



Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



May 2022

1 MAY

EASTCHURCH WITH LEYSDOWN AND HARTY

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Sue Hopper, Charles Pearce, Yvette Gutheil

School: Eastchurch CE Primary School

God our Father, we pray for our Benefice in this time of interregnum. We give thanks for all the people who make up our congregations, and we pray for our Churchwardens. We ask the Holy Spirit to bless our Benefice, praying for a growth in numbers, an increase in faith and for a new Minister to feel called to this corner of our Diocese. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

Philip and James, Apostles

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

2 MAY

MILTON REGIS WITH MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE

Clergy: Robert Lane, Simon Young

School: Bapchild & Tonge CE Primary School

Please give thanks for our many ministers, wardens and volunteers who work so tirelessly for church, school and parish. Give thanks for our existing work with children. Please ask God to guide us as we seek the most effective way forward in our engagement with children, youth and families. Ask God to bless our plans for groups preparing adults and children for confirmation and first communion. Pray that we would see growth in holiness and numbers.

Anglican Communion:

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



Clergy: Colin Brookes, David Ridley

Assistant Curate: Chris Penfold

Self-Supporting curate: Sue Samson

Readers: Jan Phillips, Gill Price, Tracy Williams

Reader-in-Training: Roxane Lee-Affonso

Today we give thanks for the many new people attending our services - both those returning and those who've never been to

church before.

Please join us in praying for:

- miraculous healings, both inside and outside the church
- new people to come to Jesus through our next Alpha course
- the flourishing of our neighbour churches
- 4 new volunteers to join our Sunday Tech Team

Please pray for us as we seek to discern God's will for our future life and mission with the Sittingbourne benefice and deanery.

Anglican Communion:

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

Clergy: Julian Staniforth, Amanda Lane

Assistant Curates: Nick Carpenter, Simeon Nevell

Readers: George Hulme, Elisabeth Willmet

School: Hartlip Endowed CE Primary School, Newington CE Primary School

Lord Jesus, as we journey through Lent, continue to emerge from this pandemic, as we look ahead to the Queen's Jubilee and feel concerned by the Ukraine crisis, we pray that we will deepen our roots in you through prayer, knowing we cannot do anything apart from you. We pray that many put into practice the learning through our recent series on the PRAY acronym. We pray to discern where you Lord call us to be engaged in our villages as we seek to be "the people who BLESS", "Growing Good" in our communities so seeing lives transformed through encounter with your overwhelming gracious love.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Lebombo - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

5 MAY

TUNSTALL WITH BREDGAR BENEFICE

Clergy: Alan Pinnegar

Assistant Curate: Paula Jardine-Rose

Readers: Pat Tatchell, John Vaughan

Reader-in-Training: Clive Jacobs

Schools: Bredgar CE Primary School, Milstead & Frinstead CEPS, Tunstall CE Primary School

Today we rejoice in our daily Morning Prayer Groups.

For the relationships we build through our presence in the community.

For our worship, in church, online and in our schools.

We give thanks for the new people in our congregations; for local people who join us in our churchyard activities, and with whom we work together in other ways

We ask prayers for the vulnerable who are reluctant to re-engage fully in the community; and for us as we seek a clear vision for the future. Specifically we ask for prayers for our Vision Day in July.

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Leeds (York Province)

6 MAY

WEST SHEPPEY

Clergy: Paul Kite, Paul Rush, Jeanette McLaren

Schools: St George's CE Primary School

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Leicester - (Canterbury Province)

7 MAY

PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY



God our Father, as we seek to discern your will for our lives, we pray for the mission and ministry of each of the Deaneries within our Diocese. Praying for the outreach of individuals and of parishes. We pray for those who offer their time and talents with unceasing generosity, giving thanks for Ignite and the Enablers in our Deaneries. In these post-Covid times we pray for guidance and for strength as together we seek to rebuild and re-engage with our wider community. Bless us and empower us with your love, may

we share your gospel with those who need to hear your words of Life. This we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

(Prayer request written by Revd David Ridley - Vicar at The Sittingbourne and Bobbing Benefice)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Lesotho - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

8 MAY

PRAYING WITH THE WEALD DEANERY

Area Dean: Rodney Dreyer

Lay Chair: Graham Codling

Secretary: Brian Woodgate

Treasurer: Nana Twum Ampofo

Anglican Communion:

Eglise Anglican du Rwanda

9 MAY

WEALD 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:

Pearl Anderson, Diana Bourne, Priscilla Doe, Neville Gallagher, Lesley Hardy, Stephen Hardy, Malcolm Jones, Jean Mayhew, Iori Price, Daniel Rutherford, John Sykes, John Tapper, Monica Taylor, David Trustram,

Anthea Williams, Richard Williams

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Lexington - The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

10 MAY

WEALD 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.

Rodney Dreyer, Tracey Bateson, Jack Bateson

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Liberia - The Church of the Province of West Africa (West Africa Province)

11 MAY BENENDEN: ST GEORGE & SANDHURST: ST NICHOLAS

Clergy: David Commander

Assistant Curate: Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

School: Benenden CE Primary School

Please pray today for our recently launched family service: 'Connect Four.' This is a very informal service held on a Saturday afternoon, once a month. We include lively worship, a bible story, an activity, and refreshments. It's about: Connecting with one another; Connecting with the Bible; Connecting with God. Give thanks with us for the new families who have started to join us, and please pray for growth in our outreach, as we seek to connect with the local community - sharing with them the Good News.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Lichfield - (Canterbury Province)

12 MAY CRANBROOK: ST DUNSTAN

Clergy: Vacant

Readers: John Mulrenan, David Gillies

Churchwardens:

School: Colliers Green CE Primary School, Cranbrook CE Primary School

Please pray for us as our PCC begins the search for a new vicar following the retirement of Rev'd. Ann Pollington. Pray for the life of the church in all its aspects during the vacancy. Bless each member of our congregation, praying particularly for our Readers and Churchwardens.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe - the Church of Ireland (Dublin Province)

13 MAY GOUDHURST: ST MARY THE VIRGIN WITH KILNDOWN: CHRIST CHURCH



Clergy: Rachel Robertson

Reader: Sonja Drew

School: Goudhurst & Kilndown CE Primary School

Please pray for our ministry across Goudhurst and Kilndown as we seek to enter into deeper relationship with God and to share the good news of Jesus beyond our church walls. Please

pray for the Weald Family Hub in its important work supporting young people who are struggling with their mental health. Please pray for all of our work in youth ministry and outreach from Café Toddlers, to our Sunday Groups and for 'Blend,' an after-school café for secondary school children. Pray for our wonderful teams of volunteers serving across a range of ministries from church services to running our Community Cupboard.

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Lincoln (Canterbury Province)

14 MAY

PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Father,

We lift up the children and young people of our diocese to you. We pray particularly for those that are struggling at the moment, would you make your presence known to them and help them to turn to you and find your peace and comfort. Thank you for our schools and the incredible children and young people who are part of them, would we as your Church learn to bless, serve and love these schools and the students and staff

in them. May our churches become spaces of spiritual encounter for children and young people and places for them to grow as leaders and to minister with wider church family. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

(Prayer request written by Ben Hatfield - Diocesan Children and Young People's Ministry Adviser)

Anglican Communion:

Matthias the Apostle

The Diocese of Litoral Ecuador - The Episcopal Church (IX Province)

15 MAY

HAWKHURST: ST LAURENCE WITH ALL SAINTS

Clergy: Rodney Dreyer

School: Hawkhurst CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Scottish Episcopal Church

16 MAY

HEADCORN AND THE SUTTONS

Clergy: Fiona Haskett

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Liverpool - (York Province)

17 MAY

MARDEN: ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS'

Clergy: Nicola Harvey

Reader: Sarah Emmanuel

ALM: Amanda Abbitt

Pray with us as we discern the ways in which we can best serve and come to know our community.

Pray for the new people joining the church and those engaging with church through baptism.

Pray that we continue to connect with children and families in our area, through Messy Church and Little Fishes toddler group.

Pray for all who serve in the church in any way to make it a flourishing community.

Anglican Communion:

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

18 MAY

SISSINGHURST: TRINITY CHURCH WITH FRITTENDEN: ST MARY

Clergy: Peter Deaves

Reader: Tony Staples

Schools: Frittenden CE Primary School, Sissinghurst CE Primary School

We rejoice that our Open the Book team (formed from both parishes) is back in both CoE primary schools - currently fortnightly. Do pray for more volunteers, and closer school-church links leading to more families in church.

We praise God for 20-ish new folk, many of whom gathered for our recent Newcomers' Tea. Chatting, vision-sharing, laughing - and plenty of cake - pray we'd grow strong together.

We're excited about greater lay involvement in our services, and for our four Lent groups. Do pray many would want to continue meeting, and for God to bless our upcoming Hope Explored course.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Llandaff - The Church in Wales

19 MAY

STAPLEHURST: ALL SAINTS

Clergy: Silke Tetzlaff, Monica Taylor

We thank our Lord that we have developed new ways of bringing people to worship through our Sunday zoom services, and weekday Zoom services of Morning and Evening Prayer.

Please pray that as we continue to reach out to the community, more people will find the love of God and join us in worship and prayer.

Pray for our Art and Platinum Jubilee exhibitions, and our Eco Day with Churchyard tours, talks, singing; all encouraging children and adults to appreciate the wildlife in our large Churchyard and beyond.

Please pray that our financial difficulties will be solved, enabling us to go from strength to strength in love and prayer to our lord Jesus Christ.

Anglican Communion:

The Missionary Diocese of Lodger - The Anglican Church of Kenya

20 MAY

PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD DEANERY

Area Deans: Chris Denyer, Jeremy Worthen

Lay Chair: Liz Richardson

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Shirley Leslie

We pray for the journey ahead of us, as we continue to develop our shared vision, while also supporting one another in mission and ministry across the deanery. We pray that we might foster a culture of generosity and responsibility.

Anglican Communion:

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

21 MAY

PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD DEANERY, ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

We pray that we will be able to realise the potential of our buildings for connecting with our communities, that we will be able to increase contact with and participation by children and young people, and in these challenging times understand and respond to social change as we emerge from the pandemic.

Anglican Communion:

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

22 MAY

PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD 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 Bannerman, Alex Bienfait, Marian Bond, Ian Campbell, Philip Cox, Judy Griffiths, Noelle Hall, Clive Laker, Paul Miller, Gilbert Spencer, Sue Starkings, Richard Webb, Alan Ramsay

Anglican Communion:

The Church of the Province of South East Asia

23 MAY

ASHFORD 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.

Geoff Walters, Ian Rich, Tricia Hill, Cat Darkins, Stephen Fouche, Chris Denyer, Sue Starkings, Geoff Abasolo-Munnery

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of London (Canterbury Province)

24 MAY

PRAYING FOR IGNITE DEANERY COMMUNITIES



Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Ashford Deanery. 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 Long Island - The Episcopal Church (II Province)

Clergy: Jeremy Worthen, Adam Childs, Jo Purle, Bonnie Appleton, Dawn Stamper, Cathie Aldis-Saunders, Richard Bellamy

Assistant Curates: Bruce Watson, Geoff Abasolo-Munnery, Andrew Brown

Readers: Alison Gunther, Derek Goodwin, James Beck

Schools: John Wesley CE/MP School, Kennington CE Academy, Kingsnorth CE Primary School, St Mary's CE Primary School, The John Wallis Church of England Academy Ashford

Pray with us as we seek to be a family of churches centred on Jesus, serving the community, and sharing our faith. Through shared times of discussion and prayer, the Local Leadership Teams from each of our 7 worshipping communities and the PCC have sought to discern God's direction and priorities for the next 5 years. This listening forms the basis of our Mission Action Planning.

Please pray for us as we build unity as one Parish, and for our 7 churches as we seek to engage in ministry and mission which is relevant and contextual in our unique communities.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Los Angeles - The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)



Father,

Creator of everything around us on this earth we call home.

Creator of the heavens and planets and stars that we look up at and say 'wow!'

You have told us in your word to pray to you about everything, so here we are, praying to you. You have told us in your word not to worry, yet sometimes this feels so hard to do. Help us to trust you, and hold on to your peace even as our bills keep getting bigger

and bigger. Help us to share with others that which you have given us.

That in our love and support for each other we might honour you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

Amen.

(Prayer request written by Richard Heywood - St George's Church, Folkestone)

Anglican Communion: Ascension Day

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Louisiana - The Episcopal Church (IV Province)



Read ...

‘Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God’s elect, exiles, scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.’

1 Peter 1:1-2

Look ... at the picture. What do you notice?

Reflect ... Where is the Holy Spirit at work in you and those around you today?

Pray ...

God our Tower of Strength, hear my plea, enrol me in the community of your disciples. Whether I dwell at home or in exile, may I know my true place is with You. When disaster overtakes disaster, and it seems that all is lost, bring exiles back to their own land and restore their fortunes. May we become heralds of a new covenant of peace, through Jesus your Son, who ignored all boundaries and nationalities. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Western Louisiana - The Episcopal Church (VII Province)



Read ...

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.' 1 Peter 1:12

Look ... at the picture. What do you notice?

Reflect ... Where is the Holy Spirit at work in you and those around you today?

Pray ...

God of humanity, we are bounded by gravity, but as Jacob dreamed of the angels ascending and descending to earth, so we yearn to find the place where the Lord is to be found. Uncover our desires and bring us to the place where we find meaning in our lives, leading us to the gate of heaven, upheld by your strong yet gentle hand. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Luapula - The Church of the Province of Central Africa



Read ...

‘Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation. 1 Peter 2:2

Look ... at the picture. What do you notice?

Reflect ... Where is the Holy Spirit at work in you and those around you today?

Pray ...

As Jesus welcomed the children and took them in his arms and promised them the kingdom, we bring ourselves to you, Mother God. Whether in our youth, our middle years, or in old age, may we approach you with the excitement and trust of children, asking for your blessing on us this day and in all the days of our life ahead. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Church of South India (United)



Read ...

‘You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.’ 1 Peter 2:5

Look ... at the picture. What do you notice?

Reflect ... Where is the Holy Spirit at work in you and those around you today?

Pray ...

God our only true Architect, builder of all loving homes, as Jesus was welcomed into the home of Mary and Martha, and as he entered the house of Simon-Peter to heal the sick, may we welcome friends and strangers into our homes, offering respite and hope. Bless our homes with trust, respect, and an ever-open door, and our hospitals as a place of healing. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

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



Read ...

‘But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.’

1 Peter 2:9-10

Look ... at the picture. What do you notice?

Reflect ... Where is the Holy Spirit at work in you and those around you today?

Pray ...

Merciful God, as you chose a humble woman to be the mother of Jesus, we give thanks that we too are invited to belong to his people. Give us inner strength to follow your promise and build a holy nation built on the values of Christ and not of this world. May people marvel at our transformation, and so be drawn to your loving promises. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Lui - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Amadi Province)

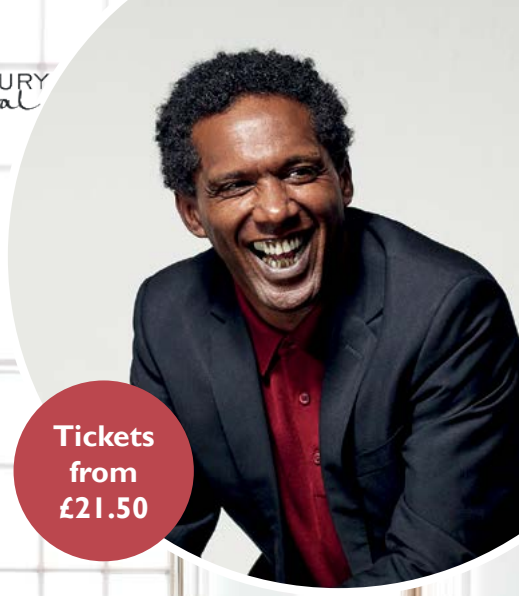
In a Strange Land

**An Evening with Lemn Sissay
and Stile Antico
with oud player Rihab Azar**

**A concert of words and music
about migration and exile**

***Fri, 17 June 2022, 19.30
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**Tickets
from
£21.50**



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**Book your tickets online at
www.canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/in-a-strange-land**

THY KINGDOM COME NOVENA, 27TH MAY – 4TH JUNE

Keep Praying Easter culminates in the Thy Kingdom Come Novena, when we intentionally set aside time to pray – waiting for the Holy Spirit and listening to God.

- The Thy Kingdom Come website has a whole host of prayer resources which you might like to explore.

Find them all here: www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources

- The Thy Kingdom Come Novena booklet this year has been written by Archbishop Justin, with artwork by Anna Heslop. Archbishop Justin has also penned a prayer journal too.

Download them here: www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/new-2022

- We are in the process of producing Daily Waitings liturgies to accompany the Novena material, and these will be available on our website later in May. Why not consider inviting people to gather to pray (in person or online) each day during Thy Kingdom Come, and use the Daily Waitings liturgies to guide those times of prayer.
- Thy Kingdom Come falls right across the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, so perhaps we'll all be out and about blessing our local communities with street parties, flower festivals, family events and special services. In the light of that, how might we make prayer a part of that blessing?

We will update the Keep Praying webpage with more ideas and resources throughout May.

www.canterburydiocese.org/keep-praying

WELLBEING IN MINISTRY

The wellbeing of our ministers - both lay and ordained - is a key priority for Canterbury Diocese. We know that life in ministry - whether it's your full time 'job' or something you balance with other work and commitments, can be hugely demanding and we are working to ensure that we can better resource and support our ministers.

Find out about how we can help here:

<https://canterburydiocese.org/clergy-wellbeing>

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life,
You were broken that we might be filled.
In your tenderness, break open our lives,
That we might overflow with gifts of grace for a
broken world.

Amen.

Our Prayer Cards throughout 2022 have helped us reflect on the ‘multi-directional’ nature of generosity: receiving from God and giving to others; receiving from others and giving back to God. But do we ever think about ourselves as gift, as a treasure God rejoices to share?

What do people most appreciate about you? What do you most enjoy giving away?

How might God be giving us, the church, as a gift to our local communities? How do we hinder that giving? How might we cooperate wholeheartedly with it?



For more information about Keep Praying, visit canterburydiocese.org/keep-praying.

To sign up for regular updates from the Changing Lives Prayer Network, visit canterburydiocese.org/prayer or email lbywater@diocant.org

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