Sevenoaks Deanery Prayer Topics
September 2021

“..We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints..” Colossians 1:3

Daily Hope – a free phoneline of hymns, reflections and prayers from the Church of England. 0800 804 8044
Also “Sleep Well with Daily Hope” on the same number for people who are suffering from insomnia.

Pray for Laura Trott our M.P. and all local government councillors.

1st Pray for our Area Dean, Anne le Bas, in her new role.

2nd Pray for God’s guidance for the appointment of the new Archdeacon of Tonbridge.

3rd For the Vacancy in See Committee, that God will give discernment and wisdom as it seeks his will for the appointment of the new Bishop of Rochester.

4th For Bishop Simon and Archdeacons Paul and Andy and their families, for grace and strength to manage the altered work patterns involved due to Bishop James’ and Archdeacon Julie’s departure.
For Weald, St. George’s 10 Challenge 10K run and fun runs.

Sunday, 5th Trinity 14 For all our worship today; for all children and young people either just back or preparing to return to school for another academic year and for all teachers, governors and administrative staff.

6th For all suffering from Covid19 and for those who have been bereaved recently, for peace, comfort and healing.

7th For all who have fled Afghanistan and those left behind fearing persecution and for their safety. We pray that those who arrive in this country may be welcomed and as churches we may show God’s love for them in practical ways through Welcome Churches.
8th Knockholt with Halstead, the Rev. Tim Edwards and lay ministers. For the joint PCC meeting for the two churches today looking at how we can re-order the way we work together to be more effective for mission.

9th For Sevenoaks, St. John, the Rev. Robin Jones, lay ministers and congregation for God’s guidance and blessings on all their worship.

10th Chevening, St. Botolph
The Rev. Hannah Adams, lay ministers and congregation that God will richly bless them all in their ministry.

11th For the Pray-ers’ Quiet Day at Hildenborough, led by Archdeacon Andy Wooding Jones and Margaret Wooding Jones, that it will be a time of refreshment.

For Meelis Suld, a member of the Harju-Risti parish in Estonia, with which St. Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green has links, as he continues preparation for ordination in the Lutheran Church today.

For Ride and Stride today, for safety and enjoyment.

Sunday, 12th Trinity 15 Seal, St. Lawrence and Underriver the Rev. Serena Willoughby and family, lay ministers and congregation for God’s blessings on everyone.

13th For staff and patients in Sevenoaks Hospital, in all nursing and residential homes in our deanery and for wisdom and safety as we have face to face contact again.

14th For Brasted, St. Martin
Please pray for the Churchwardens, PCC and congregation during the vacancy and for God’s guidance as we look to the future. We are so grateful to all the clergy helping us during this time.

15th Seal, St. Peter and St. Paul the Rev. Anne le Bas, lay ministers and congregation, for God’s blessings on all their ministry.

16th For all young people preparing to leave home to go on to further education, apprenticeships or jobs that they may know that God goes with them.
17th Pray for all marriage services over the next few months, many of which have had to be deferred from original dates, that each couple will know God’s blessing on them.

18th Sevenoaks, St. Nicholas. For Canon Angus McLeay, the Rev. Dr. Gavin McGrath and the Rev. Matt Taylor. Please pray for our new curate, Nic Ross, who has recently joined us. Please pray for the start up of regular groups and events for the Autumn term; for our monthly retired men’s lunches, starting again on 1st October after a long break due to Covid; for our new Christianity Explored course introductory interview on the 27th.

Sunday, 19th Trinity 16 For Knockholt and Halstead’s Back to Church Sunday today, and any others involved. For the church family to invite others, for folk to come and feel really welcome.

20th West Sevenoaks Ministry Team; St. Luke, Sevenoaks. For the Rev. Anne Bourne and our new Churchwardens, Peter and Jean. Please pray for our children and young people as we meet face to face and plan activities; pray too for the many individuals and groups who hire our hall and our ministry and outreach to them.

21st Weald St. George. Canon Mandy Carr lay ministers and congregation as we worship both in person and online. For our Welcome Café on the Green open every Tuesday morning.

22nd Sundridge and Ide Hill and Toys Hill: the Rev. Pam Davies, lay ministers and congregation, for God’s blessings on them all.

23rd For West Sevenoaks Ministry Team, the Rev. Mark Bridgen, Rector, the Revs. Anne Bourne and Andy Finn, Team Vicars. Please pray for Steve, our first ever curate. Pray too for St. Mary Kippington. We ask for prayers for our new Play and Praise and midweek young people’s groups to be launched this month, joining our established Sunday Club and Youth Club.

24th St. Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green. For the Rev. Andy Finn and Daphne Harrison LL.M and all the congregation. We pray for our young people as they start or resume their school life, that they will be excited
by the challenges of the new term and happy to be back with old friends and make new ones.

25th For the ordination of West Sevenoaks Team Ministry’s new Assistant Curate, Steve Osei-Mensah (with his wife, Emma) today in Rochester Cathedral. Pray for all those charged with nurturing Steve in his priestly ministry, that he will be blessed and be a blessing to others in his curacy.

Sunday, 26th Trinity 17 Westerham, St. Mary the Virgin. We give thanks for our recently licensed priest-in-charge, the Rev. Dave Fox-Branch. Please pray for Dave and his wife, Jo, as they settle in Westerham, and get to know people. Please pray too for our mission partner, Pat Blanchard, and her work and ministry in Peru.

27th For St. Nicholas’ introductory interview today prior to new Christianity Explored course starting next month.

28th For our link dioceses in Zimbabwe and Tanzania. For the start of Knockholt and Halstead new small groups today and Christianity Explored groups starting tomorrow.

29th We give thanks for all who work for the emergency services and pray for their safety; police, firefighters, ambulance staff and others.

30th For all who work on the land in our deanery; for farmers, fruit growers and others. For all Harvest Festival services.

“Walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone” (George Fox)