

Cobham Deanery and Dartford Deanery.

Pray for the Area Deans Rev Canon Alyson Davie and Rev Dr Richard Mortimer

Pray God's blessing on all that He is doing in the parishes and the communities that they serve.

Community Engagement and Social Action Team:

Continue to pray for the work of the CESA team as they support and engage in communities around the dioceses especially with those who are struggling with the cost of living crisis, bless all agencies that are helping them. Pray for those who are ill in body, mind, spirit and grieving that they will know the presence of Jesus sustaining them, giving support and love in their time of need and healing.

Saturdays:

Strood Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean: Revd Nicholas Cooper.

Give thanks for the Deanery Green Hike which raised £250 for the Kent Wildlife Trust, thanks for those who joined from seeing posters and 'not yet' worshippers and enjoyed the day and the picnic, pray that links made will flourish and grow.

Pray for clergy who are unwell or seeking rest and refreshment over the holiday period, pray that they will be renewed and refreshed Frindsbury with Upnor and Chattenden. Give thanks for the encouragement of younger families who have joined us and pray for wisdom as we try to meet their needs. Pray for outreach activities at both churches (café and toddler groups) plus our parish walk and eco initiatives that we might reach further into our community.

Cuxton and Halling. Pray for guidance as we contemplate an Alpha Course encouraging people to come forward for Confirmation and trying to grow our children's work.



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The Diocesan Fellowship of Prayers

'Praying the Way'

September 2023: Archdeaconry of Rochester.

'Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God'

Philippians 4 V 6.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me.'

John 14 v 1.

We continue to lift our world to the Lord and ask for his mercy and compassion in all areas where there is turmoil, wars, famine, droughts, floods and the deep concerns over climate change.

Lift those communities that have suffered greatly through all the wild fires and for the devastating impact on the wild life and environment. Pray that all will work together to bring hope, healing and restoration.

After these extremes temperature and the rise of ocean temperatures oceans, pray for all governments, business, authorities, scientists, conservationists, environmentalists that they will have wisdom and discernment to work together to reduce emissions before it is too late. Lord have mercy. Pray that they will put aside ideologies and greed and work for the common good of all peoples, nature and the environment.

Continue to pray for our Government and all those in local governments and councils that the Lord will give them wisdom to govern wisely and justly and continue to pray for King Charles III and Queen Camilla in their roles.



Sundays:

The Diocese:

Pray for Bishop Jonathan and Toni and for Bishop Simon and his wife Julia in their ministries; for Archdeacons Andy, Sharon and Allie, pray for a blessing in all their ministries.

At the beginning of another school year hold in prayer all the schools, playgroups, nurseries, colleges, universities in our Archdeaconry and of all those attending, staff, students parent /carers and for governors and trustees.



Mondays:

Archdeaconry of Rochester:

Pray for the churches in vacancy: Fawkham & Hartley; Longfield; Northfleet with Rosherville and St Justus Rochester and St Mary's, Gravesend that the right person will be appointed.

Pray for our schools and the new term begins, give thanks for churches, which have good relationships with their local primary and secondary schools. Pray for all those who are beginning a new chapter in their education that they will not be anxious but will look forward to the new challenges and experiences. Pray that all those who work in education will have been refreshed and renewed during the summer.



Tuesdays:

Archdeaconry of Rochester cont.

Pray for Lynne. The Chaplain at Medway University Campus and for the new students especially the International students, Pray for the work for Oasis Restore as they prepare to open a secure school in Medway. Pray for Richard (Dartford), Alyson (Cobham), Nigel (Gravesend) Nicholas (Strood) Martyn (Rochester) and Brian (Gillingham) and their ministry as Area Deans in Rochester.



Pray for all Licensed Lay Ministers, Readers, Pastoral Assistants, Evangelists and Anna Chaplains, Church Wardens and Church Administrators in their mission and ministry.

Wednesdays:

Rochester Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean Revd Martyn Saunders pray for God's blessing on all that He is doing in our parishes.

Pray for the online study groups on 'Tough Topics' at Borstal St Matthew and St Peter with St Margaret,

Pray for St Justus looking for a new incumbent, possible shortlisting and interviewing in September that the right person will be appointed.

On Heritage Open Day weekend 9-10 September St Margaret's is hosting an exhibition about John Newton.

Pray for those disaffected young people with little in way of youth services and community policing and for those needing mental health services that the Lord will provide.



Thursdays:

Gravesend Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean Rev. Nigel Bourne.

Heavenly Father, bless each parish, church, 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 Lords. Amen.

St Mary's Chalk, pray for our children's and youth work; 'oaves and Fishes' as it restarts in September and for guidance and wisdom in our vision and strategy.

Pray for St Mary's Greenhithe as the work continues on their roof, for safety and for provision and finished on time. Give thanks for the blessing of joint services with Swanscombe.

Pray that the Lord will guide the right person for the vacancies in our Deanery, giving thanks for those who are ministering and helping to keep the churches running.

Pray for all those on the confirmation courses in our Deanery as they prepare for their confirmations in early October, may they be blessed and deepen their spiritual growth.

Pray for those who are sick and suffering and awaiting medical appointments and for those who are grieving, fill them afresh with the peace, love and comfort of our Lord Jesus.

Pray that the Deanery prayer meeting on 14th September will be a time of blessing.



Fridays:

Gillingham Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean: Rev Canon Brian Senior; for God's blessing on all that He is doing in our parishes and in the communities that they serve.