

# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



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**November 2024**

**1 NOV HAWKHURST: ST LAURENCE WITH ALL SAINTS**

Clergy: Rodney Dreyer

Reader-in-Training: Stephen Ringer

School: Hawkhurst CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*All Saints' Day*

*The Diocese of Karnataka South – The Church of South India (United)*

**2 NOV HEADCORN AND THE SUTTONS**

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Stephen Morrison, Anne-Marie Trustram, Julia Ireland, Naomi Worsfold,

Reader-in-Training: Russell Anderson

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Karongi – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*

**3 NOV PRAYING TOGETHER: GIVING THANKS FOR THE MINISTRY OF ANNA CHAPLAINS**

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the growing number of Anna Chaplains and Friends in our diocese.

Holy Spirit, enable them to fulfil this ministry with sensitivity and patient love.

Equip them with your infinite love to listen patiently, respond wisely and pray fruitfully for the elderly in the community, churches and care homes. May they discover the riches older people have in their life experiences and help them cherish their stories.

May they be advocates of those who are in the silent places of this world who daily face the challenges of aging and dementia.

Amen.

Prayer written by Mary Donaldson - Anna Chaplain at Deal: St George the Martyr

*Anglican Communion:*

*4th Sunday before Advent*

*23rd Sunday after Trinity*

*Church of the Province of South East Asia*



**Diocese of Canterbury**  
**CHANGED LIVES ➔ CHANGING LIVES**

**Loving God, giver and sustainer of life,  
You created a world of beauty and gave it to us for a  
home.**

**Forgive us when we forget to enjoy it,  
Strengthen our resolve to care for it,  
Give us the humility to learn from it,  
As we work for a world where all can flourish.**  
**Amen.**

Beaver kits have been spotted in the river Stour in Canterbury, reckoned to be the first to be born in the wild in Kent for several centuries. As you look at the image on this card and reflect on the re-emergence of this precious species, notice the thoughts and feelings which surface, and the prayers you are led to pray.

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Image: 'Beavers' by Primrose Northrop 2024

# THE WONDER OF PRAYER



## HARVEST – LEARNING FROM CREATION

*'Our Lord, by your wisdom you made so many things; the whole earth is covered with your living creatures.'*  
(Psalm 104:24 CEV)

Creator God, Author of Life -

- Catch our attention with the wonder of all that you have made.
- Give your creative wisdom to all who are looking for ways to preserve and increase biodiversity, both in rural and urban areas.
- Protect the fledgling communities of beavers, bison and choughs recently re-introduced to the Kent countryside.
- Challenge us, your church, to raise our voice in protest when your creation is overlooked or undervalued.
- Help us to make room in our lives to learn the lessons which nature has to teach us.



### 4 NOV MARDEN: ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Clergy: Nicky Harvey

Assistant Curate: Vicki Young

Reader: Sarah Emmanuel

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kasai – Mbuji mayi – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

### 5 NOV SISSINGHURST: TRINITY CHURCH WITH FRITTENDEN: ST MARY

Clergy: Pete Deaves

Reader: Tony Staples

Schools: Frittenden CE Primary School, Sissinghurst CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Katakwa – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

### 6 NOV PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR SHIFT WORKERS

One in five workers in the UK are shift workers, which means they can't go to church every Sunday, or any regular weekly meeting, even if they want to. Some churches understand this, others unfortunately don't. Workplace Chaplains, going to their places of work, can take the love of God to them. God is there already; we just have to go out and join Him.

Lord Jesus, who worked in a carpenter's shop, we pray for all shift workers who have difficulty meeting and worshiping in churches with traditional weekly schedules. Those in retail, transport, caring, nursing, security, hospitality, emergency services and many more roles that we all expect to be there for us 24/7. Support them, their families, and their chaplains as winter approaches and some find themselves on reduced hours while others face hectic times preparing for the secular Christmas. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon David Slater - Joint Lead for Kent Emergency Chaplains Scheme, Hon. Secretary Kent Workplace Mission & Lead Chaplain to the Port of Dover & the Channel Tunnel

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Katanga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

### 7 NOV STAPLEHURST: ALL SAINTS

Clergy: Silke Tetzlaff

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Katsina – The Church of Nigeria*

**8 NOV**

**PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD DEANERY: FOR ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

Area Deans: Jeremy Worthen, Sandra Marsh

Lay Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Anthony Crouch

Generous God,

by your Spirit lead your church into growth,  
and into the way of life

that reflects the image of Christ our Saviour.

As we discern where you are calling us to be within your mission

equip our ministers both lay and ordained,

with the gifts of your Spirit

that we may kindle the flame of faith

among children and young people,

renew our churches with your life and love,

and help new communities come to birth

and lift their hearts in worship,

that, joined in one body together,

we may find a voice to sing your praise,

Amen.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kebbi – The Church of Nigeria*

**28 NOV**

**ST MARGARET-AT-CLIFF WITH WESTCLIFFE & THE LANGDON'S**

Clergy: Vacant

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

Readers: Barbara Broughton, Anthony Hyde, Becky Clifford

Lord, I know you listen to our prayers.

Lord, we are few in number, in our Benefice, to do the work you have called us to do.

It would be easy to retire from the fray and pass the baton on, but you have called us and we must stay the course.

My prayer is for a sign to encourage us to do more, to serve you better and constantly express our commitment to you.

A word in our ears, Lord, a hand on our shoulders, a light to follow.

Lord, you know we are yours.

Amen.

Pray today for our renewed unity, companionship and collaboration; for the care and prayer with which we hold one another; and that we may continue to be upheld in faith to ride through the inevitable storms safely.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kirinyaga – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

**29 NOV**

**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 Kisangani – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

**30 NOV**

**ST MARY-IN-CASTRO**

Ministry Team: Peter Sherred, Bob Coles, Kevin Jacobs, Polly Mason, John Morrison, David Slater

We are blessed here at St Mary in Castro to worship in a beautiful and historic church. Let us remember to always be thankful for this and pray for those who are unable to practice their faith openly and safely due to political intolerances. Please keep our Ministry Team in your prayers: Revd Peter Sherred, (Coordinating Chaplain), Revd Canon Bob Coles, Revd Kevin Jacobs, Revd Polly Mason and Lt Col (Rtd) Canon John Morrison. Please ask our Heavenly Father to sustain their faithfulness and dedication and guide them to ensure our sacred space is a welcome place for all. Amen.

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kita-Kanto – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

**26 NOV RIVER: ST PETER & ST PAUL**

Clergy: Andy Bawtree

Readers: Lynne Watson, Steve Saunderson, Margaret Bowers

We give thanks for the blessings the Lord showers upon us in our village of River. For faithful and dedicated laity involved in prayer, leading worship, cooking food, music, technology, visiting the sick & lonely. As well as sharing Jesus' love with their neighbours, seeing new people attend, and watching them grow in their faith. It is a joy to partner with Madagascar as Almighty God builds his church there. We pray for our witness this autumn and into Advent and Christmas, that we might let Jesus' light shine, and that the Christian community might continue to grow in faith and number.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kinkiizi – The Church of the Province of Uganda*

**27 NOV PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE WORK OF PASTORAL SUPERVISION IN THE DIOCESE**

Thank you God for the work of Pastoral Supervision in our diocese. For those trained and offering supervision, for those receiving it. For the safe spaces to explore the complexities of the soul, the role and the context. A long enough gaze and honest curiosity. A place and a companion to notice and wonder with for the good of the other, for healthy, effective and sustainable mission and ministry.

Amen.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kinshasa – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

**9 NOV PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD 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:

Bonnie Appleton, Alex Bienfait, Marian Bond, Ian Campbell, Philip Cox, Clive Laker, Eve Lanchantin-Piggott, William MacDougall, Paul Miller, Gilbert Spencer, Sue Starkings, Richard Webb, Robert Willis

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kentucky – The Episcopal Church*

**10 NOV PRAYING TOGETHER: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Gracious God of peace, come alongside all those involved in the art of war. May their decisions, in the pursuit of their aims, be compassionate and concerned with the security of the poor, the marginalised, the innocent and the oppressed.

Protect all who have been damaged by violence in body and mind. May they receive your bountiful love in their recovery and their resumed peaceful lives. Be close to all their families, friends and colleagues.

Guide all those involved in decision-making to find the route of peace and reconciliation before choosing violent confrontation, ever searching for understanding and diplomacy between all parties.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Prayer written by John Morrison - Lieutenant Colonel Canon

*Anglican Communion:*

*3rd Sunday before Advent*

*24th Sunday after Trinity*

*The Church of South India (United)*

**11 NOV PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD 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.

Geoff Walters, Ian Rich, Tricia Hill, Cat Darkins

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of South Kerala –*

*The Church of South India (United)*

**12 NOV PRAYING WITH THE ASHFORD DEANERY: FOR IGNITE DEANERY COMMUNITIES**

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Ashford Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enabler; Teena Twelves. May she be upheld and enthused in her ministry and mission. And 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 Kericho –*

*The Anglican Church of Kenya*

**24 NOV PRAYING TOGETHER: GIVING THANKS FOR THE MISSION OF ANNA CHAPLAINS**

Dear God,

I pray that we, as Anna Chaplains,

May touch the hearts and the minds

of those we visit.

May we be inspired by each other,

understand your guidance and follow it.

And I thank you that we will bring sunshine and brightness

by making a difference to those in need.

Amen.

Prayer written by Katja Svarts - Anna Chaplain at Maidstone: All Saints with St Philip with St Stephen Tovil

*Anglican Communion:*

*Christ the King*

*Sunday before Advent The Anglican Church of South America*

**25 NOV DOVER TOWN**

Clergy: Melissa Carter, Claire Coleman

Readers: Wendy Bowditch, Nigel Collins, Mike Bowditch, Chris Scoble, Graham Snellin

Anna Chaplain: Wendy Bowditch

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

Thank you Lord for those who follow your call, a call to serve and care, a call to be generous of heart and courageous in faith. We pray for the seeds of hope which have been planted throughout our benefice to show signs of growth this coming year.

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

**21 NOV** **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 North Kigezi – The Church of the Province of Uganda*

**22 NOV** **ALKHAM: ST ANTHONY WITH CAPEL-LE-FERRE: ST RADIGUND & HOUGHAM: ST LAURENCE**

Clergy: Brian Williams

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh – The Church of Ireland*

**23 NOV** **BEWSBOROUGH PARISH**

Clergy: Sean Sheffield

Assistant Curate: Seb Lundberg

Reader: Jenny Groombridge

School: Sibertswold CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

**13 NOV** **ASHFORD TOWN PARISH**

Clergy: Jeremy Worthen, Adam Childs, Teena Twelves, Jo Purle, Cathie Aldis-Saunders, Charlotte Coles

Assistant Curate: Steve Horne

Chaplain: Ian Rich

Readers: Derek Goodwin, James Beck

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

In Ashford Town Parish we praise God for the way He is growing our church families and our ministry teams. We are discerning signs of growth and health across our parish as our outreach extends into our local communities proclaiming Christ in word and deed. For example, our Ignite church is flourishing and we are about to plant our 2nd Ignite church into a new part of Ashford.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**14 NOV** **STOUR DOWNS BENEFICE**

Clergy: Susan Manners

Reader: John Selden

Schools: Brabourne CE Primary School, Stowting CE Primary School

Pray for our primary schools, for Smeeth, Sellindge, Brabourne, Mersham and Stowting. For the Open the Book team who go into our local schools and share Bible Stories. Please pray for the headteacher of Stowting who retires at Christmas and for the new headteacher there.

Prayer for our ministry team and all involved in leading worship in our churches. For all our lay leaders and for all our churchwardens.

For the foodbank and Sellindge coffee morning which is growing into its own community. That this continues to grow and develop into a worshipping community.

Thank God for our communities of Stowting, Monks Horton, Smeeth, Brabourne, Sellindge and Mersham. Pray that our Advent and Christmas planning will bring in more children and families.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Khartoum – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*

**15 NOV 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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kibondo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

**16 NOV PRAYING TOGETHER WITH THE DOVER DEANERY: FOR ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

Area Dean: Andy Bawtree

Lay Chair: Nigel Collins

Secretary: Jeremy Wilkes

Treasurer: Marianne Slater

Dover Deanery is the gateway to England and hundreds of thousands of people pass through the ancient Port of Dover each year. We pray for smooth passage especially with new regulations coming into force later this year. We rejoice that Claire Coleman has come to join the Dover town team alongside Melissa Carter. We work and witness with other Christians across Dover in worship and outreach including Street Pastors and the Dover Food Bank. There are active intercessors from various churches. Sean Sheffield and Seb Lundberg are active in Bewsborough Parish. Brian Williams maintains a faithful ministry in his parish, as does Ian Parrish.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kibungo – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*

**17 NOV PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN PRESERVATION WORK**

Lord, we look upon creation, in awe of its beauty, and fear as we see the effects of climate change. May we be renewed with a sense of urgency as we work together to turn the tide on plastic. We pray for all who work to protect our waterways and marine life. Careless use of plastics and waste have had devastating effect. May we be filled with a sense of urgency to act now, in Jesus's name.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Karen Burgess - Assistant Curate at Sittingbourne with Bobbing

*Anglican Communion: 2nd Sunday before Advent*

*25th Sunday after Trinity*

*The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

**18 NOV 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, Marguerite Mower, Peter Sherred, Richard Woods, Jo Robertson, Stephen Whaley

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kigali – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*

**19 NOV 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, Peter Sherred, Wendy Bowditch, Kevin Jacobs, Barry Knott, Sean Sheffield, Angie Stupple, Hayley Argles-Grant

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kigeme – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*

**20 NOV PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM**

Thank you God for the work that you give to us in the Mission & Ministry team based at Diocesan House.

You remind us daily that we join in with you in everything that we do.

Keep us Noticing and Naming in the events and meetings, the statutory and the strategic, the provisional and the relational, the necessary and the joyful.

Give us open hearts, fresh eyes, helpful questions and ears to discern what you are up to in this Diocese at this time.

Amen.

Please pray today for the Mission & Ministry Team; Lyndall Bywater, Susanne Carlsson, Nigel Collins, Steve Coneys, Neville Emslie, Marianne Hambrook, Sarah Lucas, Jon Marlow, Primrose Northrop, Lynne Preston, Jac Town.

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

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kigezi – The Church of the Province of Uganda*