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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



July 2025

1 Tue Praying Together: for the Dover Port Chaplaincy

Father of all, we pray for Port Chaplains and all they serve. Team numbers have dropped but work increases. Help us in finding new volunteers to stand alongside and support those in distress, praying with and for them and being a visible sign of your church in the world. Guide our search for a seafarers centre to provide a place of rest, welcome and Wi-Fi for cruise and cargo crews on brief hours ashore during journeys lasting many months. We give thanks for the support we can offer local churches, whether storage or publicity at the regatta. In your name, Amen.

Prayer written by Canon David Slater - Lead Chaplain Port of Dover

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

2 Wed Alkham: St Anthony with Capel-le-Ferne: St Radigund & Hougham: St Laurence
Clergy: Brian Williams

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Goma – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*



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**Jesus Christ, Saviour and Teacher,
By your Spirit you empower us to live your risen life;
Breathe on us, that we might come alive in you, and be
to the world a living temple of your holy presence.
Amen.**

For reflection: Primrose has used the humble Biro to draw the figures in this image. It is a reminder to us that the Holy Spirit delights to come to us, no matter how ordinary or unremarkable we may feel.

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Image: 'Lord, teach us to pray in the power of the Spirit' by Primrose Northrop 2025

THE WONDER OF PRAYER

PENTECOST - PRAYING IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT



'When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray" ...' (Luke 11:1, CEV)

Holy Spirit, breath of God -

- Fill the hearts of all who are taking new steps in their vocation this summer.
- Rest on the Crown Nominations Commission as they discern who the next Archbishop of Canterbury will be.
- Breathe life over the summer outreach events happening across our diocese.
- Enfold all who feel anxious about changes to benefits and social care.
- Renew your Church, and teach us to pray.



3 Thurs Bewsborough Parish

Clergy: Sean Sheffield

Assistant Curate: Seb Lundberg

Reader: Jenny Groombridge

School: Sibertswold CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Gombe – The Church of Nigeria

4 Fri Dover Town

Clergy: Melissa Carter, Claire Coleman

Assistant Curate: Graham Snellin

Readers: Wendy Bowditch, Nigel Collins, Mike Bowditch, 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

Pray for us in the Dover Town Benefice as we continue to explore our identity and purpose as God's people in each parish church, and explore how we might share giftings and resources as we grow in vision and unity as a Benefice. We are currently working on a Benefice prayer, as we seek God's vision to grow his church in number and faithfulness, and reach out to our town with the love of God.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Good Shepherd – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

5 Sat River: St Peter & St Paul

Clergy: Andy Bawtree

Assistant Curate: Margaret Bowers

Readers: Lynne Watson, Steve Saunderson

We have been blessed with new members at all our regular services, our prayer is to help them grow in faith and to disciple them as we follow Jesus together, and bless our village and wider community. Our witness to River continues to be both evangelistic and pastoral, as we worship the Living God. We pray that we will share the Good News in the school, in our lunch club, through our Occasional offices, and our daily interactions with our neighbours. We pray too for our faithful Readers, Pastoral partners, musicians, PCC members, maintenance group, flower & sacristy team, intercessors and a new Assistant Curate to note but a part of the whole, as we journey together, pilgrims along the King's highway.

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

31 Thurs Denswood Benefice

Clergy: Sue Rose

Assistant Curate: Maria Stuttaford

Reader: Vera Hopkinson

Anna Chaplain: Ann Tiplady

Schools: High Halden CE Primary School, Woodchurch CE Primary School

We give thanks for those who have offered to help "Share the Load" following our recent annual meeting. We pray that our team of volunteers will continue to grow and support one another as we serve together to grow God's kingdom. We pray too for Reverend Maria Stuttaford as she is now a newly ordained priest, we give thanks for her ministry to us all.

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

30 Wed Praying Together: for those hurt by the church

Loving God, Workplace Chaplains meet people where they are, not just those coming to church. Many Shift workers are unable to attend weekly services, and they often feel rejected. Chaplains also meet those actually hurt by the church or clergy.

These people are never seen in services, they don't trust 'religion' and take their troubles anywhere but 'church.' But they are still your children. Pray today for those who have the opportunity to reach out to the suffering, may they nurture trust as they listen with compassion to those in need.

Jesus, give chaplains grace and strength to be your hands and feet, especially to those damaged by the church. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon David Slater - Trustee Kent
Workplace Mission

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Hokkaido – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

6 Sun Praying together: for the recently Ordained

Loving God,

In whose image we are created, we give thanks for your gracious and everlasting love.

We rejoice as we celebrate those recently ordained Deacon and Priest as they embark on their new lives of ministry ahead. We give thanks to you for their commitment through discernment and their diligence in following your guidance as they seek to put in order all that you have planned for them. May they be strengthened by your example and be emboldened to use the gifts you have generously given them, as they courageously extend and enrich the body of Christ.

For them all, may they be filled with the power of courage and wisdom as they spread your eternal good news to all and gather your people ever nearer to you.

We ask you to wonderfully inspire them to care for us, for all creatures and your world with hope, encouragement, gentleness and understanding - igniting their souls with love for all. Please enable them to care for your people by encouraging them in their faith, support those in need, share in the privilege of blessing others and bring everyone closer to you.

We ask this in Jesus' name and give thanks for your continued wondrous blessings and divine grace. Amen.

We pray today for our new Deacons: James Barber, Margaret Bowers, Lesley Brookes, Benjamin de Garis, Timothy Gosden, Penny Lowe, David Mulcock, Henry Setright, Graham Snelling, Anne Talbert, Nicholas Tomaszewski, Philip Trainer, John Wakeman, Tracy Williams, Sally Willins, Anderson Yan

We pray today for our new Priests: Hilary Baldwin, Jayne Edinboro, Norman Gilliland, Paul Henderson, Steven Horne, Bethany Keenan, William Mills, Daniel Ralph, Clarissa Read, Malcolm Sawyer, Maria Stuttford, Sally-Ann Pickersgill, Victoria Young

Please pray also for their families, friends, the many who support them, the communities where they will serve, their Training Incumbents and all those who will continue to support them through the coming years.

Prayer written by Jacquie Town - PA to Diocesan Head of Vocations/DDO

*Anglican Communion:
6th Sunday after Trinity
The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean*

28 Mon Praying together: for Children & Young People

Loving God, Thank you for the opportunity that the summer holiday can bring for children, young people and families across our diocese to reconnect, feel refreshed, enjoy a sense of adventure and create memories. We pray for those anxious about hardship, or uncertain about their safety; that they find sanctuary and a space where they feel safe and loved. Give wisdom and resilience to leaders and volunteers running church holiday clubs and outreach activities; may these be places of joy and belonging, a reflection of the radically inclusive Gospel of Christ which welcomes everyone, just as they are. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Quentin Roper - Diocesan Director of Education

*Anglican Communion:
9th Sunday after Trinity
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East*

29 Tue Praying together with the Vineyard 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.

Ann Tiplady

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

26 Sat Praying together with the Vineyard Deanery: clergy and people

Area Dean: Sue Rose

Lay Chair: Tessa Badcock

Secretary: Karen Stevens

Treasurer: Tony Richter

Please pray for all of the clergy and lay ministers in the Deanery as we serve together in our 14 village churches. May we be filled with and inspired by your Holy Spirit as we continue to seek to grow your kingdom in this deanery.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Highveld – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

27 Sun Praying together with the Vineyard 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:

Keith Fazzani, Tricia Fogden, Sharon Francis, Ruth Gostelow, Rosemary Kobus van Wengen, Joy Rapley, Michael Rose, Margaret Roylance and Richard Williams

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Eastern Himalayas – The Church of North India (United)

7 Mon 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

Pray with us today.

Lord, is it just me being too impatient?

Is it just me waiting to do your work?

Is it just me who wants answers now?

Is it just me who becomes disheartened because I cannot help others to find you?

Is it just me striving too hard rather than listening out for you?

Teach me, Lord God, that prayer is both speaking and listening; I need to listen better.

Teach me, Lord God, it is you who decides, and when, not me.

Teach me, Lord God, it is in the waiting that I prepare the work you have called me to do. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

6th Sunday after Trinity

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

8 Tue Temple Ewell: St Peter & St Paul with Lydden: St Mary the Virgin

Clergy: Ian Parrish

Schools: Temple Ewell CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Rio Grande – The Episcopal Church

9 Wed St Mary-in-Castro

Ministry Team: Peter Sherred, (Honorary Coordinating Chaplain)

Revd Bob Coles, Revd Kevin Jacobs, Revd Polly Mason, Revd Stephen Whaley

Churchwardens: Suze Jacobs, Mary Sherred

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask for your prayers for our Church and the diverse and faithful community who worship here. We are blessed to worship in this very unusual place, with its long military history. Help us to continue to welcome all who visit Dover Castle, its staff and the veterans who come to commemorate their comrades; demonstrating God's unconditional love to all who come through the doors of his house. We ask for God's blessing on those who have been baptized and married at St Mary-in-Castro this year.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

25 Fri Lympne and Saltwood Benefice

Clergy: Barry Knott

Assistant Curate: Tricia Hill

Reader: Bob White

Schools: Lympne CE Primary School, Saltwood CE Primary School

Gracious God, We gather in Your presence, seeking Your guidance for the Benefice of Lympne & Saltwood. Open our hearts and minds as we listen for Your direction through prayer. Help us to discern clearly who You are calling us to serve within our communities, that we may be vessels of Your love and grace. Lord, empower our churches to boldly share the good news of the Gospel. May our words inspire hope, and our actions reflect Your compassion, drawing others to You. Let our ministries be a beacon of light, illuminating the path for those in darkness. We acknowledge the joys that come from serving together—moments of connection, love, and community. Yet, we also recognise the challenges we face. Grant us strength and perseverance as we navigate these obstacles, reminding us that with You, all things are possible. May our Benefice flourish in faith, and be united in purpose as we seek to fulfil Your calling. In all that we do, may we bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Southern Highlands – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

23 Wed Praying Together: for the Diocese of Canterbury

Loving and gracious God,
We lift up the Diocese of Canterbury before you, praying for all the churches that shine as beacons of faith and hope. Bless the clergy, the leaders, and all who serve with dedication, generosity, and commitment. May their work bring unity, compassion, and renewal to the diverse communities they cherish. Guide them in wisdom, sustain them in love, and strengthen them in faith, that they may continue to reflect your light in every corner of this diocese. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Prayer written by Victoria Friedrich - Reader-in-Training at St Mary and St Eanswythe, Folkestone

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

24 Thurs Hythe: St Leonard

Clergy: Michael Darkins
School: Hythe Bay CE Primary School

Heavenly Father, thank you for the movement of the Spirit in Hythe, and we ask for strength, energy and grace as the parish longs to keep up. This season, help Hythe to be a more prayerful community, seeking to be nourished in new styles of prayer for individuals and the corporate community. By your grace, may the people of Hythe grow closer to you, and by your grace may the church family grow. And we continue to pray for the 101 Open Door, that it may continue to be a missional presence on the High Street sharing the good news of Jesus in Hythe through word and deed. Amen.

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Hereford – The Church of England*

10 Thurs Praying together with the Elham Deanery: for the clergy and people

Area Deans: Barry Knott
Lay Chair: John Campbell, Alan French
Secretary: Bill Mills
Treasurer: Laurie Maxfield

Heavenly Father, We come before You with open hearts, seeking Your guidance and direction for the Elham Deanery. May we listen intently to Your voice in prayer, allowing Your will to shape our path. Help us to discern who You are calling us to serve in our community—those in need of love, support, and hope. Lord, inspire us to share the good news of the Gospel with boldness and compassion. Let our words and actions reflect Your light, drawing others closer to You. We pray for the joy that comes from serving together and for the strength to face the challenges that arise along the way. May our Deanery unite in faith, embracing both the joys and the obstacles as opportunities for growth. Guide us to be instruments of Your peace and love, reaching out to those who are lost or marginalised. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Guatemala –
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*

**11 Fri 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:

Peter Ashman, Kim Aston, Michael Chandler, Pam Clark,
Peter Cornish, David Goodburn, Martin Jewitt, David
Makepeace, Roger Martin, Kate McNeice, Barry Preece,
David Russell, John Tomlinson, Eileen Webb

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Guildford – The Church of England

**12 Sat 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 Guinea – The Church of the Province of West Africa

21 Mon Folkestone: Holy Trinity Benefice

Clergy: Bob Weldon, Roger Smith

Assistant Curate: Bill Mills, Heather Tapsell

Readers: Hilary Richter, Charles Lewis, Barry Lock

Anna Chaplains: Bill Mills, Heather Parsons

School: Christ Church CE Primary Academy

Please pray for our many Care & Residential Homes in and beyond Folkestone- residents and much-pressed staff. They are under very worrying pressures at the moment with proposed changes in staffing availability and costs. Please pray for our 3 parish churches here, for our Ministry Team and congregations, and our continuing outreach, mission and ministries. And for Our Lord's Hand in our future developments.

Anglican Communion:

8th Sunday after Trinity

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

22 Tue Hawkinge Benefice

Clergy: Rob Grinsell

Anna Chaplains: Sarah Grinsell, Maggie Smithard

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Harare – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

19 Sat Folkestone: St Mary, St Eanswythe and St Saviour

Clergy: Christopher Johnson

Reader-in-Training: Victoria Friedrich

Schools: Folkestone St Mary's CE Primary Academy, St Eanswythe's CE Primary School

We ask your prayers for our continued work in discerning how best to serve our parish and town. Please pray for: - Our engagement with local partners and organisations and the building up of relationships with them as we serve our community. - For our engagement with young adults and those seeking to understand and engage further with Christian faith. - For all those who walk through our doors, that our welcome and hospitality may serve God's purposes and that our building may serve in that work of drawing people deeper into the mystery of God.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Haiti – The Episcopal Church

20 Sun Folkestone: St Peter

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: John Hendy, Andy Kemp

School: St Peter's CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Hanuato'o –

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

13 Sun Praying Together: on Sea Sunday

Lord Jesus, whose first followers were fishermen, we pray for the well-being of all seafarers. Our diocese has a long coastline and is next to one of the world's busiest sea-routes. Today we lift up the needs of all sailors – on ferries, freighters, cruise liners, fishing boats, tugs, dredgers, support vessels, rescue boats, leisure craft, and the many shore workers dependent on the seas. Work is often dangerous, being away from families for weeks or months. Protect them all in body and spirit. In your Holy name, Amen.

Prayer written by Canon David Slater - Lead Kent
Emergency Chaplains Scheme

Anglican Communion:

*The Diocese of Gujarat – The Church of North India
(United)*

**14 Mon 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:

7th Sunday after Trinity

The Church of Ireland

15 Tue 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 Central Gulf Coast – The Episcopal Church

16 Wed Praying Together: for the churches in our Diocese

Almighty God, whose Kingdom we see revealed in all your churches in Canterbury Diocese, thank you for the goodness and knowledge you gift to all of us. Please help us to be mindful of those who know Christ, who have yet to know Christ and who are afraid to (re)turn to our churches. Please fill our hearts with your peace, joy and love, so that we may faithfully serve your diverse parishes with commitment and generosity, and so be of one united body, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Maria Stuttaford - Assistant Curate at the Denswood Benefice

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Gusau – The Church of Nigeria

17 Thurs 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

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Guyana – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

18 Fri Folkestone: St John the Baptist

Clergy: Adam Denley

Readers: Robert Grieve, Alex Finlow, Joan Herbert

Reader-in-Training: Ruth Jones

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Gwagwalada – The Church of Nigeria