

postponed surgery. Pray for all those who are facing extreme pain that they the Lord will sustain them and provide for their needs.

Continue to pray for Christian work in Gillingham care homes; for Local Schools and Nursery Schools that we may be salt and light to those we meet. Pray for all the parishes within the Diocese who are in a time of vacancy, pray that God will lead the person he is calling and give wisdom, strength and guidance to all those who are ministering to these churches.

Saturdays:

Pray for all the plans and study courses during Lent within the Diocese, that we will all be spiritually prepared as we draw closer to God, for reflections of the Cross on Good Friday leading to the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Pray for the World Day of Prayer on 4th March as we join in the global cycle of prayer.

Pray for Mothering Sunday 27th March, for all mothers both natural and spiritual and for all those for whom this day is very difficult, that they will know the comfort and love of God.



Strood Deanery:

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.

For the appointment of a new Area Dean and a blessing on the work of all the churches here.



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'

March 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. Thank you Lord, that we can come to you in prayer

Sundays:

The Diocese:

Please pray for Revd Canon Katrina Barnes who is the acting Archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley from the start of March and for Mrs Magali van der Merwe, who is the new diocesan Community Engagement and Social Action (CESA) lead.

Pray that the people of God are refreshed in their lives after such a hard period of time and inspired to live out their everyday faith in Jesus in their different places.

Continue to pray for wisdom for the Vacancy in See committee that the Lord will bring the person that He wants to be the next Bishop of Rochester and for Bishop Simon and his wife Julia and for Archdeacons especially over Lent and Easter season.

Continue to pray for The Queen in this her Platinum Jubilee year and the plans by churches and communities to celebrate together, may it be a time of real witness.

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



Mondays:

Archdeaconry of Rochester:

Pray for all those working in chaplaincy, in retail and business, in schools, hospitals, care homes, hospices, prisons and armed forces and for the Anna Chaplains and Friends working with the older people and those in care homes.

Pray for wisdom for all continuing to navigate safe responses to Covid in churches.

Pray for safety on our roads and rail network particularly as things get busier as Covid restrictions are lifted.

Pray for Kent County Council, Medway Council and all local authorities.

Pray for our missional and pastoral engagement with many new housing developments.

Pray for the Formation and Ministry Team evening on 3rd March for Lay Ministers and Churchwardens for parishes in vacancies. Please pray for all parishes in vacancies and for those who hold official roles and responsibilities at this time.



Tuesdays:

Archdeaconry of Rochester cont.

Pray for the Medway Churches Night Shelter in Chatham, for Belinda as she manages the project, for volunteers across each day of the week and especially for the guests- that in addition to warm beds and hot dinners they will be able to engage with the authorities who will be able to move them into long term accommodation which they can make a real home.

Pray for the new Church Army Evangelists appointed to Chatham Centre of Mission.

Pray for Lynne Martin, Lay Chaplain at Greenwich University Medway Campus, as she ministers among students at a time of heightened anxiety and mental health struggles for many students.

Pray for parish ministry as they together discern where God is leading them as we come out of Pandemic, aware that this will be a new thing, not simply reverting to pre-Covid church life.



Community Engagement and Social Action Team:

Pray a blessing on the work of the CESA team. Pray for all those who need the ministry of the Foodbanks, for those who donate and volunteer, pray for the many people who are struggling to make ends meet and may the Church be a positive support and help to all those who need it.

Pray for all the Welcome and Community cafes and other ministries of the team.

Wednesdays:

Rochester Deanery:

Give thanks for the recent opportunity for the clergy Chapter to spend 24 hours away together for a time of reflection and refreshment. Please pray that there will continue to be strong bonds of mutual support between the parishes of the deanery and that we will encourage one another and be creative in our collaboration.



Give thanks for all those in training for lay and ordained ministry; for our churchwardens and other officers who work so hard and for people to step up into new roles as God call them.

Give thanks for the continued growth and development of mission and ministry at St John's Chatham, and pray for people to be drawn to St John's to help build the

team and embed a culture of discipleship.

Give thanks for the entire ministry with families, children and young people in our communities and pray for the resources to expand this work across the deanery.

Thursdays:

Gravesend Deanery:

Heavenly Father, bless each parish, church and school in our Gravesend Deanery to build us up for the blessings of this area and for our glory. Help our leaders, ordained and lay and help us to work together and know the fruit of your Holy Spirit in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



'Thank you for your prayers. Covid 19 has been a wilderness journey for many. As we journey to and into Lent, may we especially hear words of encouragement as well as challenge, because God loves us despite everything. His words to Jesus before entering the wilderness can speak to us. "You are my beloved (son), with you I am well pleased" Luke 3v22' (from Nigel Bourne Area Dean)

Pray for 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.

Pray for all our ministries in the Deanery to children, young people and families that they will flourish and grow.

Pray the ministries to the older people and especially the work of Anna Chaplains and Friends.

Continue to hold before God the lonely, isolated and despondent; the homeless and asylum seekers, for those in war torn areas and victims of man-made and natural disasters throughout the world.



Fridays:

Gillingham Deanery:

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

For the staff of Medway NHS Foundation Trust, as they continue to face the challenges of the pandemic and the many people who are awaiting routine