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# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



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**June 2024**

**1 JUNE CANTERBURY: ALL SAINTS**

Clergy: Patrick Ellisdon

Reader: Gavin Netherton

School: St John's Church of England Primary School

Thank our Lord that work has started on the churches' building project carrying out necessary remedial work. Please pray that God would provide further funds needed for the project.

Please pray for the church, as it ministers to people in the parish meeting their needs and sharing the good news of Jesus' love and acceptance.

Please pray for Gods healing and peace for all those in the the church and it's parish with ill health. Please pray that they would experience Jesus walking alongside them.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Exeter – The Church of England*

**2 JUNE LISTENING AND DISCERNING: COME, HOLY SPIRIT**

Lord, Holy Spirit, in the beginning you were a wind that swept over the face of the waters. The first thing we learn about you is that you bring order out of confusion, and you do that by enormous dynamism and energy. Your wind swept. As we turn our minds and hearts to you, Lord, clear the detritus from our lives, those inconsequential things that turn our attention from mercy, truth, and love. Those sticky adhesions that forbid us from following Jesus with grace and alacrity. Your wind affected the face of the waters, the deep and dark waters. As we pray, we are conscious of wider turmoil, every media splurges news of unrest, and photos of distressed faces in many parts of the earth you created. Lord, Holy Spirit, unrest our hearts of complacency and blow within us desire to pray, help and give, enable us to be agents of peace. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie - Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry

*Anglican Communion:*

*1st Sunday after Trinity*

*Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*

**Spirit of the Living God,  
You come to us with gentle grace.  
We offer you open hearts and open hands,  
Ready to welcome you,  
Eager to share you,  
Awe-struck at the privilege of becoming your dwelling-place.  
Amen.**

The dove is one of the most familiar symbols of the Holy Spirit. As you reflect on the image on this card, what thoughts/feelings surface. What does it say to you about the Holy Spirit, and about you?

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# THE WONDER OF PRAYER

## PENTECOST – OPEN TO THE SPIRIT

‘... how much more will your Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?’ (Luke 11:13, NIV)

Spirit of peace and freedom -

- Help us to open ourselves to you, that our lives might become your landing-place.
- May our children and young people lead the way in showing us how to welcome your presence.
- Rest on all who feel trapped in poverty and lack.
- Hover over the chaos of the Middle East and teach the warring parties how to work for creative peace.
- Brood over your church, we pray, and bring forth in us new life.



### 3 JUNE CANTERBURY: ST MARTIN & ST PAUL

Clergy: Charlotte Sleight

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

We thank God for the energetic and committed team of church wardens, ministry team, and our many other leaders and helpers. We pray for continued growth and deepening of our all-age congregations, our 18-40 group, our life-long learners. We pray for unity of purpose and love as we work through an interregnum.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ezo – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

### 4 JUNE CANTERBURY: ST MARY BREDIN

Clergy: Barney De Berry, Stephen Carter

Assistant Curate: Joy Dunton

Reader: Martin Collings

Give thanks for our May bank holiday Family Fun Day and pray for those we've connected with and are able to serve, especially through the ministries of CAP and MakeLunch. Thank God and pray for all seven people that on Pentecost came through the waters of baptism. Pray for Barney midway through his Sabbatical. Pray for Stephen and our Ministry Experience Scheme participants as prepare for their short term mission trip to Mbale, Uganda.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Faisalabad – The Church of Pakistan (United)*

### 5 JUNE HACKINGTON: ST STEPHEN

Clergy: David Vannerley

Readers: Sally Waters

Chaplain: Dawn Watson

Anna Chaplain: Sally Waters

School: The Archbishop's School

Pray with us today. Technically we are in vacancy, but we have been blessed by the ministry of Revd. Dr. David Vannerley, as interim Priest In Charge. We give thanks for the willingness of so many to take part in the ministry and mission here, please pray for our ordinand who will be made Deacon this year and for two others who are exploring their calling. We have welcomed some new people to our church family recently and have discerned a deepening of faith in many, so much to be thankful for even though our future as a parish remains uncertain.

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of False Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

**6 JUNE**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE MINISTRY OF STREET PASTORS**



Dear Lord God, we humbly ask for your help to see and notice those who are often invisible in our communities. We pray for the homeless, the lost, and the vulnerable who may feel forgotten and voiceless. May we have the compassion and courage to acknowledge and assist those who need our help. Please guide us to see with your eyes and never miss those who cry out for assistance. We stand as a united community to support

those in need and ask for new volunteers, team members, and Prayer Pastors to join our efforts in helping those who are struggling.

Prayer written by Andrew Pantling - Coordinator of the Canterbury Street Pastors

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Fianarantsoa – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean*

**7 JUNE**

**HARBLEDOWN: ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

Clergy: Peter Harnden

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Florida – The Episcopal Church*

**8 JUNE**

**ST DUNSTAN, ST MILDRED & ST PETER CANTERBURY BENEFICE**

Clergy: Jo Richards

Assistant Curate: Jennifer Walpole

Readers: John Morrison, Tessa Taylor, Margaret Wells

Give thanks with us for the growth of our Open Table community at St Peter's, as we approach its second anniversary; gratitude for the ministry of our curate Rev. Jenny Walpole as she comes to the end of her curacy amongst us, and prayers for her onward ministry. Prayers too for the mission and ministry of our Benefice in the heart of Canterbury, as we seek to grow God's Kingdom.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Central Florida – The Episcopal Church*

**30 JUNE LISTENING AND DISCERNING: ATTENDING TO THE SPIRIT**

Lord, Holy Spirit, the Son of Man told your servant John to write, 'Let anyone who has an ear listen to what You are saying to the churches.' Ah, we say, you are at it again, asking us to listen. We find this hard, like a stretching exercise that at first is painful. And yet, we stretch, hold, and push again to find we move a bit more. So now we listen, hold, attend a bit more, and we become more conscious of your word to us. We listen... We hold... We attend... Help us Holy Spirit to really listen... In the depths we feel we are hearing you. We shall find someone today to talk about what we are hearing, someone else who also has an ear. We sense you are building your church as we listen. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie - Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry

*Anglican Communion:*

*5th Sunday after Trinity*

*Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*

**9 JUNE LISTENING AND DISCERNING: SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS**

Lord, Holy Spirit, at Jesus's baptism you descended like a dove on him. We are not sure whether everyone saw you, nor understood the dove to be you. Yet that quiet moment changed lives, his, those at the river who did see, and ours now as we pray. We have not seen you since the days of Noah. On the first flight, you found no place to rest, so you returned to the ark. On the second you found a freshly plucked olive leaf, a sign of new life. And your third flight has stretched for centuries and centuries until you settle on the Saviour of the world. You have been flying for such a long time, but now you rest on Jesus, and as his Spirit on us. You alight gently, so from this moment we become agents of Christ, announcing the good news of life in him. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie - Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry

*Anglican Communion:*

*2nd Sunday after Trinity*

*Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

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

Clergy: Gillean Craig

Local Preacher: Ron Chadwick

School: Sturry Church of England Primary School

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Southeast Florida – The Episcopal Church*

**11 JUNE THANINGTON: ST NICHOLAS & ST FAITH**

Clergy: Nick White

Assistant Curate: Christa Claire Brodie-Levinsohn

Please pray for two new worshipping communities in Thanington.

We launched Messy Church last September. Many local families have come. But meeting monthly has its limitations. So in April we took the plunge and added Thanington Family Worship. There's now a gathering every Sunday at 4pm for families to go deeper with one another and with God.

When a new care home opened in Thanington last year, we were invited to offer a monthly church service. It's really appreciated by the residents. For many, it's their only connection with church.

Please pray for the staff and volunteers involved in these ministries and for those who are encountering God for the first time, or coming back to faith, through these different expressions of church.

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Southwest Florida – The Episcopal Church*

**12 JUNE** PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE ST NICHOLAS AND ST JOHN HOSPITALS, CANTERBURY



Please pray for our Abbot, His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, our Prior, the Very Rev. Michael Chandler, our Chaplin, the Rev. Grahame Whittlesea, our trustees, our General Manager, Robyn Dye, and the staff and residents of both hospitals, that we may live together in the unity of the Spirit and the in the bond of peace.

Prayer written by Grahame Whittlesea - Chaplain to the St Nicholas and St John Hospitals, Canterbury

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Fond du Lac – The Episcopal Church*

**29 JUNE** PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR OUR ORDINANDS



Loving God,

In whose image we are created, we give thanks for Your everlasting love.

We rejoice today as we celebrate those being ordained as they stand at the threshold of their new lives of ministry ahead, preparing for all that You call them to be and do in Your name.

We give thanks to You for their commitment through discernment, their diligence in following Your guidance and ability to thrive under Your gracious blessing, as they aspire to put in order all that You have planned for them.

May they be strengthened by Your example, emboldened to use the gifts You have generously given them so they may courageously extend and enrich the body of Christ.

From their very first call to this day of special days, thank You for Your leading light, grace and love for each of them as they continue on this path of discernment to fulfil Your holy work. May they be filled with strength, grace and fortitude to guide Your people.

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 divine blessings.

Amen.

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.

We give thanks for the wondrous gift of vocations to all areas of ministry as we are formed and grown by God together.

In particular, please pray for those who will be ordained in Canterbury Cathedral today;

Hilary Baldwin, Stephen Brown, Jayne Edinboro, Robin Fassensfelt, Norman Gilliand

Paul Henderson, Steven Horne, Beth Keenan, Barbara Lewis, Bill Mills, Denise Parrett, Daniel Ralph, Clary Read, Jess Rodewald, Malcolm Sawyer, Maria Stuttaford

Angela Swindley, Heather Tapsell, Sally Waters, Vicky Young

Prayer written by Jacquie Town - Diocesan PA to Head of Vocations and Diocesan Director of Ordinands

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

**27 JUNE** **CANONRY BENEFICE**

Clergy: Caroline Turvey

Readers: Janice Willett, Anne Talbert

Schools: Ash Cartwright & Kelsey CE Primary School, Goodnestone CE Primary School, Nonington CE Primary School

We give thanks that, after over a year of interregnum, we have a new vicar, Reverend Caroline Turvey. We continue to work together to enable God’s generous love to be known across the Benefice and pray for discernment for Caroline as she gets to know, lead well and minister with the many people represented here.

Please pray with us as we restart Children’s work on Sunday mornings in Ash, as we find a new warden in Preston, and as the smaller Parishes work creatively to continue ministering and being a spiritual presence in their communities. Praise God for his abundance which gives us all renewed hope and strength in this new season.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Gitega – The Anglican Church of Burundi*

**28 JUNE** **NONINGTON: THE LIVING WELL**



Chaplain of The Living Well: Lorraine Apps-Huggins

Assistant Chaplains: Hilary Hills, Ray Horton, Helen Jones

The Living Well continues to flourish as new Core Team members Helen and Martin settle into the roles of assistant chaplain and warden respectively. The hopes to which we all aspire of being a welcoming place and a people who provide a sanctuary and a haven of peace for others are being met in the comments of our returning guests - for all of this we thank God - for it is His presence that reassures us and brings the Spirit of God close in...

We pray for our future: the building, grounds, finances, and all that we believe is possible within the goodness of God for our guests. Some of whom simply seek quietude, others who seek distinct healing; body mind and/or spirit, and some who find they are synonymous!

(This photo is of Hugh Norton who gifted us the painting - hanging behind him - it was painted specially by Hugh’s friend Ela, and looks beautiful in our newly decorated chapel. The painting is entitled ‘God’s Spring Garden.’)

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway – The Scottish Episcopal Church*

**13 JUNE** **DAY 1: PRAYING FOR OUR DIOCESAN OVERSEAS PARTNERS IN MISSION**

“God has called us into a relationship, not only with himself, but also with one another, that our lives may be enriched as we learn and share in a partnership to bring about his mission in the world.” [Source: Anglican Communion website].

We pray today for those serving in our partnership links with Dioceses in Bodo (Norway), Arras (France) and the Lutheran Church in Markgräflerland (South West Germany): that God’s Kingdom may come in us and in them through all that we share together.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Amen.

(Canterbury Diocese has partnership links with Dioceses in Bodo (Norway), Arras (France) and the Lutheran Church in Markgräflerland (SW Germany), and has been in a Companion Link with Madagascar for over 30 years.

The purpose of our partnership links is to extend the concept of Partnership in Mission to:

- Strengthen and encourage each other
- To exchange gifts and resources
- To gain new insights and understandings of God’s mission to the world
- To commit ourselves afresh to the task of mission.

It involves a commitment to:

- Sharing
- Prayer
- Encouragement
- Communication
- Financial support

Prayer and information contributed by Revd Carol Smith - Diocesan Ministry Consultant

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Fredericton – The Anglican Church of Canada*

**14 JUNE DAY 2: PRAYING FOR OUR DIOCESAN OVERSEAS PARTNERS IN MISSION**

“God has called us into a relationship, not only with himself, but also with one another, that our lives may be enriched as we learn and share in a partnership to bring about his mission in the world.” [Source: Anglican Communion website].

We pray for our partnership links with the Diocese of Antananarivo, Madagascar; for Bishop Samola Jaona (John) Ranarivelo, for his people and those they serve: that God’s Kingdom may come in us and in them through all that we share together.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Carol Smith - Diocesan Ministry Consultant

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Free State – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

**15 JUNE DAY 3: PRAYING FOR OUR DIOCESAN OVERSEAS PARTNERS IN MISSION**

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We pray for our partnership links with the Diocese of Antsiranana, Madagascar; for Bishop Joamindiny Jean Baptiste, for his people and those they serve: that God’s Kingdom may come in us and in them through all that we share together.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Carol Smith - Diocesan Ministry Consultant

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Freetown – The Church of the Province of West Africa*

**25 JUNE BARHAM DOWNS WITH ADISHAM AND AYLESHAM BENEFICE**

Clergy: Stefan Thomas, Nick Ratcliffe

Readers: Esther Jonas, Simon Pooley

School: Adisham CE Primary School

Barham CE Primary School

Prayerful thanks for the ministries of our two Lay Readers, Simon and Esther; for the arrival of our curate Clary Read; for the lay ministries in leading worship and pastoral care and for our PCC members; also in recognising the divine pattern permeating all people and creation in praising our ascended Christ.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Georgia – The Episcopal Church*

**26 JUNE THE BRIDGE BENEFICE**

Clergy: Estella Last

Assistant Curate: Miriam Bier Hinksman

Reader: Margaret Clarke

School: Bridge & Patricbourne CE Primary School

Please pray for the ministry and mission of the five churches in our parish, and for the villages we serve - Bridge, Patricbourne, Bekesbourne, Lower Hardres, and Nackington. Give thanks for our faithful volunteers and pray that together we may seek to know God and make God known in our local areas. Please pray for our work with all generations as we seek to become an intergenerational worshipping community: for our toddler group, Little Lambs; for Messy Church and Family Church; for Bridge and Patricbourne CEP School; for our regular varied Sunday worship services; and for our ministry in care homes.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Gippsland –*

*The Anglican Church of Australia*



**22 JUNE EAST BRIDGE 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:

Lizzie Hopthrow, Barbara Way

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Gboko – The Church of Nigeria*

**23 JUNE LISTENING AND DISCERNING: GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

Lord Holy Spirit, on the day of Pentecost you came like the rush of a violent wind. In that hubbub more noise was added as people began to speak in other languages, what a cacophony that must have been. And yet outsiders heard their own languages spoken, about God's deeds of power. This Pentecost give us the gifts and abilities to speak of you to those who are different to us. In a world fractured by all kinds of definitions and distinctions grant us the grace and compassion to speak across human divides to all humanity, especially to the lowly and the hungry and to those with little power. We breathe in deeply to pray: Enable us to put aside our deep prejudices to hear your voice to us through unexpected people, those different to us. Holy Spirit, help us to see everyone as children of God, for you love us all. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie - Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry

*Anglican Communion:*

*4th Sunday after Trinity*

*The Church of England*

**24 JUNE EAST BRIDGE 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.

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

Lorraine Apps-Huggins, Hilary Hills, Ray Horton

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of George – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

**16 JUNE DAY 4: PRAYING FOR OUR DIOCESAN OVERSEAS PARTNERS IN MISSION**

“God has called us into a relationship, not only with himself, but also with one another, that our lives may be enriched as we learn and share in a partnership to bring about his mission in the world.” [Source: Anglican Communion website].

We pray for our partnership links with the Diocese of Fianarantsoa, Madagascar; for Bishop Gilbert Ratelson Rakotondravelo, for his people and those they serve: that God's Kingdom may come in us and in them through all that we share together.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Carol Smith - Diocesan Ministry Consultant

*Anglican Communion:*

*3rd Sunday after Trinity*

*Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*

**17 JUNE DAY 5: PRAYING FOR OUR DIOCESAN OVERSEAS PARTNERS IN MISSION**

“God has called us into a relationship, not only with himself, but also with one another, that our lives may be enriched as we learn and share in a partnership to bring about his mission in the world.” [Source: Anglican Communion website].

We pray for our partnership links with the Diocese of Mahajanga, Madagascar, following the retirement of Bishop Hall Speers. We pray for the people and those they serve: that God may guide the process to appoint a new bishop; that God's Kingdom may come in us and in them through all that we share together.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Carol Smith - Diocesan Ministry Consultant

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Gahini – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*

**18 JUNE DAY 6: PRAYING FOR OUR DIOCESAN OVERSEAS PARTNERS IN MISSION**

We pray for our partnership links with the Diocese of Toamasina, Madagascar; for Bishop Jean-Paul Solo, for his people and those they serve: that God's Kingdom may come in us and in them through all that we share together.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Carol Smith - Diocesan Ministry Consultant

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Gambella –*

*The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria*

**19 JUNE DAY 7: PRAYING FOR OUR DIOCESAN OVERSEAS PARTNERS IN MISSION**

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We pray for our partnership links with the Diocese of Toliara, Madagascar; for Bishop Samitiana (Sami) Jhonson Razafindralambo, for his people and those they serve: that God's Kingdom may come in us and in them through all that we share together.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Carol Smith - Diocesan Ministry Consultant

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Gambia – The Church of the Province of West Africa*

**20 JUNE CANTERBURY: CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**



The Dean: David Monteith

Archdeacon: William Adam

Canon Librarian: Tim Naish

Canon Missioner: Emma Pennington

Canon Treasurer: Andrew Dodd

Precentor, Residentiary Canon Designate:  
Wendy Dalrymple

Non-Executive Members of Chapter: Jane Ibbotson, Pim Baxter, Guy Perricone, Paul Sylva, Richard Oldfield

Director of Finance and Planning: Julie Wood

The Cathedral is trying to find more opportunities to connect more in witness and service. Please pray for us as we discern our vision, values and strategic plan. We want to develop our musical outreach through local schools and partner more with the diocesan Social Justice Network. We face financial challenges with fewer visitors, Covid loan repayments and a lack of understanding that we fund ourselves. We need wisdom about how to develop our on-line activity. Finally, we long to find better ways to care for our congregations as well as our staff, volunteers, visitors and pilgrims.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Garissa –*

*The Anglican Church of Kenya*

**21 JUNE EAST BRIDGE DEANERY: PRAYING FOR CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

Area Dean: Estella Last

Lay Chair: Vacant

Secretary: John Andrews

Treasurer: Michael Gallagher

In our Deanery we give thanks for all those who have faithfully responded to God's call to ministry, lay and ordained, and especially for all those who have supported our parishes during periods of vacancy. We pray now as our journey together continues, for the development of our life together as a Deanery, as we work on our Deanery Plan, our hopes for our future as a group of churches working together to serve the mission of God.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Gasabo – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*