

refugees; for those churches thinking about setting up community cafes; for plans for 2022-23.

For those who administer Food banks and those who need to use them, that there may always be plenty to cater for those who need them, especially during the school holidays when most children don't get school meals.

### Shoreham Deanery

For Chris Noble, starting work as Area Dean of Shoreham; give thanks for Tim Hatwell as he retires from this role after several years.

### Fridays:

For our Archdeacon Sharon, as she ministers around the archdeaconry, that it will be possible for her to have a rest day each week to replenish her energy as she gives out to others. We pray that this month may be a time of rest and refreshment with a different rhythm for all.

We remember those who have lost their jobs, for various reasons but mainly due to events of the last few years, who cannot contemplate going away on holiday. Be their comfort and inspire them with ideas for ways of having a break which cost little materially.



### Paddock Wood Deanery

For the person of God's choice to be appointed for the vacancy at Hadlow and for the churchwardens, PCC and those who help with services in the meantime.

### Saturdays:

Please pray for all young people's house parties, holiday clubs as well as holidays at home for the elderly; for fun, for drawing closer to Jesus and for safety.

### Tonbridge Deanery

St. Peter and St. Paul, Edenbridge, has started a Pilgrim course for those wishing to find out more about their faith; please pray for the leader and all those taking part. For the ministry of Forest Church, drawing in people who may not otherwise attend church. For the future of Leigh Church



***"May the Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in every way"***  
**2 Thessalonians 3:16**

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# *The Diocesan Fellowship of Prayers*

## *'Praying the Way'*

### *August 2022: Archdeaconry of*

## *Tonbridge*

**"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" Psalm 43:19**

At this time of change in our national politics when a new leader/ Prime Minister is being selected, we pray that those who have the responsibility to vote will choose wisely, be guided by God and act with integrity, that the person of his choice may be elected.



We pray that the issues of the climate crisis will not be forgotten in all the debates about internal politics and that decisions will be made that care for, not harm, God's creation.

We pray for the Members of Parliament who serve our diocese, for local borough, town and parish councillors, making decisions affecting us all.

God of peace and justice, we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and President Zelensky; for peace and the laying down of weapons by all and for a change of heart by those

who seek to dominate. Be with those suffering unimaginable agonies and hardship, those bereaved and those separated from loved ones, may they all know your comfort and a warm welcome from the countries to which they flee. We pray too for refugees coming here from Hong Kong, Afghanistan and elsewhere and thank you for those who have offered them homes and pray that they may be a blessing to one another.



### Sundays:

We pray for Bishop Jonathan Gibbs as he and his wife, Toni, prepare to join us next month and give thanks ...  
For Bishop Simon and his wife, Julia  
For all attending the Lambeth Conference



For Canon Katrina Barnes, acting Archdeacon of Bromley, and for all involved in selecting the new Archdeacon

For our Archdeacon Sharon as she continues to settle into her new role and her family into their new home.

For all clergy, lay ministers and the very many church members who do so much unseen practical work in the background, that they may have rest and refreshment this month.

### **Mondays:**

For those who are particularly vulnerable in the extreme heat, the young, the sick and older people, that we may be good neighbours. That these heatwaves will reinforce the urgent need for action on the climate crisis.



For those suffering from Covid and those who are experiencing its long term effects

For all hospitals and for the Hospice in the Weald; for patients, staff and chaplains

### **Tunbridge Wells Deanery**

For Stephen Boon becoming Associate Vicar on 1st September

For the Rev. Judi Hamill as she prepares to become the Vicar of St. James, Tunbridge Wells on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

For staff and students of Bennett Memorial Diocesan School and all schools in the Archdeaconry for refreshment and rest during the school holidays and for peace concerning the results of public exams coming out during this month.

### **Tuesdays:**

For the Thank-you Tea on 9<sup>th</sup> August for all lay ministers with PTO and PTM who are either continuing or have just retired We give thanks for those in our Archdeaconry who have recently received the Bishops' Certificate, Chris Mileham from Hildenborough, Rachel Lisby from Snodland and Alice MacFarlane

from King Charles the Martyr, Tunbridge Wells as they serve their parishes. We also give thanks and pray for lay and retired ministers who hold the fort while clergy take well-deserved holidays.

22<sup>nd</sup> August: a morning for retired clergy with PTO at St. Benedict's led by Archdeacon Sharon and Jane Edwards, a time for reflection and encouragement. Give thanks for retired clergy with PTO who continue to minister in our Archdeaconry.



**Thank  
YOU!**

### **Sevenoaks Deanery**

For Pam Davies, Rector of Sundridge and Ide Hill, whose husband, Trevor, died suddenly at the end of June.

For Hannah Adams, Rector of Chevening, as she awaits the birth of her second child and for the parish as she takes maternity leave.

For Brasted Parish in vacancy

For clergy who are having difficulty in finding cover to enable them to take time off for a break.

For children's and youth work in the deanery and beyond, especially where it has suffered during Covid; also for continuing complicated decisions which need to be made around Covid safety.

### **Wednesdays:**

#### **Kings Hill Development**

We give thanks for answers to prayer that there has been no community opposition to the plans and no negativity. The congregation are growing spiritually and numerically.

Please carry on praying for St. Gabriel's that planning permission will be granted quickly, that God will provide the finances and resources for it to be built, he will provide musicians for worship and that the church will continue to be a beacon of hope through their community café, food bank and stay and play.



### **Malling Deanery**

We give thanks for the newly formed 'Benefice of the Kent Downs and Malling Team' and pray for them as they seek to appoint a Team Rector. We give thanks for the Rev. Kelly Parsons, completing her theological training and as she settles into her new role as curate in West Malling and Offham.

For the new Rector of the Coxheath benefice, who will be announced shortly, that the Rector and family will settle in to begin in September.

Continue to pray for the newly formed parish of Barming with Teston and the Bradbourne benefice, both of which came into being on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, as they adapt to their new identities and develop a shared vision.



### **Thursdays:**

#### **Community Engagement and Social Action**

Pray for Mrs. Magali van der Merwe, the new diocesan CESAT lead as she settles into her new role.

For the CESA Team as they co-ordinate diocesan and parish responses for Ukrainian