



Diocese of Canterbury
CHANGED LIVES ➞ CHANGING LIVES

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



August 2022



Jesus, our teacher, we thank you for your example of patient instruction and hands-on modelling with your first disciples. We invite you again to instruct and guide our lives as we continue our own journey of discipleship with you. We pray for all our teachers and children to draw strength, wisdom and grace from your loving presence, alongside us while we learn and play. Be at work through our school chaplains to minister your love and care to

their educational communities, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Pray in particular today for:

Lindsay Collins, Paul Glass, Stephen Laird, Joy Atkins, Jeremy Law, Martin Robbins, Dave Stroud, Maddie Thorp, Kevin Maddy, Helen Connell, Geoff Pearson, Jo Richards, Sally Waters, Peter Joyce

Prayer request written by Revd Joy Atkins - Chaplain at St Edmund's School, Canterbury

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Matlosane - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Father God, we pray for those families who will struggle this summer as the rising cost of living adds to the burden felt by many of "filling the six week's holiday."

May they find simple, fun and cost-effective ways to do more than put food on the table. We ask for freedom from guilt and the fear of missing out.

Remind us all, we pray, of what we learned in lockdown about patience, kindness and the important things in life so that we can harness those qualities and not flounder, but flourish. Amen.

Prayer request written by Sandra Goodey - Trustee of the Mother's Union (Diocese of Canterbury Branch)

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Mauritius - The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean



Clergy: Stephen Laird, Stacey Rand

Reader: Peter Clough

Pray with us as we welcome Bishops from across the Anglican Communion into our parish. Please pray for those attending the Lambeth Conference, and our ministry of welcome at Blean Church, situated next to the conference venue; and pray especially for members of our own and other local congregations, and Mothers' Union members, who are helping with stewarding.

In August we are also welcoming European Bison into our parish, as part of a managed scheme of conservation in Blean Woods. May this further inspire us, and the wider community, to take our responsibilities towards the care and appreciation of the natural environment ever more seriously.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Mbaise - The Church of Nigeria (Owerri Province)

Image: European Bison: a new mural on a building at the University of Kent, celebrating the introduction of Bison to Blean Woods in summer 2022

Clergy: Vacant

Assistant Curate: Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson

Reader: Gavin Netherton

Churchwardens: Jack Fellows, William Gravenor

School: St John's Church of England Primary School

At All Saints we're thinking and talking about prayer and looking to quicken the prayer pulse of our church. We are an inclusive and diverse group of people and want those in our community to know and share our love for each other and the God we love and serve.

Pray for those working with young people within the church and on the streets of our community. Give them courage and creativity as they share God's love.

Pray for our work supporting people in food and energy poverty as we show the love of Christ.

We are in the process of appointing a new vicar. Pray for our church family, that we might continue to support one another, and work together for God's glory. Pray for all those who might find themselves discerning a call to All Saints, that together we can hear God's voice and guidance during this time. We ask for God's wisdom, compassion and strength to be poured out on us and that all things might hold together in Christ. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

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

5 AUGUST **CANTERBURY: ST MARTIN AND ST PAUL**

Clergy: Mark Griffin

Readers: Samuel Keeler-Walker, Chris Robinson, Rosemary Walters, Mary Butcher

Please pray for Charlotte Sleigh as she is ordained deacon and joins us as Self Supporting Curate. Pray for those in our parish who are in training for new ministries, especially Clary training for ordination. Give thanks for our partnerships with the Querns Community Centre and the Spring Lane Neighbourhood for their continuing growth. We are excited that visitors are returning to St Martin's and ask for prayer for Jeanne our new visitor host, as well as new opportunities to reach out to pilgrims and tourists alike. We give thanks for our work with children and young people.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Northern Mbale - The Church of the Province of Uganda

6 AUGUST **CANTERBURY: ST MARY BREDIN**

Clergy: Barney De Berry

Associate Priest: Stephen Carter

Assistant Curate: Charmaine Muir

Readers: Martin Collings, Roger Thornington

We give thanks for:

- The 60+ young people coming to our youth outreach Café Lumen each week
- The five Ministry Experience Students finishing their year on the Diocesan Discipleship Year scheme with us
- The reestablishment of our CAP Debt Centre service which has recently seen two people become debt free.
- Please pray for St Mary Bredin:
- As we gear up for the Autumn term with a new Alpha course and as we look to welcome students to Canterbury
- Our ongoing chaplaincy ministries at Archbishops School, Wincheap School and Kent Cricket.

Anglican Communion:

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Diocese of Mbamili - The Church of Nigeria (Niger Province)



When we spend time outside today, let us watch for and dwell on the places where nature is broken, hurt or ripped apart. As we gaze, let us look for the signs that demonstrate life's determination to carry on and grow back.

A prayer

Lord God, when we consider the suffering in our world and in our lives, help us to see your resurrection power at work in nature. May it fill us with hope to overcome adversity and redeem what is broken. Amen.

Please pray today for 'Walk Church - celebrating God outdoors' as we consider how to develop its future.

Prayer request written by Revd Alex Bienfait - founder and leader of 'Walk Church - celebrating God outdoors'

Anglican Communion:

8th Sunday after Trinity

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Clergy: Kevin Maddy

Readers: Peter Toon, Sally Walters

Anna Chaplain: Sally Waters

School: The Archbishop's School

St Stephen's continues to maintain a high standard of church music thanks to our musical director Steve and the choir, and a strong tradition of theological reflection thanks to Philip and our theology group. Please pray for them and for Angela and our churchyard working group who have done so much to make our grounds attractive, and also for Margaret, Libby and Sally who coordinate our pastoral activities, including lunches at St Stephen's Junior School and Mothers' Union outings and Tea at Three activities. Please pray for The Archbishop's School and for David and Giles and the leadership team as they prepare to appoint a full-time school chaplain.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Mbeere - The Anglican Church of Kenya



Almighty and merciful God of love

We pray for refugees fleeing from conflict around the world who seek shelter, welcome, safety and love

Give them the hope that they will be met with open arms, that their fears and anxieties may lessen and the pain, sorrow and uncertainty they suffer are diminished in your loving embrace.

May we be able to meet their needs, show them tender kindness, and provide them a place of sanctuary in our communities.

Grant us the strength to carry this out in your name Father, to encourage others to have that compassion as well, and to nurture a sense of belonging for all.

Show us the way and help us to welcome them out of the wilderness, walking alongside them into your world of loving Grace.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Prayer request written by Jacquie Town - Personal Assistant to the Diocesan Director of Ordinands

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Mbashe - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

10 AUGUST HARBLEDOWN: ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGEL'S

Clergy: Peter Harnden

Please pray today:

- For our new 'Stay & Play' sessions for pre-school children recommencing in September after a Summer break;
- For our new Community Lunch Club;
- For our monthly 'Get-Together Coffee Mornings', that local residents may continue to value and support them;
- For someone to come forward who is prepared to be our next Treasurer.
- For our wonderful new Organist, Paul, and for the joy being experienced through the music;
- For the goodwill and joy generated by our 'Pentecost Sunday & Platinum Party' celebrations and also during July's 'Jubilee Garden Party' - long may it continue;
- For our small, but very dedicated team of volunteers who tackle and achieve so much, month by month.

Anglican Communion:

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

11 AUGUST ST DUNSTAN, ST MILDRED & ST PETER CANTERBURY BENEFICE



Clergy: Jo Richards

Assistant Curate: Jennifer Walpole

Readers: John Morrison, Tessa Taylor,

Margaret Wells

Please pray for the launch, this summer, of our Open Table Services. These Eucharistic services are for LGBT+ people, their friends, families and anyone who wants to belong to an accepting, affirming and loving community. These services will take place on the second Sunday of the month at St Peter's Anglican Church Canterbury, at 3.30pm. Please pray also for St Peter's as we move forward with our community Hub initiative, creating an Oasis on Canterbury's busy High Street, a safe space for all. Prayers also for St Dunstan's as that too moves forward with its Big Plan project, and for St Mildred's and the installation of a new boiler, praying that we get the grants.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Meath & Kildare - The Church of Ireland (Dublin Province)

12 AUGUST

STURRY: ST NICHOLAS WITH FORDWICH: ST MARY THE VIRGIN & WESTBERE: ALL SAINTS WITH HERSDEN

Clergy: Vacant

Local Preacher: Ron Chadwick

Churchwardens: Anne Stevenson, Darren Delo

School: Sturry Church of England Primary School

We are an LEP with the Methodists and have been in interregnum for over a year. Currently we have a mixture of Anglican and Methodists leading our Services for which we are very grateful. We are searching for the right way forward and we ask for prayers to discern what form of leadership we should have. We serve a wide area which is expanding and badly need the leadership issue to be sorted so that we can have some continuity of ministry, enabling us both to develop our own faith and provide effective outreach to the community.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Medak - The (united) Church of South India

13 AUGUST

THANINGTON: ST NICHOLAS & ST FAITH

Clergy: Nick White

The population of Thanington is set to double, with work underway on 1150 new homes.

Please pray for existing residents experiencing the impact of construction and traffic, for the council and the developers to minimise disruption, and for people moving into the new homes.

Please pray for Revd Nick White, licensed January 2022, as he leads the church's response. Give thanks for new church members and good links with other community groups.

Give thanks for a new youth group, Minecraft & More, offering the chance for children to explore Christian faith with the help of a popular gaming app.

Please pray for the church to grow in faith, hope, love, and in number, so that more and more people will experience the good news of God's love and respond with faith.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Wad Medani - Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan



Dear God,

We give thanks for the person or people who first told us about the Good News of what Jesus has done for us. We are so grateful for the changes that this has brought into our lives. We thank you that this Good News is still as relevant as it ever was, perhaps even more so with all the bad news that is around at the moment! May we continue to find ways to share this eternal Good News with others through what we say and do in a way that

is “simpler, bolder and humbler”.

Amen.

Prayer request written by Colin Evans - Diocesan Strategic Programme Manager

Anglican Communion:

9th Sunday after Trinity

The Extra-Provincial Churches

The Dean: Jane Hedges

Archdeacon: William Adam

Canon Librarian: Tim Naish

Canon Missioner: Emma Pennington

Canon Treasurer: Andrew Dodd

Receiver General: Vacant

Lay Members of Chapter: Janice Reid, Caroline Spencer

Non-Executive Members of Chapter: Jane Ibbotson, Richard Oldfield

Anglican Communion:

The Blessed Virgin Mary

The Diocese of Central Melanesia - The Anglican Church of Melanesia

16 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Today we pray for schools across our Diocese; for staff, children and their families, volunteers, and visitors who together create school communities for our young people to grow and flourish in. For all of them, we pray they are refreshed this summer holiday; for those spending time with family and friends we pray for good times and for happy memories to be created, for those planning for the next academic term we pray for inspiration for new ideas and fresh vision, and for all those working on school building projects or renovations or preparing the school for the new term we pray for safety, clear communication and for solutions to matters that arise.

Prayer request written by Sarah Buchan - Diocesan Lead Team Administrator for CYPE

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Melbourne - The Anglican Church of Australia (Victoria Province)

17 AUGUST EAST BRIDGE DEANERY: ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE



Area Dean: Stefan Thomas

Lay Chair: Steve Sheath

Lay Chair Assistant: John Andrews

Secretary: John Andrews

Treasurer: Michael Gallagher

Pray with us for the sending of shepherds to lead our benefices in both lay and ordained ministries; to remind us that we are many members of one body in Christ; for a generosity of spirit to lead us in the mission of God. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Meridional (Southern) - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

18 AUGUST EAST BRIDGE 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:

Phil Brown, Gerald Greenwood, Nigel Hale, Lizzie Hopthrow, Barbara Way

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Meru - The Anglican Church of Kenya

19 AUGUST EAST BRIDGE 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.

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

Lorraine Apps-Huggins, Hilary Hills, Ray Horton, John Styles, Rex Morton

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Mexico - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

20 AUGUST AYLESHAM: ST PETER

Clergy: Nick Ratcliffe

Reader: Esther Jonas

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Northern Mexico - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

21 AUGUST LISTENING AND DISCERNING: GIVING THANKS FOR CREATION



When we spend time outside today, let us look out for the fruits and seeds that are now maturing. Nature is packing them with the potential for new life, to grow in a new season. As we ponder those fruits, what are the plans and ambitions we hold in our lives?

A prayer

Lord Christ, as we gaze upon the seeds in nature that promise new life, give us the courage to sow the seeds of change in our own lives. Give us the courage of your resurrection to embrace the changes we need to make. May we grow in confidence through the nurturing presence of your Holy Spirit. Amen

Please pray today for 'Walk Church - celebrating God outdoors' as we consider how to develop its future.

Prayer request written by Revd Alex Bienfait - founder and leader of 'Walk Church - celebrating God outdoors'

Anglican Communion:

10th Sunday after Trinity

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

22 AUGUST BARHAM DOWNS WITH ADISHAM BENEFICE



Clergy: Stefan Thomas

Assistant Curate: Lesley Hardy

School: Adisham CE Primary School, Barham CE Primary School

Give thanks with us today for God's mission to all ages in our benefice; for the excitement of the summer benefice services and the potential to expand upon non-eucharist services with lay leadership. Also, please give thanks for the pastoral care team and the generosity of giving to the Pastoral Relief fund for those in need.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Southeastern Mexico - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

23 AUGUST THE BRIDGE BENEFICE

Clergy: Estella Last

Assistant Curate: Miriam Hinksman

Reader: Margaret Clarke

School: Bridge & Patricxbourne CE Primary School

Please pray that over this summer period, our volunteers and all who minister in our church community will get time for rest and relaxation. We pray for the staff in our school and for all the parents and children over the summer holidays. As we look towards the start of a new term in September, we pray for wisdom and discernment, as we reflect on our life of worship and discipleship. Guide us as we seek to fulfil God's call to be witnesses of God's saving love and to share the good news in the villages we serve.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Western Mexico - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

24 AUGUST 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:

Bartholomew the Apostle

The Diocese of Michigan - The Episcopal Church (V Province)

25 AUGUST NONINGTON: THE LIVING WELL



Chaplain of The Living Well: Lorraine Apps-Huggins

Assistant Chaplains: Hilary Hills, Ray Horton, Rex Morton

The Living Well continues to serve in 3 areas of ministry - offering a welcoming space for personal and group retreat; offering listening, supportive, healing prayer for individuals; assisting and equipping the healing ministry of Christ in local churches.

We pray that we receive from God his continued grace, mercy and peace by his Spirit as we serve. This is our key desire.

We pray for continued generosity towards the charity as we work to improve all that we offer.

Our thanks to God are for the success of the recent training day in Ashford 'Growing a Healing Ministry' and the interest it has generated in the parishes. And we pray and plan over the summer for new projects and themes for next year's programme.

In his love we are blessed.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Eastern Michigan - The Episcopal Church (V Province)

26 AUGUST THE LITTLE STOUR BENEFICE

Clergy: Vacant

Readers: John Styles, Katharine Harris

Anna Chaplain: John Styles

Churchwardens: Tina Burton, James Holdstock, Roberta O'Sullivan, Peter Terrill, Hendrick Viljoen, Mike Gallagher, Karen Mount, Steve Sheath

Schools: Wickhambreaux CE Primary School, Littlebourne CE Primary School

Pray with us today that we may soon be enabled to seek a full-time priest and finally be successful in finding one...

Please pray for our church wardens leading us at this difficult time and for all the local clergy who support us,

Also pray that God will show us ways to support one another in working together in our new benefice.

We give thanks for the scheme for welcoming newcomers, especially in Littlebourne's new development, for the links with our three schools and for the work of the Anna Chaplaincy.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Northern Michigan - The Episcopal Church (V Province)

27 AUGUST RECVLVER DEANERY: PRAYING FOR ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Area Dean: Carol Smith

Lay Chair: Amanda Boucherat

Secretary: Sue Martin

Treasurer: David Kemp

We give thanks for the wonderful diversity of our Deanery, for the range of mission and ministry in which we are engaged to serve our communities. We recognise the challenges that we face to be sustainable, flourishing and relevant and are aware that God may be calling to us to have some difficult conversations.

Father God, bless our Deanery and all that we do to serve you and our neighbourhoods. Help us as we continue to build relationships within and between our communities, so that we are living examples of diversity and unity, of compassion and love.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Western Michigan - The Episcopal Church (V Province)

28 AUGUST LISTENING AND DISCERNING: SEEKING FOR GOD



Dear God,

Our world is busy and noisy and yet we need to listen to you, to seek your voice amongst the many voices clamouring for our attention. Yours is the most important voice. And so we ask that you would help us to hear your voice clearly amidst the background noise, to tune our ears to your frequency, to align our hearts to the beat of yours, to seek ways of being quiet(er) and leaving some of the background noise behind

us for a while to hear the clear tones of your gracious words to us. And as we hear your voice coming through, may we discern your will for our lives, for our parishes, for our deaneries, for our diocese, for our world. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10)

Amen.

Prayer request written by Colin Evans - Diocesan Strategic Programme Manager

Anglican Communion:

11th Sunday after Trinity

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

29 AUGUST RECVLVER DEANERY: PRAYING FOR 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, 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, Pat Strowger, Howard Such, David Vannerley

Anglican Communion:

The Missionary District of Micronesia - The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)

30 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Lord Jesus, creator God, as we look at our hurting world and hear the distress within our communities – the worry over food and prices and jobs – help us to turn to you in faith. Remind us that however things look to us, you call us into your adventure of love and salvation and invite us to share in the healing of all things, Immanuel, God with us! As we learn to walk ever more closely with you in trust, open our eyes, heal our hearts, and renew our faith, to the glory of your saving power, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer request written by Revd Alice Bates - Assistant Curate at St Peter-in-Thanel, Broadstairs

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Milwaukee - The Episcopal Church (V Province)

31 AUGUST RECVLVER DEANERY: PRAYING FOR 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.

Jayne Edinboro

Anglican Communion:

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

Spirit of grace,
You long to gather us beneath your wings of peace;
Draw us into deeper unity,
And nurture in us your gifts
For the work of justice and reconciliation.

Amen.

The theme for the 2022 Lambeth Conference is
“God’s Church for God’s World”.

- What does being part of God’s Church mean for you at the moment?
- What does it mean for the church you’re a part of to be “for” God’s world?



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