



Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



February 2026

1 Sun Praying Together: For those involved in Hospital ministry

Loving God of life and compassion,
be present with all who dwell within the walls of all hospitals.
Draw close to those who are fearful, in pain, or carrying grief,
and let them feel held in deep peace and care.
Guide and sustain all who serve—
doctors, nurses, staff, and chaplains—
with wisdom beyond knowledge,
kindness that renews,
and strength that endures.
May healing flow where it is needed,
may hope awaken even in the darkest moments,
and may a gentle light guide every heart and every step.
May all be surrounded by compassion and grace. Amen.

Prayer written by Sue Fauchon-Jones - Chaplain at Maidstone Hospital

*Anglican Communion:
4th Sunday of Epiphany Septuagesima
The Church of England*

2 Mon Ashford Town Parish

Clergy: Jeremy Worthen, Adam Childs, Jo Purle, Charlotte Coles
Assistant Curate: Steven Horne
Chaplain: Ian Rich
Readers: Derek Goodwin
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

*Anglican Communion:
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Te Pihopatanga o Te Tairāwhiti – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia*

3 Tue Stour Downs Benefice

Clergy: Susan Manners
Schools: Brabourne CE Primary School, Stowting CE Primary School

Pray for the six churches of the Stour Downs. For all those who do so much to support the mission and ministry of these churches and communities. Pray for the work being done on Eco Church, pastoral care and in welcoming all into the love of Christ.

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Taita-Taveta – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

4 Wed Praying Together: for those involved in community work

Loving God, we pray today for all those who volunteer their time, gifts and resources in so many different ways, giving hope to the hopeless, and love to those who often feel unloveable. Be with all who walk alongside those in difficult circumstances, give them wisdom and strength, imagination and hope. Be with those who are living through a time of hardship and deprivation, addiction and mental distress. Touch the lives of their families with the knowledge that you are with them, even when everything seems dark and desolate. And may we be gifted with the eyes to notice those in need, and the hearts and hands to reach out and offer to help.

Prayer written by Primrose Northrop - Diocesan Calendar of Prayer

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Taiwan – The Episcopal Church

5 Thurs The Benefice of Calehill with Westwell

Clergy: Sandra Marsh

Reader: Mark Taylor

Reader-in-Training: Kevin Moon

Schools: Charing CE Primary School, Egerton CE Primary School, Pluckley CE Primary School

Give us patience Lord to hear your voice
Give us light Lord to follow where you lead us
Give us love Lord to share with those we serve
Give us joy Lord to sing your praise
in all that we do and say.
May we grow in love and invitation and be a safe space for all
Amen.

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Tamale – The Church of the Province of West Africa

6 Fri Praying Together with the Dover Deanery

Area Dean: Andy Bawtree

Lay Chair: Nigel Collins

Secretary: Jeremy Wilkes

Treasurer: Marianne Slater

We invite you to pray with us today. The Dover Deanery is a complex mixture involving the busy port and the quiet villages surrounding it. Our faithful Wardens, Readers, Chaplains, and all our Licensed Clergy are a gift alongside our dedicated laity. Our hope is to encourage and inspire those who live in and travel through this major transport hub. We work well as a Deanery team and pray for that to continue, with Days of Encouragement and an annual Retreat across the Channel. We are looking at how we can grow as well as using our resources to the glory of God, as we adapt and change, with paid ministry becoming a luxury.

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Tanga – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

7 Sat Praying Together with the Dover Deanery 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:

Roger Broughton, Bob Coles, Brian Duckworth, Trish Godfrey, Bruce Hawkins, Kevin Jacobs, Richard Le Rossignol, Polly Mason, Jo Robertson, Peter Sherred, Stephen Whaley, Richard Woods

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Central Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

8 Sun Praying Together: for the Canterbury Diocese

O God, who has called us to be members together of your Church, which is the body of your Son: pour out your Spirit on this Diocese and the people in our parishes. As we look forward to the installation of the new Archbishop unite us ever more closely in the fellowship of faith and devotion. Give strength, love and wisdom to all in authority and accept our gifts as we use them in the advancement of your kingdom and the glory of your name.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer written by Mary Butcher - PTO Reader at Canterbury: St Martin & St Paul

Anglican Communion:

2nd Sunday before Lent Sexagesima

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

9 Mon Praying Together with the Dover Deanery 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.

Malcolm Sawyer, David Slater, Kevin Jacobs, Barry Knott, Sean Sheffield, Angie Stupple

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of South West Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

10 Tue Praying Together with the Dover Deanery for: 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, with generosity, and that through our acts of loving service and discipleship we will share the good news.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Western Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

11 Wed Praying Together: for the quiet work of Pastoral Care

Loving God, we give thanks for those involved in parish life. For those who care, for those who listen, for those who give so tirelessly. We thank you for their quiet pastoral service. We thank you that through them the gospel is shared, not through long sermons and theological discourses, but through simple acts of kindness and compassion. Today we ask you to bless all those who share in this quiet, generous ministry within each of our communities.

Prayer written by Primrose Northrop - Diocesan Calendar of Prayer

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Tarime – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

12 Thurs Alkham: St Anthony with Capel-le-Ferne: St Radigund & Hougham: St Laurence

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Audrey Goaten, Rachel Hogben, Carol Mannall

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Tasmania – The Anglican Church of Australia

13 Fri Bewsborough Parish

Clergy: Sean Sheffield

Assistant Curate: Seb Lundberg

Reader: Jenny Groombridge

School: Sibertswold CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Taungoo – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

14 Sat Dover Town

Clergy: Melissa Carter, Claire Coleman

Assistant Curate: Graham Snellin

Readers: Wendy Bowditch, Nigel Collins, Chris Scoble

Anna Chaplain: Wendy Bowditch

Schools: St Mary's CE Primary School, Guston CE Primary School, Dover College, Charlton Church of England Primary School

Today, please pray with the Dover Town Team Benefice. We have been intentionally praying for growth and unity, and we celebrate seeing the signs of God at work: Drawing new people into church; deepening personal discipleship through new home groups; people hearing and discerning Gods call to join our welcome team, our pastoral team, our children and young people's team and our lay ministry teams or using their gifts of hospitality, encouragement and meeting people where they are. We pray for Gods continued blessings of strength, courage and joy, filling our hearts and minds with a passion for sharing Gods gospel through living joyfully the life we receive in Christ.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Temotu – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

15 Sun Praying Together for: Archbishop Sarah Mullally and the Canterbury Diocese

At this unique time in the life of our church, we pray for Archbishop Sarah, Bishop Rose and for all churches in our Diocese that all the people may faithfully and joyfully proclaim the majesty, glory and love of God and his Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Norman Gilliland - Assistant Curate at Walmer & Cornilo Benefice

Anglican Communion:

Sunday next before Lent Quinquagesima

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

16 Mon River: St Peter & St Paul

Clergy: Andy Bawtree

Assistant Curate: Margaret Bowers

Readers: Lynne Watson, Steve Saunderson

Give thanks with us today. We had a wonderful Advent and Christmas in the parish, and look forward to building on it, with new disciples exploring the Scriptures in the year ahead. Alongside the dedicated and faithful team we have here, we plan to use the Bible Course, as we continue to deepen our prayer life as a community of faith and to share our faith in Jesus with others with a confidence that we are known and loved by our Heavenly Father. We continue to bear witness to God's faithfulness in our worship and outreach to our village, and prayers for renewal and revival.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Tennessee – The Episcopal Church

17 Tue St Margaret-at-Cliff with Westcliffe & East Langdon with West Langdon

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Anthony Hyde, Anna Newton, Vivienne Verren, Gill Cubitt, Brenda Lester

Readers: Barbara Broughton, Anthony Hyde

We pray for guidance and direction
in providing pastoral care to our community;
We struggle in the absence of leadership
but do our best in what we can do.
We pray for strength to continue God's work
which is to serve others;
We ask for your prayers to keep God's light
shining on all that we must do.

Today we pray particularly for the strengthening of relationships between our churches and the communities which surround them. We pray for warm welcomes, hospitality; for open doors and open hearts.

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of East Tennessee – The Episcopal Church

18 Wed Praying Together: Ash Wednesday

Heavenly Father thank you that we can come to you in penitence and faith this Ash Wednesday, rejoicing that you have called us into your kingdom, that your Son, Jesus Christ, took our place on the cross because of your great love for each one of us, that we might know peace, forgiveness and the hope of eternal life.
Just as Jesus came not to be served but to serve, help us to dedicate ourselves anew to loving and serving you with all our hearts and minds as we seek to make you known in our parishes and communities. Amen.

Prayer written by Ruth Jones - Licensed Lay Minister at Folkestone: St John the Baptist

Anglican Communion:
Ash Wednesday
The Diocese of West Tennessee – The Episcopal Church

19 Thurs Temple Ewell: St Peter & St Paul with Lydden: St Mary the Virgin

Clergy: Ian Parrish

Schools: Temple Ewell CE Primary School

We pray as a parish for wisdom and guidance in all our life together, especially in the discernment of the 'Three Things' Mission Action Plan (MAP). We pray for; God's preferred and promised future for the church at Temple Ewell w Lydden, the new School Explorer Church seeking new ways to engage with the families, community and environment, a new Labyrinth in our churchyard, and spiritual growth in our church, schools and community.

And today we give thanks for the work and ministries of Priest-in-charge Revd Ian Parrish, Churchwardens Dr Judith Shilling & John Glass, Worship Leaders Jenny Miles & Lucy Moat and others, including Frauke, Alison, Sylvia, Liz & Dewi that support our church and community.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Terekeka – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

20 Fri St Mary-in-Castro

Ministry Team: Bob Coles, Kevin Jacobs, Polly Mason

Anglican Communion:

The Territory of the People – The Anglican Church of Canada

21 Sat Praying Together with the Elham Deanery

Area Deans: Barry Knott

Lay Chair: John Campbell, Alan French

Secretary: Bill Mills

Treasurer: Laurie Maxfield

Anglican Communion:

The Missionary Diocese of Tete – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

22 Sun Praying Together: 1st Sunday of Lent

Loving God,
fill us with your grace
that in this season of Lent
we may have the courage to enter the desert
and encounter the enveloping darkness of our world:
the darkness of war, famine, poverty and injustice;
the darkness of pain, agony and despair;
and the darkness within ourselves.
Make us agents of the presence of your beloved Son
bringing his healing and hope to our suffering humanity.
Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Preb Gillean Craig - PTO in the Reculver Deanery

*Anglican Communion:
1st Sunday of Lent Quadragesima
The Church of Ireland*

23 Mon Praying Together with the Elham Deanery 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Kim Aston, Michael Chandler, Pam Clark, Martin Jewitt, David Makepeace, Roger Martin, Kate McNeice, Barry Preece, David Russell, Ben Rutt-Field, John Tomlinson, Eileen Webb

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Texas – The Episcopal Church*

24 Tue Praying Together with the Elham Deanery 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Malcolm Sawyer, Tricia Hill, David Slater, Bill Mills, Heather Parsons, Sarah Grinsell, Maggie Smithard

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Northwest Texas – The Episcopal Church*

25 Wed Praying Together: Lenten Journeys

In this time of Lent as we journey with Jesus from Cradle to Cross, we hold in prayer the sacrifice of Mary the mother of Jesus, and the pain she endured for the sake of all humankind. For all who have served Jesus Christ, for their widows, widowers and orphans, who now find themselves alone, and bereft of human love. The washing of feet can be both literal and metaphorical, with both equally refreshing. New growth in our journey with Jesus Christ requires the fertile soil laid sacrificially by those gone before, which nourishes the new seeds we plant.

Prayer written by Revd Colin Terry - PTO in the Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of West Texas – The Episcopal Church

26 Thurs Praying Together with the Elham Deanery for: Missional Learning Communities

Please pray today for the Missional Learning community 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 of Thika – The Anglican Church of Kenya

27 Fri Cheriton with Newington

Clergy: Zoe Crofts

Assistant Curate: Stephen Brown

Reader: Jenny Hoyle

Reader-in-Training: Stephen Ind

Schools: All Souls CE Primary School, Seabrook CE Primary School, St Martin's CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Thoothukudi – Nazareth – The Church of South India (United)

28 Sat Elham Valley Group of Churches

Clergy: Carol Bates, Stephen Dougal

Assistant Curate: Sharon Paine

Readers: Diana Baldwin, Janet Butcher-Weisner, Bill Meakin

Schools: Elham CE Primary School, Selsted CE Primary School, School: Lyminge CE Primary School

Please pray for the Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministry Leadership Team who lead and preach at various churches and schools within the benefice. As we meet to dwell in God's word, share thanks and opportunities for reaching out to others and to pray together, let us be open to the Holy Spirit leading us and be willing to try out new ways of working with each other across the benefice. We are thankful of all the new people coming to our services, those seeking baptism and marriage or more information about how to be a christian in today's world. Help us to be ready to receive the seekers and help nurture their growth in faith and love of Jesus. A cross-benefice team of about 6 volunteers is needed to run a second START course hopefully before Easter. Some small home groups are needed to integrate new people and help them feel part of the church.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Tirunelveli –

The Church of South India (United)

THE WONDER OF PRAYER

EPIPHANY — THE LIGHT OF DAWN



*‘The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day.’
(Proverbs 4:18 NLT)*

Jesus Christ, Morning Star –

- Dawn in our hearts, bringing fresh revelation for a new year.
- Rise in your Church, that we might guide people towards a place of encounter with you.
- Shine in the corridors of power, bringing the light of your love to the work of politics and government.
- Blaze a trail of hope across this earth, that wars may cease and justice reign.
- Lift up the light of your countenance upon us and give us peace.





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**Jesus Christ, Sun of Righteousness,
We welcome the warmth of your healing,
We rest in your radiant grace,
We choose to reflect the light of your love,
That the world may wake to the brightness
of your new day.**

Amen.

Here in the Canterbury Diocese, we've been thinking about what three things God is inviting us to focus on in our churches, but it's a worthwhile reflection for our personal faith journey too. What three things is God inviting you to focus your time, energy and prayer on in 2026?

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