



Diocese of Canterbury

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



April 2022

1 APRIL

PRAYING FOR: PEOPLE IN PRISON



Lord, we pray for all prisoners, that you will guide their thoughts and actions and give them hope for new beginnings. Help them to wait for release patiently and peacefully. Preserve their families and protect their children from bullying and criminal involvement.

May the sick be cared for properly and young prisoners shielded from abuse and corruption. Inspire governors and staff to show fairness and compassion.

Send your Spirit on all Chaplains and enable them to share Jesus' light and love in every situation. Lord, bless all prisoners and help them to understand you died and rose again for them. Amen.

(Prayer request written by Becky Jackson - a member of the Sittingbourne and Bobbing Benefice)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kondoa - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

2 APRIL

NORTH DOWNS 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:

David Bond, Robin Gill, Millie Hart, Anthony Hirst, Richard Love, Lesley Ludlow, Yvonne Salmon

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kongor - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province)



Read ... Luke 10. 25-37

Look ... at the picture, noticing what catches your attention

Reflect ...

Jesus, you know how to weave a good story. You know how to catch our attention and to carry the point to its ultimate, astonishing conclusion. Once you sat in the afternoon sunshine with the shadows dappling your face and you told a story about neighbours.

Broken bones, broken skin, broken faith in the entire human race. A day spent listening to the footsteps of the ones who were supposed to help.

A day spent listening to footsteps passing, passing, passing. Footsteps fading, fading, fading into indifferent silence.

And the eventual, breathless surprise at the one who does approach, who kneels, who lifts, who carries, who offers extravagant care.

And then the question is turned to confront us.

Who are we in the story. What are the choices we will make today, tomorrow, the day after. Will we allow our days to be disrupted by the unexpected need of another?

(Reflection written by Primrose Northrop - Calendar of Prayer Co-ordinator)

Anglican Communion:

5th Sunday of Lent

Prayer for Repentance

The Church of Nigeria

4 APRIL

NORTH DOWNS 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.

Jackie Saunders, Janette Bibby, Peter Ashford

Anglican Communion:

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

5 APRIL

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA: ST PETER

Clergy: Philip Goodey

Readers: David Parry, Gordon Mackley

Reader-in-training: Christine Holland

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kootenay - The Anglican Church of Canada (BC & Yukon Province)

6 APRIL

LISTENING AND DISCERNING DURING LENT: DAVID AND MEPHIBOSHETH



King David had just lost Jonathan, his dearest friend, yet his grief didn't close his heart. Instead, that potent combination of love and sorrow overflowed in a longing to show extravagant generosity to someone ... anyone ... who might have mattered to Jonathan.

Spirit of comfort, tend in us the wounds of sorrow and loss. Cleanse us from bitterness and sooth the sting of disappointment with the balm of hope. As we journey through grief together, may we find new wellsprings of love opening up within

us and overflowing in compassionate generosity.

(Reflection and Prayer written by Lyndall Bywater - Diocesan Changing Lives Prayer Network Co-ordinator)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Eastern Kowloon - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

7 APRIL

LEN VALLEY BENEFICE

Clergy: John Huggins

Assistant Curate: Charlotte Coles

Reader: Joan Drury, Pamela Cuerden

Schools: Ulcombe CE Primary School, Harrietsham CE Primary School

Please pray today that the Len Valley Benefice will continue to share and show God's love in all of our four communities. Like many churches, we are still reeling from Covid's after-effects and we ask you to pray for the re-invigoration of our work with young people and parents through Breakfast and Messy churches. Pray too for our eco-initiatives, as we are setting up eco-shops in our churches. We believe that God is speaking to us through Jeremiah 6:16 ('Stand at the crossroads..., ask for the ancient paths,... you will find rest for your souls') and that God is calling us to re-establish foundations of rest, worship and mission in our Benefice, foundations that will lead us forward into God's future.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Western Kowloon - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

8 APRIL

PRAYING FOR: PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY



Gracious God, look upon us your children and fill us with compassion that we may reach out to those who are most vulnerable in our world.

We pray especially for the people of Ukraine at this time: for the children and young people, the elderly, the women, all who are being showered with bombs and bullets by Russia; we pray for other places in our world where injustices are perpetrated; for the millions who are hungry, homeless or in debt. We pray for those who are exploited and marginalised, for those who are powerless and feel they cannot go on. Through your Spirit help us to commit ourselves to work for justice and peace, and may we be channels of hope, peace and love as we journey with them through this most challenging of times. Amen.

(Prayer request written by The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin Bishop of Dover)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari - The (united) Church of South India



Clergy: John Corbyn

Assistant Curate: Cathrine Ngangira

Clergy with Permission to Officiate: Lesley Ludlow

Readers: Ann Harrison, Virginia Corbyn

Pray with us today for all the young children who have suffered through the disruption caused by Covid. At one of the early sessions after we restarted our Holy Cross Mothers and Toddlers group, two toddlers stood clinging to their mother's legs. Their eyes wide open as they looked for the first time at a room scattered with toys and other children. Mums were busy exchanging contact details so they could meet up on other

occasions.

Please pray for young children and their parents, and for Karen who leads our group. Please pray that we will be able to encourage parents and youngsters on their journey of faith.

Anglican Communion:

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



Read ... 2 Samuel 9, 1-13

Look ... at the picture, noticing what catches your attention

Reflect ...

Lord, you call us to care.

To care, even when our hearts are breaking with grief.

Even when we stand on the very brink of the valley of the shadow of death

You wait and you watch, on the high ground of our lives, at the fringes, in the unexpected deep-down places, and you offer us the strength to reach out from our own sorrow to find another who weeps.

In simple broken bread, a banquet is shared. A gift is given and received. We learn afresh what it means to reach out across the chasm.

Sometimes it takes us time to let go, time to turn back against the rushing tide of our lives, to see the need we can help to fill.

Call us to take the time.

To see in the eyes of the other your unmeasurable gift.

(Reflection written by Primrose Northrop - Calendar of Prayer Co-ordinator)

Anglican Communion:

Palm Sunday

The Church of North India (United)

11 APRIL NORTH DOWNS TEAM: SOUTHERN PARISHES

Clergy: Mark Pavey

Missioner: Captain Graham Bibby CA

Anglican Communion:

Monday of Holy Week

The Diocese of Kuching - The Church of the Province of South East Asia

12 APRIL NORTH DOWNS TEAM: PILGRIMS WAY

Clergy: Rob Tugwell

Reader: Peter Roberts

Anglican Communion:

Tuesday of Holy Week

The Diocese of Kumasi - The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)

13 APRIL LISTENING AND DISCERNING DURING LENT: THE ALABASTER JAR



In Jesus' time, a jar of pure nard would have been so costly that it would probably have been the family heirloom. Irreplaceable. The guarantee against crisis and poverty for decades to come. Yet love is a powerful force which always spills over in generosity. When we love deeply, we cannot help but want to give and give, never counting the cost.

Jesus, you gave yourself completely, for love of the Father and for love of the whole of creation.

Forgive us when indifference dulls our compassion; when cynicism quenches our kindness; when selfishness stifles our care. Kindle in us that kind of love which can't help but give the best we have, to you and to one another.

(Reflection and Prayer written by Lyndall Bywater - Diocesan Changing Lives Prayer Network Co-ordinator)

Anglican Communion:

Wednesday of Holy Week

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

14 APRIL PRAYING WITH THE OSPRINGE DEANERY



Area Dean: Steve Lillicrap

Lay Chair: Miranda Ford

Secretary: Peter Willcock

Treasurer: Hilary Tulett

We give thanks for our recent Deanery Synod where we shared with each other and discovered what God is doing amongst us. God is at work in His Mission! Please pray for us as we discern His

mission priorities for the Deanery of Ospringe. There was a real conviction of the need of - and a call to - prayer as a Deanery. Please pray for the GEM trailer outreach to children and families in the Deanery, as well as our Youth Clubs, also pray for our Wednesday Church Reading, (a new congregation in one of our villages); and for the churches offering hospitality, outreach and support to school children and their parents.

Anglican Communion:

Maundy Thursday

The Diocese of Kurunegala - Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury (The Church of Ceylon)

15 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY



Lord - longing for hope, we wait in darkness. On this most solemn of days we turn to you to remember the love and wholehearted generosity in which you gave of yourself and took up your Cross so that we might live.

As we seek to serve one another, to serve our communities and to serve you, kindle in us that same wholehearted generosity to give of ourselves as we live out our faith in you day by day.

Amen.

(Prayer request written by Michael Keeler-Walker - Diocesan Head of People Services)

Anglican Communion:

Good Friday

The Diocese of Kushtia - The (united) Church of Bangladesh



Loving Father, in the despair of your death upon the cross, our minds search the horizon in the hope and anticipation that we might but glimpse the light of your Easter resurrection.

In the silence of today, we remember that in death you remained hidden from the world and in our sorrow we keep watch with you. Through the stillness speak to us the words of confidence that we might not keep our faith concealed but instead go forth to share with others the gift of love that

you so freely give to us.

Amen.

(Prayer request written by Michael Keeler-Walker - Diocesan Head of People Services)

Anglican Communion:

Holy Saturday

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



Read ... John 12. 1-8

Look ... at the picture, noticing what catches your attention

Reflect ...

Jesus, we dare to offer you the one gift we have, offering it with lavish abandon.

We come in our vulnerability, we come in openness of heart. We come with our gift cupped in our two hands.

We come because we dare to walk with you. Because we want to journey with you.

To watch, to weep, to wait and to hope with you.

We have failed so often. Life has hurt and broken us. We kneel at your feet. Jesus, dip us into the mystery of turning to find you.

In the cool of the morning and on the first day of the week, we want to hear you call our name.

Transform our understanding, so that we, your fragile earthen vessels, can bear the beauty of the breaking and hold in our brokenness the gift of life, life in all its fullness.

Alleluia! Christ has risen!

He has risen indeed, Alleluia.

(Reflection written by Primrose Northrop - Calendar of Prayer Co-ordinator)

Anglican Communion:

Easter Sunday

The Church of Pakistan (United)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

18 APRIL OSPRINGE 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:

Struan Dunn, Sharran Ireland, Michael Johnson, Peter Lock, John Mowll, Allan Norris, Ros Parrett, Don Ruddle, John Smith, Sue Smith, Douglas Turton, Martin Webb, Sarah Williams

Anglican Communion:

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

19 APRIL OSPRINGE 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.

Ros Parrett, Caroline Ramshaw

Anglican Communion:

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

20 APRIL

OSPRINGE: PRAYING FOR DEANERY FRESH EXPRESSIONS AND 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.

Loving God,

Though our destination is not yet clear,

May we trust in Your graceful promises;

Though we are uncertain of ourselves,

May we be rooted in Your loving regard;

Though our attention is inclined to wander,

May we hear the things You are saying;

Though we often neglect Your influence,

May we be convicted of Your power to change,

In Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer request written by Revd. Steve Coneys - Diocesan Mission and Growth Advisor)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kyoto - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

21 APRIL

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN

Clergy: Vacant

Readers: Keith Clark, Patricia Saunders

Churchwardens: Peter Willcock, Julian Owen, Robert Standley

School: Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk MP, Hernhill CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Kyushu - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

22 APRIL

FAVERSHAM BENEFICE

Clergy: Simon Rowlands, Daniel Corcoran

Reader: Kevin Swinney, Lisa Nissen

Reader-in-Training: Graham Dorkins

School: Ospringe CE Primary School, St Mary of Charity CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

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

23 APRIL KINGSDOWN, CREEKSIDE AND HIGH DOWNS



Clergy: Steve Lillicrap, Jim Pye

Assistant Curate: Caroline Turvey

Reader: Caroline Ramshaw

Reader in training: Pim Baxter

School: Teynham Parochial CE Primary School

We give thanks to God for the new Post-pandemic pattern of services across the Benefice. For the new monthly Eat-Pray-Walk afternoon, the new All Together Now service (which seeks to bring people of all ages together in Worship). We

now have 2 Youth Clubs running each fortnight attracting 20+ Secondary Aged Young People each. Please Pray with us as we embark on a 32 mile prayer pilgrimage at the end of April, starting and ending at Wychling and calling at each of our 10 Parish Churches, along with 2 redundant churches and a Private Chapel. Please pray for our Breakthrough congregation, as Breakthrough evolves into something different and pray for our continued discernment of where God is calling us, and what is focus for Mission might be.

Anglican Communion:

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

24 APRIL SHEPHERDS LEES

Clergy: Peter Newell

Reader: Lesley Brookes

School: Selling CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

2nd Sunday of Easter

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

25 APRIL PRAYING WITH THE SITTINGBOURNE DEANERY

Area Dean: Julian Staniforth

Lay Chair: Elaine Appleton

Secretary: Andrea Staniforth

Treasurer: David Gilbert

Lord Jesus, we give thanks for the growing desire for unity in mission both in the Deanery and in Sittingbourne town. We pray this deepens as we seek to support and encourage each other, especially following the recent licensing of Colin & Robert to their new parishes. We pray for the future shape of ministry in the town, including the role of IGNITE, as we review the Deanery Mission Plan to ensure a sustainable basis for flourishing ministry. We pray to discern where you are at work in our communities, so we may be your means of seeing changed lives.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Lagos Mainland - The Church of Nigeria (Lagos Province)

26 APRIL SITTINGBOURNE 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:

Gerry Arber, Tim Foreman, Andrew Hockett, Colin Johnson, Cindy Kent, Ronni Lamont, Paul Longbottom, Ann Mackenzie, Margaret Mascall, Michael Moseley, Ron Partridge, Chris Shipley

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Lagos West - The church of Nigeria (Lagos Province)

27 APRIL SITTINGBOURNE 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 where ever they go.

Struan Dunn, Paul Wintle, John Njoroge, Simon Young, Nicholas Ash

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Lahore - The (united) Church of Pakistan

28 APRIL SITTINGBOURNE: PRAYING FOR IGNITE DEANERY COMMUNITIES

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Sittingbourne Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enablers; Matt Spocchia and Helene Spocchia. 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 Lainya - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Central Equatoria Province)

29 APRIL SITTINGBOURNE: PRAYING FOR DEANERY FRESH EXPRESSIONS AND 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. Pray that signs of a living faith will spring up in unexpected places. Pray that we will dare to join with God in creating a caring, sustainable and growing Christian presence. Teach us to listen to the voice of God, and to follow where he leads us.

May we be a means by which the love God has for the world is shared. Through our acts of loving service and discipleship, may we share the good news.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese on the Lake - The Church of Nigeria (Owerri Province)

30 APRIL BORDEN: ST PETER & ST PAUL

Clergy: Robert Lane

Readers: Jill Petts, Christine Ford, Janet Beal

School: Borden CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

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

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