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# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



**March 2025**

### **1 Sat Praying with the Thanet 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.

Judith Andrews, Brian Sharp, Bernard Allen, Margaret Paddison, Chris White, Ken Cox, James Goodwin-Hudson, Andrew Jacobson, Gerald Watkins, Margaret Paddison, Loraine Bant, Amanda Madgwick

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

### **2 Sun Praying Together: For the coming Lenten season**

Lord Jesus Christ, as we prepare for this coming season of ashes and privation, of wilderness and wandering, walk beside us. When we waver, support us. When we get lost in wanderings of our own, come to us as our Good Shepherd. When the world clamours for our attention, be to us that still small voice. When all is darkness, illuminate the way ahead. Give us the courage to place our feet on uneven paths, trusting that you travel with us. Give us the hope to hold out our hands, knowing that you will fill them with your abundance. Give us the love that stretches wide our hearts, making room for all those we will meet along the way.  
Amen.

Prayer written by Primrose Northrop - Diocesan Calendar of Prayer

*Anglican Communion:  
Sunday next before Lent Quinquagesima  
The Anglican Church of Burundi*

### **29 Sat Praying with the Stour Valley Deanery**

Area Dean: Ravi Holy  
Lay Chair: Caroline Knight  
Secretary: Vacant  
Treasurer: Nigel Poole

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Marsabit – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

### **30 Sun Praying Together: Mothering Sunday**

We give thanks for all who nurture and have care of the world's children. Bless us with loving, respectful and flourishing relationships in our homes.

We ask you Lord to bring comfort and healing to everyone who this Mothering Sunday will be saddened, upset, or hurt by the memories of the day. We ask you to enfold all who have been unable to have a child. All who have lost a child. We thank you for our own Mother, carer and grandmother. We are grateful; their resilience has enabled us to be the person we are today. Amen.

Prayer written by Marianna Poliszczuk - former Diocesan President, Canterbury Diocese Mothers' Union 2016-2021

*Anglican Communion:  
4th Sunday of Lent  
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

### **31 Mon Praying 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 Maryland – The Episcopal Church*

### **3 Mon Praying with the Thanet Deanery: for the IGNITE Hub**

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Thanet Deanery. May they be upheld and enthused in their ministry and mission. And we pray for all those who are involved. 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 Maiwut – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

### **4 Tue Praying with the Thanet Deanery: for the Missional Learning Community**

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. Through our acts of loving service and discipleship, may we share the good news.

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Makamba –  
The Anglican Church of Burundi*

### **5 Wed Praying Together: Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave us your Son Jesus Christ, the true and living bread, grant that, as we enter this season of Lent, our souls may be sustained by him and our spirits renewed in him. May we continually live in him and he in us, he who gave his life for us and now lives and reigns forever more with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer written by Victoria Friedrich - Authorised Lay Minister & Reader in Training at the Parish of St Mary and St Eanswythe, Folkestone

*Anglican Communion:  
Ash Wednesday  
The Diocese of Makueni – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

### **6 Thurs Birchington: All Saints with Acol: St Mildred & St Thomas, Minnis Bay**

Clergy: Mark Ham  
Reader: Margaret Hawkins  
Anna Chaplain: Loraine Bant  
School: Birchington CE Primary School

We pray that God will continue to guide us as we work through our strategy to revitalise the Parish. We pray for our Supper Club that provides support to families and adults from our local Church primary school and we pray for our developing youth and young people's work. And we pray and give thanks for our Pastoral Friends and its lunches and coffee mornings that help to support older people in the community some of whom are lonely. We give you thanks, God, for all of the many talents and gifts that you have bestowed upon us and may we use them to your praise and glory. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

### **26 Wed Wantsum Group**

Clergy: Jef Foulger  
Reader: Sally Willins  
Schools: Chislet CE Primary School, Minster CE Primary School, Monkton CE Primary School, St Nicholas at Wade CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Maralal –  
The Anglican Church of Kenya*

### **27 Thurs Westgate-on-Sea: St James**

Clergy: Anand Sodadasi

Kindly pray with us today for the growth of our church. Pray that we can pay our parish share and that enough funds are raised for the church. Pray also that we can afford to pay our regular bills. We are in urgent need of a Treasurer and an administrator for our parish. Please pray that we can find suitable candidates for these positions. Please pray for new leadership within our church family. We have initiated Family services, which are going well, but we are struggling with attendance. We hope to see more young families joining us.

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

### **28 Fri Westgate-on-Sea: St Saviour**

Clergy: Jef Foulger

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

## **25 Tue Praying Together: for the Thanet Community**

We pray today for the new housing estates being built in and around Thanet, giving thanks for the employment and new people it will bring to this area.

We ask that the churches in this area will be gifted with wisdom and guidance, becoming agents for social inclusion and the building of community.

We pray too that the countryside and wildlife are not unduly impacted and that sea views continue to be valued. We pray too for Manston airport as it reopens for freight flights in the future. Praying for employment opportunities, and for the re-emergence of chaplaincy.

We pray too for the Westwood Cross shopping centre, as it continues to serve the community as a place to shop, meet, eat and socialise and that it will remain a safe place for the young people of our community.

We ask for guidance for all the Deanery projects taking place there. And we pray for the Pie Factory youth and music centre which is now under threat of closure, that creative ways may be found to sustain this project.

We ask that God will enable each one of us to share the promise of his Good News with our community.

*Anglican Communion:  
The Annunciation  
The Diocese of Mara – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

## **7 Fri Broadstairs: Holy Trinity**

Clergy: Dominic Fenton

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

## **8 Sat Margate: All Saints (Westbrook)**

Clergy: Vacant  
Churchwardens: Ray Hand, Richard Wheeler

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Malaita –  
The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

## **9 Sun Praying Together: the 1st Sunday of Lent**

Dear Lord, nothing we say or do is a surprise to you, you know us for who we are and there is no hiding from you, and yet you love us still. As we go through Lent, help us to lay bare our faults and sins so that when we pray to you and ask your forgiveness, we may be worthy of you and your love. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer written by Fr Kevin Jacobs - Chaplain (SCC) RNR - Dover and Deal Unit

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

### **10 Mon Margate: Holy Trinity**

Clergy: Mark Nelson  
Assistant Curate: Jess Rodewald  
Reader: Ann Friedlos

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

### **11 Tue Margate: St John the Baptist**

Clergy: Vacant  
Churchwardens: Ann Smith, Simon Love  
School: Holy Trinity & St John's CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Lake Malawi – The Church of the Province of  
Central Africa*

### **12 Wed Listening and Discerning: for wisdom and understanding**

Lord Jesus Christ, too often we are like Nicodemus, arriving with an untidy collection of questions, and hoping for concrete answers. We want to plumb the depths and scale the heights. We want to know. We want to understand. We want facts and we desire information. Teach us instead to be still in your presence. Invite us to be silent. Encourage us to listen. Because you are wondrously present, incredibly near. To you, our darkness is not dark, and you do not hide your face from us. Rather, you wait for us to slow down, to lay aside our quest for the knowable and to turn instead and find in your presence the answer to every question we have ever had. Amen.

Prayer written by Primrose Northrop - Diocesan Calendar of Prayer

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Northern Malawi – The Church of the Province of  
Central Africa*

### **24 Mon St Laurence-in-Thamet Benefice**

Clergy: Catherine Tucker  
Readers: Sue Cox, Judith Andrews, Frances Barnes, Amanda Madgwick  
Anna Chaplains: Judith Andrews, Amanda Madgwick

Please pray with our Benefice today; five Churches United in Christ: St Catherine's Manston, St Christopher's Newington, St Laurence Ramsgate, St Mark's Northwood, St Mary's Cliffsend. We give particular thanks for the re-opening of St Christopher's Newington church - for all who contribute to the intergenerational Cafe Church, to the community group Inspiring Positive Futures who come from and serve the Newington estate, and we ask for guidance for the new pre-school due to open there. We give thanks for the continued work of Footprints the bereavement team and to Tesco's, Manston for their support.

And we give thanks for the work of our ministry team, for; Revd Ken Cox, LLM Sue Cox, Revd Phil Barnes, LLM Frances Barnes, LLM & Anna Chaplain Judith Andrews, Revd Brian Griffiths, LLM Amanda Madgwick, ALM Marcia Neve, for our Parochial Wardens: Sharon Cutler and Kevin Spain who is also PSO and to our whole Admin team.

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

### **22 Sat St Andrew, Reading Street**

Clergy: Philip Musindi  
Reader: Michael Hawthorne

Heavenly Father, we bring before you are petitions through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for Our Clergy - guide and strengthen them that they may lead holy and exemplary lives. Our congregations - may we deepen our discipleship and act as beacons within our communities. Our wider communities - may hearts that are still far off turn to the Lord. Our worldwide Anglican Community - may our hearts beat as one for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Amen.

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Manicaland – The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

### **23 Sun Praying Together: the 3rd Sunday of Lent**

Jesus, you found in the wilderness both temptation and solace. Keep us company in our wanderings, give us hope in our trials, and help us turn our barren ground into a place of prayer. Amen.

Prayer written by Lyndall Bywater - Diocesan Changing Lives Prayer Network Co-ordinator

*Anglican Communion:  
3rd Sunday of Lent  
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*

### **13 Thurs Margate: St Paul (Cliftonville)**

Clergy: Mark Nelson, Gavin Cutler, Steve Coneys  
Reader Kim Palmer

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Southern Malawi – The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

### **14 Fri St Peter-in-Thanet**

Clergy: Matt Hodder, Alice Bates  
Reader-in-Training: Chris Knight  
Schools: St Georges CE Foundation School and St Peter in Thanet CE Junior School

We give thanks for the growing links with our local schools, and the opportunity to share the love of God with our surrounding community. Please pray for our new groups, The Julian Prayer group and the Bereavement Support group. We also pray that God will increase our knowledge and love of him through our Lent Course.

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of West Malaysia – Church of the Province of South East Asia*

### **15 Sat Margate: St Philip (Northdown Park)**

Clergy: Stuart Gay  
Reader: Helen Rogers

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

### **16 Sun Praying Together: the 2nd Sunday of Lent**

God of Love,  
As we journey to the cross, the cross of love and redemption, we offer our brokenness, safe in the assurance of your healing and forgiveness. We pray this in the name of the God of love, who sacrificed his only Son for our sake. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Amanda Boucherat - Co-Chair Diocesan Mission & Ministry Framework

*Anglican Communion: 2nd Sunday of Lent  
The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

### **17 Mon Ramsgate: Christ Church**

Clergy: Vacant  
Churchwarden: Peter Dewhurst  
School: Christ Church CE Primary School

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

### **18 Tue Ramsgate: Holy Trinity**

Clergy: Vacant  
Churchwardens: Mary Somers-James, Kay Sinden, Clive Baker  
School: Holy Trinity CE Primary School

Heavenly Father, you call us, so that through us, your will might be done on earth. You ask us, weak and imperfect as we are, to transform the world by your love. Send to each one of us, the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and discernment, that we may be equipped to sustain your work in this parish.

We pray particularly for guidance in finding a priest who will continue in our Catholic tradition, and who will help to grow the church family. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen.

*Anglican Communion:  
The Diocese of Malindi –  
The Anglican Church of Kenya*

### **19 Wed Praying Together: Giving thanks for the ministry of our Archdeacons**

Father God, today we pray for our Diocesan Archdeacons, praying for Archdeacon Darren Miller, Archdeacon Will Adam, and for our interim and associate Archdeacon's, Sharon Copestake and Richard Braddy.

We give thanks for their faithful ministry amongst us, particularly as they support churches through periods of interregnum. We thank you for their wisdom and commitment, as they nurture and guide the many different communities within our Diocese.

And we ask you to bless and strengthen them with the gifts of your Holy Spirit, so that they may faithfully serve you, and have the strength to be firm witnesses of the Gospel, sharing the Good News with the world. This we ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Prayer written by Primrose Northrop - Diocesan Calendar of Prayer

*Anglican Communion:  
Te Pihopatanga o Te Manawa o Te Wheke – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

### **20 Thurs Ramsgate: St George**

Clergy: Paul Worledge  
Assistant Curate: Bethany Keenan

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

### **21 Fri Ramsgate: St Luke**

Clergy: Paul Worledge  
Assistant Curate: Bethany Keenan  
Reader: Colin Gale

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