgin
Vicar: The Rev Dane Batley-Gladden

Community Cycle:

St. Mary's CE Primary School, Swanley
Headteacher: Mrs Amanda McGarrigle

Prayer Requests:

**Wednesday
5 May**

Parish cycle:

Swanley, St Paul, and Hextable, St Peter
Vicar: The Rev Johnny Douglas

Community Cycle:

St. Paul's CE Primary School, Swanley
Headteacher: Mr Ben Hulme

Prayer Requests:

**Thursday
6 May**

Parish cycle:

Wilmington, St Michael and All Angels

Vicar: The Rev Carl Chambers

Companion Parish:

Kondoa, Chemba St James

Community Cycle:

For our Brothers and Sisters in the Methodist family
of Churches

Prayer Requests:

**Friday
7 May**

Parish cycle:

Gillingham, Holy Trinity

Vicar: The Rev Mike Nelson

Community Cycle:

For our training curates

Co-ordinator for IME2: The Rev Anthony Hammill

Prayer Requests:

**Saturday
8 May**

*Julian of
Norwich,
spiritual writer,
c.1417*

Parish cycle:

Gillingham, St Augustine

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Amanda Maskell

Community Cycle:

Diocesan Dept: Safeguarding

Lead Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor: Greg Barry

Prayer Requests:

**Sunday
9 May**

Easter 6

[Isaiah 55.1-11]

Acts 10.44-end

Psalm 98

I John 5.1-6

John 15.9-17

Erith deanery

The Rev Adam Foot, Area Dean; Mr Richard Percival, Lay Chair

Prayer Requests:

**Monday
10 May**

Rogation Day

Parish cycle:

Gillingham, St Barnabas
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Liz Cox

Community Cycle:

For the Called to Grow project work based at St Augustine's Slade Green, working with children and families, and local communities

Prayer Requests:

**Tuesday
11 May**

Rogation Day

Parish cycle:

Gillingham, St Mark, and St Mary's Island
Vicar: The Rev Saju Muthalaly

Community Cycle:

St. Mary's Island CE Primary School, St. Mary's Island
Headteacher: Mrs Christine Easton

Prayer Requests:

**Wednesday
12 May**

*Gregory Dix,
priest, monk,
scholar, 1952*

Rogation Day

Parish cycle:

Gillingham, St Luke
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Garry Jenkins

Community Cycle:

for the Companion Diocese Steering Group meeting
today
Bishop's Adviser for Overseas Partnerships: The Rev
Canon David Kitley

Prayer Requests:

Thursday
13 May
Ascension Day

Parish cycle:

Gillingham, St Mary Magdalene
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Liz Cox

Community Cycle:

For The Rt Rev Hosam Naoum, Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral, as he is installed today as the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, in the city's St George's Cathedral

Prayer Requests:

Friday
14 May
Matthias the
Apostle

Parish cycle:

Rainham, St Margaret
Vicar: The Rev Nathan Ward

Companion Parish:

Harare, Tafara St Philip's

Community Cycle:

St. Margaret's CE Junior School, Rainham
Headteacher: Mr L Williams

Prayer Requests:

Saturday
15 May

Parish cycle:

Bishop's Mission Order: Reach @ Gillingham Pier
Mission Leader: Mr Terry Whittaker

Community Cycle:

For the Licensed Lay Ministers being licensed today
Warden of Lay Ministry: Mrs Karen Senior

Prayer Requests:

**Sunday
16 May**

*Sunday after
Ascension Day*

Easter 7

**[Ezekiel 36.24-28]
Acts 1.15-17,21-end
Psalm 1
I John 5.9-13
John 17.6-19**

New Ministries

For our new Licensed Lay Ministers, licensed yesterday, and the parishes they serve.

Anna Couper	Beckenham St Paul
Ellen Couzens	Hoo St Werburgh
Pauline Foster	Longfield
Robert Foxwell	Strood St Nicholas with St Mary
Jess Heeb	Sevenoaks St Nicholas
George Johnson	Bexleyheath Christ Church
Peter Kettle	Meopham with Nurstead
Susan Leather	Westerham
Clare Masters	Bidborough St Lawrence & Southborough St Peter
Verity Mitchell	Bromley Common St Augustine w St Luke
Stephanie Perfitt	Longfield
Bobbie Simpson	Cray Valley

Prayer Requests:

**Monday
17 May**

Parish cycle:

South Gillingham: Hempstead, All Saints; Wigmore, St Matthew; Bredhurst, St Peter; and Parkwood, St Paul
Team Rector: The Rev Canon Brian Senior
Team Vicars: The Rev Pam Alexander, The Rev Pat Lenton de Dickin

Companion Parish:

Kondoa, Wekense St James

Community Cycle:

Bredhurst CE Primary School, Bredhurst
Headteacher: Mrs Michelle Cox

Prayer Requests:

**Tuesday
18 May**

Parish cycle:

Chalk, St Mary the Virgin
Vicar: The Rev Nigel Bourne

Community Cycle:

For our Brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church

Prayer Requests:

**Wednesday
19 May**
*Dunstan,
archbishop,
monastic
reformer, 988*

Parish cycle:

Gravesend, Holy Family, with Ifield, St Margaret
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Ted Hurst

Community Cycle:

For all Associate Ministers

Prayer Requests:

**Thursday
20 May**
*Alcuin, deacon,
abbot, 804*

Parish cycle:
Gravesend, St Aidan
Vicar: The Rev Michael Payne
Community Cycle:
Bromley & Sheppard's Colleges
Chaplain: The Rev Jane Kustner

Prayer Requests:

**Friday
21 May**
*Helena,
protector of the
Holy Places, 330*

Parish cycle:
Gravesend, St George
Rector: The Rev Jim Fletcher
Community Cycle:
For the Called to Grow project work based at St Francis, Strood, working with children and families, and local communities

Prayer Requests:

**Saturday
22 May**

Parish cycle:
Gravesend, St Mary
Vicar: The Rev Trudi Oliver
Community Cycle:
For the Cathedral Council meeting today
Chairperson: Lady Anne-Marie Nelson

Prayer Requests:

Sunday
23 May
Pentecost

Whit Sunday

Acts 2.1-21 or Ezekiel 37.1-14
Psalm 104.26-36,37b [or 104.26-end]
Romans 8.22-27 or Acts 2.1-21
John 15.26-27;16.4b-15

Gillingham deanery

The Rev Canon Brian Senior, Area Dean; Mr Peter Wareing, Lay Chair

Prayer Requests:

<p>Monday 24 May <i>John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788</i></p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Greenhithe, St Mary Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Charlie Lloyd-Evans</p> <p><i>Community Cycle:</i> For church musicians Diocesan Representative for Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Rochester: The Rev Canon Matthew Rushton</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Tuesday 25 May <i>The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735</i> <i>Aldhelm, bishop, 709</i></p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Milton, Christ Church Vicar: vacancy</p> <p><i>Community Cycle:</i> For the Called to Grow work taking place across the diocese, supported by the Growth Enablers Archdeaconry Growth Enablers: The Rev Dylan Turner, Abi Hiscock, Graham Wilkinson</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Wednesday 26 May <i>Augustine, archbishop, 605</i> <i>John Calvin, reformer, 1564</i> <i>Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595</i></p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Milton, St Peter and St Paul Rector: The Rev Graham Herbert</p> <p><i>Community Cycle:</i> Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Gravesend Headteacher: Mrs Denise Gibbs-Naguar</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>

<p>Thursday 27 May</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Northfleet, St Botolph, and Rosherville, St Mark Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Cyril Showers</p> <p><i>Community Cycle:</i> St. Botolph's CE Primary School, Northfleet Headteacher: Mrs Amy Chitty Rosherville CE Primary School, Rosherville Headteacher: Mrs Justine Roddan</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Friday 28 May <i>Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089</i></p>	
<p>Saturday 29 May</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Shorne, St Peter and St Paul Vicar: The Rev Ted Hurst</p> <p><i>Community Cycle:</i> Shorne CE Primary School, Shorne Head of School: Miss Tara Hewett</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>