



Diocese of Canterbury

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



January 2022



Father God,

As we come to this season of new beginnings, please give us hope that we can leave behind the trauma of the last few years. May we move into this uncertain future knowing your Son's constant love and your Holy Spirit's guiding presence. Call us afresh to heed your word, to love your people, and to pray for our world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

(Prayer request written by Revd Jon Marlow - Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations Officer)

Anglican Communion:

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

The Diocese of Isi mbano - The Church of Nigeria (Owerri Province)

Please pray with us for those with Permission to Officiate within our Deanery. We thank God for their willingness to continue serving the Church with generosity and joy. May they be upheld and strengthened in their ministry. Please pray for:

Phil Brown, Paul Francis, Gerald Greenwood, Nigel Hale, Lizzie Hopthrow, Andrew Way, Barbara Way

Anglican Communion:

The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

We pray that as the magi had faith in the star's destination that we can journey with hope and joy in the epiphanic encounters we have in Christ. We give thanks for all ministries exercised in His name, both lay and ordained; for the pockets of light and faith within our rural communities; may we be emboldened to witness alongside the young and old, the sick and the able, those on the margins of society, and to work closer together in the different ways we worship, minister and encourage each other. Amen.

In particular please pray today for the Chaplains ministering in East Bridge Deanery:

Lorraine Apps-Huggins, Hilary Hills, Ray Horton

(Prayer request written by Revd Stefan Thomas - Area Dean of East Bridge Deanery)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Isiala-Ngwa - The Church of Nigeria (Aba Province)

4 JAN

AYLESHAM: ST PETER

Clergy: Stefan Thomas, Nick Ratcliffe

Reader: Esther Jonas

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Isial-Ngwa South - The Church of Nigeria (Aba Province)

5 JAN

BARHAM DOWNS WITH ADISHAM BENEFICE



Clergy: Stefan Thomas

Assistant Curate: Lesley Hardy

School: Adisham CE Primary School

Barham CE Primary School

In recent weeks, during our services, images, scripture and emotions have prompted us, and we feel the need to act with urgency for vulnerable women and girls. In particular we are worried by the plight of children in

Afghanistan and the Yemen and all of those who are travelling, in danger to reach safety.

Please pray for us that together we can find practical ways to assist these children and their parents and that we will be able to hold onto the sense of urgency as we seek to find ways to meet the needs of those for whom we are praying.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Isikwuato - The Church of Nigeria (Aba Province)



God of all being, in this dark time of the year when it seems that creation sleeps, your life is stirring in hidden places. Help us to see that our security lies not in knowing the path ahead, nor in control of our circumstances, but in your faithful presence and unending creativity.

Help us both to rest in you and to rise with you.

Awaken us to work with you for the new day you are making in the midst

of our chaos and uncertainty.

(Prayer request written by Christopher Chapman - Diocesan Discipleship and Spirituality Consultant)

Anglican Communion:

The Epiphany

The Diocese of Northern Izon - The Church of Nigeria (Niger Delta)

Clergy: Estella Last

Assistant Curate: Miriam Hinksman

Reader: Margaret Clarke

School: Bridge & Patrixbourne CE Primary School

As we begin a new year we pray for the signs of recovery that we have seen in our churches and among our community. We give thanks for the glimmers of light and hope that we have seen in recent months. We give thanks for all the volunteers who work so hard in our churches, and we pray for them, for energy and for God's Holy Spirit to fill them with peace and strength. We pray for those who are grieving, that they may know your love. We pray for God to bless us and our work in God's name.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Western Izon - The Church of Nigeria (Bendel Province)

8 JAN

CANONRY BENEFICE

Clergy: David Moulden

Readers: Janice Willett, Anne Talbert

Schools: Ash Cartwright & Kelsey CE Primary School

Goodnestone CE Primary School

Nonington CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Jabalpur - The (united) Church of North India

9 JAN

LISTENING AND DISCERNING: HELP US TO LISTEN



Gracious God, we say a lot of words to you out of need, anxiety, hope and love. We are solaced by the knowledge that you hear our every word and understand our deepest longing. Then we pause and wonder about how well we listen to you: in the quiet, through the words of others, in the natural world, and, gosh, in a myriad of other ways.

Dear Lord, help us to listen.....

Lord, help us to listen.....

We

Listen.....

Amen.

(Prayer request written by Canon Neville Emslie - Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry)

Anglican Communion:

The Baptism of Christ

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

10 JAN

NONINGTON: THE LIVING WELL



Chaplain of The Living Well: Lorraine Apps-Huggins

Assistant Chaplains: Hilary Hills, Ray Horton

The Living Well is welcoming a new member to the chaplaincy team and a new cabin for personal retreat is being added to the garden - all very exciting.

We are planning a day entitled Growing Your Healing Ministry for the diocese; alongside a full programme of Quiet Days, Deeper Healing Days, Prayer Appointments and weekly worship at Nonington - we ask you will pray with us as we encourage each other to 'seek Him early' for the journey ahead. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Jaffna - The (united) Church of South

India

11 JAN

THE LITTLE STOUR BENEFICE

Clergy: Gillean Craig

Readers: John Styles, Katharine Harris

Schools: Wickhambreaux CE Primary School

Littlebourne CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Jalingo - the Church of Nigeria (Jos Province)



Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind a particular child or young person as you pray...

As they step out into this new year may God go before them, travel alongside them and enfold them

May they find unexpected joys and delights on their journey

When things are tough may they feel the Father's arms supporting them

May they know the love of Jesus every day and share that with others

When unanticipated challenges arise may the Spirit guide and protect them

Heavenly Father,

Bless every child and young person in this diocese, we pray.

(Prayer request written by Sandra Goodey - Mothers' Union Trustee and Faith coordinator)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands - The Church in Province of the West Indies

Area Dean: Carol Smith

Lay Chair: Amanda Boucherat

Secretary: Sue Martin

Treasurer: David Kemp

We continue to pray through our Reculver Deanery Plan, seeking God's guidance as we consider whether it is still fit for purpose or whether it needs to be modified in the light of changed church/benefice circumstances and congregational demographics.

Lord God, grant us the faith to see through your eyes, the courage to change what needs to be changed, the willingness to share all that you give us, the energy to try new things and the strength to be risk-takers for your sake, and all for the furtherance of your kingdom here on earth.

Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Jebba - The Church of Nigeria (Kwara Province)

14 JAN

RECVLVER DEANERY CLERGY WITH PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

Please pray with us for those with Permission to Officiate within our Deanery. We thank God for their willingness to continue serving the Church with generosity and joy. May they be upheld and strengthened in their ministry. Please pray for:

Michael Chandler, Gillean Craig, Denise Critchell, John Currie, Clifford Noble, Jenny Hadlow, Donald Lugg, Keith Mcnicol, Chris Morgan-Jones, Geoff Neale, Barbara Nicholson, Joyce Outen, Chris Skingley, Christopher Smith, David Springthorpe, Howard Such, David Vannerly

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Jerusalem - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

15 JAN

RECVLVER DEANERY CHAPLAINS

Pray for all those exercising chaplaincy ministry - formally and informally - within Schools, uniformed organisations, residential care communities, community clubs, businesses, health care groups, prisons, police, armed services and in sport. May God give them wisdom to respond to the opportunities given, to be assured of their calling to be witnesses to Christ. May they know the support of local churches and see God at work wherever they go.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of San Joaquin - The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)

16 JAN

LISTENING AND DISCERNING: TRUSTFUL TRAVELLING



Merciful God, in our prayer we bring to mind the Biblical stories of those who sought to discern your presence and ways. There was Abraham who felt called to a far country, and Esther who stood up to power. There was Jeremiah who felt too young, and Anna who waited many years. There was Nehemiah who determined to build despite opposition, and John who dreamed of a future city. Because these people, and many unnamed others like them sincerely sought you,

we are here today, like them seeking you for life and direction. Lead us we pray, we will follow. Amen.

(Prayer request written by Canon Neville Emslie - Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry)

Anglican Communion:

The Church of England

17 JAN**RECVLVER DEANERY IGNITE HUB**

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Reculver Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enablers; Paula Martin and Dan Ralph. May they be upheld and enthused in their ministry and mission. And we pray for all those who are involved, in what ever way. Please pray that each person will know that they are loved and valued, and may they find faith in the risen Lord, as friendships are shared, generosity offered and the joy of community experienced. Pray that the outreach of God's people will continually remind us of God's love for all.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Johannesburg - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

18 JAN**PRAYING TOGETHER: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Lord God, bless we pray all Christians throughout the world and draw us all together under the banner of Christ. Fill us with your Spirit and draw us into unity of love, purpose, and vision that we may serve you with humility. May we all know that there is one Gospel, one Christ, and that we share a common faith. Especially, we pray for Christians who are persecuted or suppressed for their faith. Help us all to work for that time when all Christians shall be united and free. We pray this in the name of

the one true God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Prayer request written by Revd Dr Jonathan Arnold - Director of Communities and Partnerships)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Jos - The Church of Nigeria (Jos Province)

19 JAN**RECVLVER DEANERY MISSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

Please pray today for the Missional Learning communities and the Fresh Expressions of Church gathering, worshipping, praying and witnessing in our deanery.

Having embarked on our journey as a Missional Learning Community, we are tuning-in to God's word in a new and focussed way – prayerfully listening and sharing with one another, seeking renewed strength and guidance for the future. We want to see more clearly the missional possibilities and to trust in God's provision for them so as not to be blinded by financial limitations but rather open to risk going where God sends us as the Holy Spirit wills and in union with Christ.

(Prayer request written by Revd Carol Smith - Area Dean of Reculver Deanery)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Juba - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

20 JAN

HERNE BAY: CHRIST CHURCH (HAMPTON: ST ANDREW)

Clergy: Anthony Everett

We are thankful to God for His blessings. We are privileged that the church has grown with new Christians. We have seen the generosity of God's people in the gift of time and money and have started a new families congregation with a great team and a good number of regular attenders which is growing. We have challenges with only a small staff, plans needed for when our Ignite Enablers finish, a busy food larder which continues to need more time and the desire to see more come to faith. Pray for our vision day in February, which will focus on church leadership.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kabba - The Church of Nigeria (Lokoja Province)

21 JAN

UNITED BENEFICE OF RECVLVER

Clergy: Sue Martin, Stephen Parrett, Jenny Hadlow

Reader: Lindsey Pannell

Schools: Reculver CE Junior School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kadugli & Nuba Mountains - Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

22 JAN

ST MARTIN'S, HERNE WITH ST PETER, GREENHILL

Clergy: Carol Smith

Assistant Curate: Cat Darkins

Reader: Frances Ventham, Deborah Waller

We give thanks to God for the new Eddington Park housing development and the connections we have been able to make. We pray for those who joined us at our Christmas Services that they may continue to experience God's love and hospitality through Christ's incarnation made real.

Having embarked on our journey as a Missional Learning Community, we are tuning-in to God's word in a new and focussed way – prayerfully listening and sharing with one another, seeking renewed strength and guidance for the future.

We pray for the health and wellbeing of all our church members, and for those who have yet to regain their confidence to return. And we pray that our depleted volunteer numbers may increase to allow our weekly Community Café at St Peter's, Greenhill and other activities to run once again.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kaduna - The Church of Nigeria (Kaduna Province)



God of new mornings, we are astonished that every sunrise is different, as is every leaf, every snowflake, every person. We reflect in wonder at your love of uniqueness and are amazed that you delight in every manifestation of personhood. May these thoughts enliven the way we are with people today, and may they renew our hope for a just and peaceable world. Grant to us the gift of being able to delight. Amen.

(Prayer request written by Canon Neville

Emslie - Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry)

Anglican Communion:

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Clergy: Rachel Webbley, Paulette Stubbings, Simon Tillotson

Readers: Denise Blaskett, David Wright, Jayne Edinboro Isobel Legg

Reader in Training: Ann Price

Schools: St Alphege CE Infant School and Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed CE Junior School

Pray today for the further development of environmental initiatives and our Eco Church work.

For the Coastal Family Hub (a developing child-mental health project) and for the launch and development of our Anna Chaplaincy.

For strong relationships between church and community as we pay attention to what God is doing in our parish.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kafanchan - The Church of Nigeria (Abuja Province)

Area Dean: Philip Musindi, Richard Braddy

Lay Chair: Carole Bean

Secretary: Audrey Morris

Treasurer: Len Reed

Dear God, You have called us to be members of Your church in Thanet. Keep us working and praying together, believing and serving only You. Be with us in our everyday lives and encourage us to tell the good news of Your love to all those we know. Help us to show by our actions that we love others more than ourselves: that we are true believers in You. We pray that you may bless us richly as we continue to walk with You and trust You for all that lies ahead. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Conversion of St Paul

The Diocese of Kagera - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Please pray with us for those with Permission to Officiate within our Deanery. We thank God for their willingness to continue serving the Church with generosity and joy. May they be upheld and strengthened in their ministry. Please pray for:

Bernard Allen, Phil Barnes, Peter Brown, John Chater, Michael Cooke, Derek Duncanson, David Frost, Peter Gausden, Brian Griffiths, Denis Hartley, Peter Russell, Brian Sharp, Annie Shaw, Arthur Skinner, David Tate, Kerry Thorpe, Alysoun Whitton, Susan Wing, Sue Woan

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kajiado - The Anglican Church of Kenya

27 JAN

THANET DEANERY: CHAPLAINS



Pray for all those exercising chaplaincy ministry - formally and informally - within Schools, uniformed organisations, residential care communities, community clubs, businesses, health care groups, prisons, police, armed services and in sport. May God give them wisdom to respond to the opportunities given, to be assured of their calling to be witnesses to Christ. May they know the support of local churches and see God at work wherever they go.

Judith Andrews, Bernard Allen, Margaret Paddison, Chris White, Brian Sharp, Ken Cox, James Goodwin-Hudson, Andrew Jacobson, Gerald Watkins, Margaret Paddison

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kajo-Keji - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Central Equatoria Province)

28 JAN

THANET DEANERY IGNITE HUB

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Thanet Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Project Leaders; Debbie and Patrick Ellisdon. May they be upheld and enthused in their ministry and mission. And we pray for all those who are involved, in what ever way. Please pray that each person will know that they are loved and valued, and may they find faith in the risen Lord, as friendships are shared, generosity offered and the joy of community experienced. Pray that the outreach of God's people will continually remind us of God's love for all.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kamango - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

29 JAN

BIRCHINGTON: ALL SAINTS WITH ACOL: ST MILDRED & ST THOMAS, MINNIS BAY

Clergy: Mark Ham

Reader: Margaret Hawkins, Jim Barber

School: Birchington CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kampala - The Church of the Province of Uganda



God of place and of long journeys, we are hearing your Son call us to follow and to make some decisions about what we carry and what we leave behind. This is both unsettling and exciting for we know he is calling but we feel padlocked to some things which have become very precious to us. So we pray for clarity and courage. And for trust. And for faith. The kind of faith that is like a pure song, and like a fresh breeze. Amen.

(Prayer request written by Canon Neville

Emslie - Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry)

Anglican Communion:

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean



Clergy: Dominic Fenton

We would like the Diocese to pray for wisdom, vision and discernment throughout this new year, and as we continue to face the challenges of the global Pandemic. Please pray for renewal and growth within our church communities, and for faithfulness to God's call; that we may reach out in service to others and build God's kingdom among us.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kano - The Church of Nigeria (Kaduna Province)

KEEP PRAYING

EPIPHANY - JOYFUL GENEROSITY

'They were overwhelmed with joy ... and they offered him gifts ...' (Matthew 2:10-11, NRSV)

Jesus Christ, the giver and the gift:

- We bring all that we are and all that we have to your table of abundance.
- When restrictions and shortages dull our joy, remind us of the treasures we hold.
- Draw near to all who struggle to make ends meet, as food and energy costs increase.
- Sustain those working in health and social care, where resources are stretched on every front.
- May our schools be places where gratitude and generosity transform lives.
- As we your church rejoice in the good gifts you lavish upon us, give us courage to be extravagant in our generosity to others.



Image: Primrose Northrop Epiphany Encounters

**Bountiful God,
You welcome us with lavish kindness,
And send us to a world in need.
Teach us the joyful paradox of generosity,
That in giving we receive,
And in sharing we find treasure.
Amen.**

Prayer is the place where our hearts are opened to receive, our souls stirred to worship and our hands warmed to give.

Try asking these questions as you pray, noticing where the Spirit leads you in response:

- What is God giving me?
- What might I give to God?
- What is God prompting me to give away?

Change the 'me' to 'us' and ask the questions together as church.

