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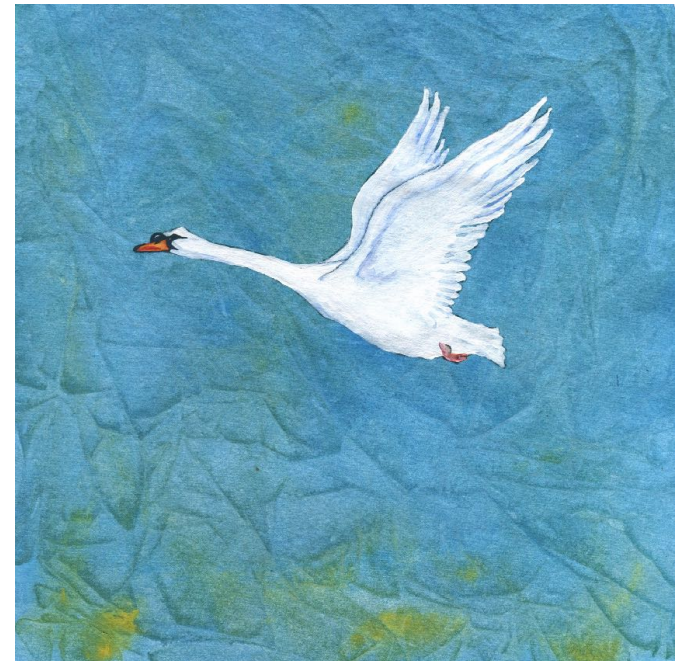
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



November 2025

1 Sat Westgate-on-Sea: St Saviour

Clergy: Jef Foulger

Anglican Communion:

All Saints' Day

*The Diocese of Popondota – The Anglican Church of
Papua New Guinea*

**2 Sun Praying Together: For Archbishop Sarah
Mullally**

Lord Jesus Christ,
You came not to be served but to serve, and to give your
life that we might live.

We thank you for your servant Sarah, as she is called to
serve as Archbishop of Canterbury. We thank you for her
commitment to your gospel, and we ask that she may be
strengthened and upheld by your Holy Spirit.

Bless her with your grace and may she guide your church
with wisdom and integrity. This we ask in your name,
and for your glory.
Amen.

Prayer written by Primrose Northrop - Diocesan
Calendar of Prayer

Anglican Communion:

4th Sunday before Advent

The Church of the Province of West Africa

30 Sun Praying Together: 1st Sunday of Advent

Father, as we pray together on this First Sunday of
Advent, we ask for a renewal of hope to be kindled in our
hearts. Help us to shake off the anxiety,
discouragements, and distractions that have filled this
year.

May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.
Let us be counted amongst those who are watchful and
expectant, awaiting with joy the coming of our Saviour.
Today we pray for our world, our nation, our individual
communities. Wherever we find ourselves, we ask that
you would send us out as hope-filled witnesses to share
with others the promise of your great and glorious
salvation. This we ask in the name of Jesus, Emmanuel,
God with us. Amen.

Prayer written by Primrose Northrop - Diocesan
Calendar of Prayer

Anglican Communion:

Advent 1

The Anglican Church of Australia

28 Fri Maidstone: St Faith

Clergy: Mark Pavey

Reader: Sue Shaw

Here at St Faith's we've been taking the year to stop, look and listen to what God is doing and saying in and through our community. It's been an amazing time and we are continuing to pray for God's wisdom, direction and guidance as the Church grows and develops.

Please pray for our new Children and Families Pastor as she looks to develop volunteers and the children's ministry.

Please also pray for our Youth Cafe as it moves to a Sunday evening to incorporate more elements of worship and see young people grow and develop in their calling to follow Jesus. Lastly we're praying for our musical worship team as we look to establish and develop new leaders.

Anglican Communion:

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

29 Sat Maidstone: St Luke the Evangelist

Clergy: Gareth Dickinson

Assistant Curates: Hollie Butler, Barbara Lewis, Phil Trainer

Reader in Training: Nat Croft

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Rorya – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

3 Mon Praying together for the Stour Valley Deanery

Area Dean: Ravi Holy

Lay Chair: Caroline Knight

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Nigel Poole

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Portsmouth – The Church of England

4 Tue Praying Together with the Stour Valley 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:

Garth Barber, Brian Chalmers, Dylan Turner

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Pretoria – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

5 Wed Praying Together with the Stour Valley 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.

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Puerto Rico – The Episcopal Church*

6 Thurs The Benefice of Chartham

Clergy: Andrew Edwards
Reader: Gerry Willis
Reader-in-Training: David Arnott
Pastoral Assistant: Angela Hirst

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Pune – The Church of North India
(United)*

7 Fri King's Wood Benefice

Clergy: Sue Martin
School: St Mary's Church of England Primary School

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Pungue River – Igreja Anglicana de
Mocambique e Angola*

27 Thurs Maidstone: St Andrew (Barming Heath)

Clergy: Anthea Mitchell

We give thanks for the life of St Andrew's, and pray that our church may continue to grow in number and in diversity, reflecting the richness of God's kingdom.

We pray for our Community Café, giving thanks for the warm welcome, deepening friendships and generous hospitality it offers, especially to those on the margins in our parish and beyond.



We also pray for our new Lay Worship Leaders course beginning in October, asking God to guide and inspire those who come forward to serve. May all we do be rooted in Christ and bear fruit for his glory.

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Rockhampton – The Anglican Church of Australia*

25 Tue International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls

Women's rights activists have observed 25 November as a day against gender-based violence since 1981. This date was selected to honour the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally murdered in 1960 by order of the country's ruler, Rafael Trujillo.

We hold in prayer today all those women and girls around the world who face violence. May they sense the presence of the God of love who is stronger than any other power, and may they find an escape-route to a better future.

Prayer written by Lyndall Bywater - Changing Lives
Prayer network Co-ordinator

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Rochester (England) – The Church of England*

26 Wed Maidstone: All Saints with St Philip with St Stephen (Tovil)

Clergy: Vacant
Churchwardens: David Freed, Denise Joy, Robert Philo
Anna Chaplain: Katja Svarts
School: Archbishop Courtenay CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Rochester (USA) – The Episcopal Church*

8 Sat The United Wye Benefice

Clergy: Ravi Holy, Linda Cross, Dawn Stamper
Assistant Curate: Dan Ralph
Readers: Lucy Carvill, Clare Masters, Kevin Rall, Nigel Poole
Reader-in-Training: Kate Brazier
School: Bodsham Church of England Primary School

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Pyay – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*

9 Sun Remembrance Sunday

Dear Father,
We hold before you all those who have died in the cause of freedom, and those who have been physically or mentally traumatised by war or man's inhumanity to man.

At this time we also hold before you all those incapacitated by the testing of nuclear, biological or chemical warfare agents, and we pray for all who seek to foster their return to health.
Through your Son who is the prince of peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Howard Pashley - PTO in the Sandwich Deanery

*Anglican Communion: 3rd Sunday before Advent
The Church in the Province of the West Indies*

10 Mon Praying Together for the Maidstone Deanery

Area Dean: Gareth Dickinson
Lay Chair: Fiona Higgs
Secretary: Wendy Suffield
Treasurer: Susan Ghinn
School: St Augustine Academy

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Qu'Appelle – The Anglican Church of Canada

11 Tue Praying Together with the Maidstone 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:

Clinton Davis, Alisoun Francis, David Grimwood, David Jones, Paul Kish, Alan Le Grys, Richard Love, Peter Maurice, Adi McCall, Brian Stevenson, Colin Terry, Julian Waite, Liz Walker, Tim Watts, Robin Williamson

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Quebec – The Anglican Church of Canada

24 Mon Praying Together: for all with official responsibility for safeguarding

We pray for the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and for all those undertaking safeguarding responsibilities in Parishes throughout our Diocese.

Please give them strength, and the knowledge that they have all our support as they carry out this most important work in your name.

Give them the clarity and focus to really see who is in need. Give all of us courage to challenge where needed, to make the church a safer place for all.

As we face the many challenges ahead, we ask your grace as we continue to spread your message of love and hope, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer written by Jacqui Town - PA to the Head of Vocations/Diocesan Director of Ordinands

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Riverina – The Anglican Church of Australia

23 Sun Praying Together: in lament and repentance

Loving God, we confess to you, and to each other, that we have sometimes failed to be aware of our responsibility to safeguard those in our care.

Give us, we pray, a new awareness of situations which put people at risk. Forgive our lack of attentiveness towards the vulnerable, and instil in us all a sense of community and caring, so that the love of God is shared more fully. Amen.

Prayer taken from www.thirtyoneeight.com

*Anglican Communion: Christ the King
The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and
Polynesia*

12 Wed Praying Together with the Maidstone 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.

Clifford Goble, Nicola Mitra, Sue Yeo, Susie-Alexandra Simpson, Geoffrey Burn, Erika Catchpole, Katja Svarts, Sue Fauchon-Jones

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of North Queensland – The Anglican
Church of Australia*

13 Thurs Praying Together with the Maidstone Deanery: for IGNITE Hub

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Maidstone Deanery. We pray for all those who are involved, in whatever 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 Raiwind – The Church of Pakistan
(United)*

14 Fri Allington: St Nicholas with Maidstone: St Peter

Clergy: Claudette Gayle

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Rajasthan –
The Church of North India (United)*

15 Sat Loose: All Saints

Clergy: Steve Price, Chris Thom, Chris Conn

Give thanks for our Christianity Explored Course, our third evangelistic course in the year and again well attended! Give thanks for Will our youth worker – youth attendance is also growing with youth bringing friends and now those friends bringing their friends! He's enjoying ministering at Cornhill, please pray for it to continue to be useful for him. Give thanks for quiet revival that is tangible in terms of people coming in. Pray too that Michelle, our children and families worker will be refreshed by her sabbatical.

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Rayalaseema – The Church of South India (United)*

22 Sat Reflecting together on verses from Matthew Chapter 18

Lord Jesus, we do not like the thought of a millstone tied around our necks because we have become a stumbling block to little ones: not at all

[Pause].

But as we say this, we become conscious that we are still concerned about ourselves rather than the children and vulnerable among us

[Pause].

Lord, the scandal is that we think first of our own wants, needs, and desires. In repentance we turn again to you. Help us, in our inner world, to change and become like children, who are open and honest to truth. And grant to us your vision of these, whose angels continually see your Father in heaven. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Neville Emslie - Director for Mission and Ministry

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Rift Valley – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

21 Fri Praying Together: for Safeguarding at local level

Loving God, we pray for the ministry of our Parish Safeguarding Officers who give of themselves to serve our churches and parishes.

We pray for the ministry of our licensed ministers and clergy as they provide leadership and model good Safeguarding practice across our churches.

We pray for our PCCs as they take responsibility for good safeguarding practice in our churches and in their outreach into the community.

We pray for the ministry and outward reach of our churches as they seek to provide safe and warm spaces for people from all walks of life.
Amen.

Prayer written by Nigel Collins - Lay Ministries Adviser / Pastoral Secretary

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Rhode Island – The Episcopal Church

16 Sun Praying Together: for the wisdom and work of safeguarding

Jesus, thank you for guiding us to protect the least among us – the young and the elderly, the sick and the vulnerable. We pray for the wisdom and the work of safeguarding at all levels in the Church. We are all responsible and we all need the care and protection of safe places. Keep us alert and attentive. Give us courage when we need it, to act for the good of all. Amen.

Prayer written by Marianne Hambrook - PA to the Director of Mission & Ministry

*Anglican Communion: 2nd Sunday before Advent
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria*

17 Mon Praying Together: for the local church

Loving God, we pray that this church may be a place of welcome, security and compassion. Keep us watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question, that all who worship here may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer taken from Church of England Safeguarding Liturgical Resources

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Recife – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*

18 Tue Praying Together: for justice and healing

Loving God, we pray for all those in our Diocese who are vulnerable and find themselves voiceless, especially those who have suffered within the family of our Church. For those that suffer in silence, please help them feel they are not alone, that they will be heard and that you know them by name. Empower us all to do the right thing for those suffering injustice and abuse – both historically and in the present – and help us do better at protecting people in the future. Amen.

Prayer written by Jacqui Town - PA to the Head of Vocations/Diocesan Director of Ordinands

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Rejaf – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

19 Wed Praying Together: for our shared safeguarding responsibilities

Loving God, we give thanks for the precious gift of life. Give us strength and courage to speak out against all forms of abuse. Help us to recognise the importance of Safeguarding as an aspect of our discipleship, as we strive to share your love and message of hope which is for all people. In the Name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Prayer written by Nigel Collins - Lay Ministries Adviser / Pastoral Secretary

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Remo – The Church of Nigeria*

20 Thurs Praying Together: for our own church family

May the doors of this church be wide enough to receive all who come seeking God and fellowship.

May the doors of this church be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May the threshold of this church be no stumbling block to young or frail feet.

May the threshold of this church be too high to admit complacency and self-seeking.

May this church be, for all who enter, a safe place and the doorway to a richer life in Christ,
Amen.

Prayer taken from Church of England Safeguarding Liturgical Resources

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Renk – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan