

Continue to pray for the Gravesham Street Pastors patrolling on Friday and Saturday nights and for the School Pastors as they minister to the students and that God will raise up new volunteers for the teams, giving thanks for those who tirelessly minister in this way.

### **Fridays:**

#### **Gillingham Deanery:**

Pray for God's blessing on all that He is doing in our parishes and in the communities that they serve especially our ministries with the young, families and the care homes and the elderly that we will show the love of Jesus in a practical way. Pray for all chaplains wherever they are called.

#### **Community Engagement and Social Action Team:**

Pray a blessing on the work of the CESA team. Continue to pray for those whose are coordinating the parish responses for Ukrainian refugees and organising help and aid.

As the cost of living increases many will find that they are unable to cope, pray for the team as they do all that they can to minister and support those who suddenly find themselves in dire need. Pray that the Foodbanks and others will have sufficient funds, donated goods and support to meet the needs. Pray for all the Welcome and Community cafes and other ministries of the team.

### **Saturdays:**

#### **Strood Deanery:**

Give thanks for the newly Commissioned Area Dean for Strood, the Revd Mark Borley and pray a blessing on his ministry.



Continue to pray for St Francis in Strood as it enters into a time of interregnum for guidance to decide the future and for the right person to hear God's calling. Pray for all those who are running the church and services. Thanks for the licensing of Iain and Giovanni as LLMs and pray for a special anointing and enabling as they minister during the interregnum.

#### **Cobham Deanery and Dartford Deanery:**

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

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## ***The Diocesan Fellowship of Pray-ers***

### ***'Praying the Way'***

#### **June 2022: 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.

### **Sundays:**

#### **The Diocese:**

Continue to pray for next Bishop of Rochester Jonathan Gibbs and his family as they prepare to join us and for Bishop Simon and his wife, Julia.

Pray for Bishop Simon as he takes confirmation services in Dartford and Gillingham this month, pray a special blessing on those taking this step in their spiritual journeys that they will continue to flourish and grow in the Lord.

Pray for the licensing of Jenny Warrington as Priest in Charge of All Saints, Chatham on 13<sup>th</sup> June a blessing on their ministries and that they will settle well into their new parishes.

Give thanks for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and pray for the civic service in the Cathedral on 5<sup>th</sup> June to mark the occasion and for church primary schools events also in the cathedral beginning on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Pray for our Queen at this time, for continued strength in her service and thanks for her faithfulness.

Give thanks for the opportunity throughout the Diocese for churches to engage with their communities over the Jubilee weekend, pray that there will be much fruit from these times.



Give thanks for the Thy Kingdom Come Prayer initiative from 26<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June, and pray that all those who have been prayed for during that time will come to know the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Pray for our MPs: Laura Trott, Adam Holloway, Gareth Johnson, Tracey Crouch, Kelly Tolhurst, and Rehman Chisti.

We continue to lift the situation in the Ukraine to the Lord, pray for peace and that 'swords will be turned into ploughshare' pray very specifically for God's protection



for vulnerable women and children that they will not be caught by the criminal gangs and traffickers.

**Mondays:**  
**Archdeaconry of Rochester:**

Pray for those churches currently in vacancy and for the appointment processes: Cliffe w Cooling; Cobham w Luddesdowne; Fawkham & Hartley and Longfield; Gillingham, St Mark; Higham and Perry Street; Strood, St Francis. Pray that the Lord will guide the right person to these churches and pray for all those who will be keeping them running, for God's strength and anointing.

Pray for the consultation process for a new Area Dean for Rochester, giving thanks for the ministry of Canon Helen Burn as Area Dean of Rochester for the past 5 years.



Pray for continuing wisdom in our response to the significant development on Ebbsfleet.

Pray for all newly appointed churchwardens and elected PCCs following the recent Annual Parochial

Church meetings, giving thanks and a blessing for those who serve in this important way.

Pray for rest and refreshment for our clergy and lay leaders over the summer months.

Continue to pray for Kent County Council, Medway Council and all local authorities.

**Tuesdays:**  
**Archdeaconry of Rochester cont.**

Give thanks for the new LLMs licensed in May, those from Rochester Archdeaconry are Iain Ambler and Giovanni Parrales both from St Francis Strood, Richard Kinderman from Wilmington and Kathryn Swanston from Stone, pray that God will bless their ministries.

Pray for the older Lay Ministers who have decided not to renew their PTO/PTM this year that they will feel affirmed by their parishes in all that have done in the past and that they will adjust into the next stage of life as members of the congregation but known and loved for their wisdom and experience and thus likely to be people other will ask to listen and to pray for them. We give thanks for their faithful service and ministries in their parishes.

This summer we are hosting "Thank you" teas in the 3 Archdeaconries as an opportunity for the Archdeacons to thank ministers with permission for all they have done, whether they are retiring or renewing permission. In Rochester it is on 12<sup>th</sup> July, please pray it will be a time of joyful catch up for those attending.



**Wednesdays:**  
**Rochester Deanery:**

Give thanks for the ministry of St Paul's with All Saints Chatham and their Community Project, which is a lifeline for many vulnerable people. Please pray for Revd Dr Jenny Warrington as she is licensed as their new incumbent in June.



We pray for Holiday Clubs and activities for families and children being offered over the summer, that there would be protection for all taking part and good fruit.

**Thursdays:**  
**Gravesend Deanery:**

Pray for all those who are facing difficulties within our communities with health, mental health, unemployment and financial difficulties, pray that the churches will be a place of support and help.



Give thanks for those who have opened their homes to the Ukrainian refugees and pray that they will be welcomed, helped and healed from the trauma of war.

Give thanks for the fellowships experienced in our parishes and pray for our work among the local schools, care homes and other local groups etc, pray that workers and volunteers will be equipped and anointed to the work that the Lord has called them.

Give thanks for all those who serve in our area and pray a blessing on all shop, bus garages, stations, police, NHS, schools, councillors, fire brigade and all who provide services for us.

