

Fridays

- Pray for those who work with children and young families. Pray that they will find ways to recover families lost to the church during the pandemic and provide a positive framework for them to flourish in the local church setting.
- Pray for churches in our Archdeaconry for whom 2021 is a time of special celebration. Give thanks that The Annunciation Chislehurst in Bromley Deanery is able to celebrate its 150th Anniversary, delayed from last year because of the pandemic, and pray for all the events planned for this month



Saturdays

- Pray for parishes in our Archdeaconry (and everywhere else!) who are in an interregnum. In Bromley Deanery, pray for St George Bickley and St Mary Hayes
- Pray for wisdom for our Archdeaconry as we decide whether to reconfigure some of our parishes to help meet the challenges facing the Diocese. Pray that we may discern what this would look like. Pray that any changes will be based on a commitment to witnessing to

the Kingdom and helping churches to be a source of encouragement and hope

The Diocesan Fellowship of Pray-ers

‘Praying the Way’

October 2021: The Archdeaconry of Bromley & Bexley

The Archdeaconry of Bromley & Bexley is made up of the two London Boroughs of the same name. It is set within the London Metropolitan Police area. Thus we are distinct from other parts of the Diocese in terms of governance and policing.

It is the smallest of the three Archdeaconries but has a population of over 520,000. This means that about 40% of the total population of the Diocese live in our Archdeaconry.

The church life of our five Deaneries is varied. Some churches have extremely large attendance, whereas others are small gathered communities.

The diversity of our churches owes much to the varied nature of the Boroughs themselves. From the rural setting of Cudham & Downe to the very urban parishes of Penge or Cray Valley (which includes one of the largest traveller communities in northern Europe), Bromley Borough still has a suburban feel to it. Bexley Borough, for its part, has areas of social need in the north but includes Hall Place, which is a pleasant public park with the River Cray running through it.



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Sundays

- Please continue to pray for wisdom for the Vacancy in See Committee as they and others deliberate who will be the next Bishop of Rochester
- Pray for the wise choice of a new Archdeacon of Tonbridge
- Give thanks for Bishop Simon and the Archdeacons of Rochester and Bromley & Bexley as they take on extra roles, and pray for their continuing strength



Mondays

- Give thanks for Archdeacon Paul Wright of Bromley & Bexley for his many years of service to our Archdeaconry. Pray for God's blessing on him and his family as he plans to leave us in March.
- Give thanks for the continuing support of parish clergy offered by our Area Deans: Jeremy Blunden in Beckenham, Victoria Pask in Bromley, John Musson in Orpington, Adam Foot in Erith, and Mell Jemmett in Sidcup: bearing in mind that they all have church communities to look after themselves



Tuesdays

- Pray for all Lay Ministers in our Archdeaconry, especially those who serve in places where new benefices are being created
- Pray for Lay Ministers licensed in the last two years whose ministry has been affected by the limits of the pandemic

- Pray that Lay Ministers will be able to forge strong relationships with other ministers with whom they work.

Wednesdays

**'You crown the year with your bounty ... the hills are clothed with gladness ... they shout for joy and sing'
Psalm 65:11-13**



- Pray for churches in our Archdeaconry (and everywhere else!) who are holding Harvest Thanksgiving services this month

Thursdays

- Please keep in your prayers clergy and ministers newly appointed to parishes. Pray for new churchwardens facing considerable challenges as our churches begin to find their way back to regular Sunday worship.
- Give thanks for the pastoral opportunities provided by a return to regular worship.
- Please commend to God those who, both lay and ordained, are preparing to retire. Pray for retirees who have had to curtail elements of celebration and closure that would normally have happened.

