

# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



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**1 OCT BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN**

Clergy: Catherine Ngangira

Reader: Patricia Saunders

School: Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk MP, Hernhill CE Primary School

We celebrate and thank God for the seeds of hope we have seen in our engagement with the local schools and parish councils.

We ask for God's grace and for meaningful partnerships going forward. Especially as we start an after school club in our local Methodist school.

As we broaden our worship styles, we pray for transforming encounters with God, and boldness and courage to make Jesus Christ known in our communities.

For good discernment as we begin our journey.

*Anglican Communion:*

*Season of Creation*

*The Diocese of Jebba – The Church of Nigeria*

**2 OCT PRAYING TOGETHER: GIVING THANKS FOR OUR JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Lord Jesus, we give you thanks for the blessed assurance that comes from being your disciple.

Thank you for choosing us. Thank you for the privilege of serving you. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit to comfort and guide us in all that we do.

We look to you Lord Jesus with hearts filled with gratitude and praise - our hope is in You!

Amen.

Prayer written by Barbara Campbell - parishioner from Cranbrook: St Dunstan

*Anglican Communion:*

*Season of Creation*

*The Diocese of Jerusalem – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East*

**3 OCT FAVERSHAM BENEFICE**

Clergy: Simon Rowlands, Daniel Corcoran

Reader: Kevin Swinney, Lisa Nissen, Graham Dorkins

School: Ospringe CE Primary School, St Mary of Charity CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*Season of Creation*

*The Diocese of San Joaquin – The Episcopal Church*



**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 OCT**

**KINGSDOWN, CREEKSIDE AND HIGH DOWNS**

Clergy: Paula Jardine-Rose, Jim Eye

Readers: Pim Baxter, Caroline Ramshaw

Anna Chaplain: Caroline Ramshaw

School: Teynham Parochial CE Primary School

Almighty Lord and Father, we thank you that we can gather together without fear of persecution.

Help us to always be thankful for that freedom, and to pray for those less fortunate.

May our Benefice be blessed by the Holy Spirit, and may each of the ten communities have a vision for their future which is positive and affirming.

We pray that we can work together collaboratively to bring a sense of revival to our rural villages, which will see our churches becoming an important focus for our people, as they once were.

In the Lord's name we pray. Amen

*Anglican Communion:*

*Season of Creation*

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

**5 OCT**

**SHEPHERDS LEES**

Clergy: Peter Newell

Reader: Lesley Brookes

School: Selling CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Jos – The Church of Nigeria*

**6 OCT**

**LISTENING AND DISCERNING: MISSIONAL LIVES**

God our Father, source of mission, shape our whole lives within your sending love. Teach us to notice and name your presence and movement in the world around, especially in people's lives. Give us curiosity and courage. Bless us with joy and delight as you catch us up in the flow of your redeeming love for the world, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer written by Revd Steve and Revd Vicky Coneys - Steve is our Diocesan Mission and Growth Advisor and Vicky serves as a PTO at St Paul's, Cliftonville

*Anglican Communion:*

*19th Sunday after Trinity*

*The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

**7 OCT PRAYING WITH THE SITTINGBOURNE DEANERY: FOR IT'S CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

Area Dean: Julian Staniforth

Lay Chair: Elaine Appleton

Secretary: Andrea Staniforth

Treasurer: David Gilbert

Please pray with us today. At a time when there are now several vacancies in the Deanery, we pray for the lay leaders and congregations as they continue to meet for prayer and worship in their communities each week, thinking especially of both parishes on the Isle of Sheppey. We pray for greater working together across the Deanery, with deepening fellowship amongst clergy, at this challenging time. We pray for a fruitful outcome from the work looking at the future shape of ministry across the Deanery. We give thanks for the way God is at work, and pray that we will have eyes to see and join in.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**8 OCT PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR 'TOGETHER IN PRAYER', 8TH-10TH OCTOBER**

As clergy from around the diocese gather with Bishop Rose at Ashburnham Retreat Centre today for two days of worship and reflection around the theme of 'Together in Prayer', let's join together in prayer for them:

Loving God, who gave your people the gift and privilege of talking with you in prayer, we pray today for all who will gather for 'Together in Prayer'.

As members of the clergy step away from their day-to-day responsibilities, we pray that they will find space to breathe, rest and enjoy one another's company, and that they will experience the presence of God in fresh ways as they explore the theme of prayer. We pray too that they will return home inspired and equipped for the next part of their journey in ministry.

We pray for those who have been invited to teach in main sessions and workshops, and for those who will lead worship: help them to hear clearly the prompting of your Spirit, and to bring exactly what is needed. We pray that the time together will be an opportunity for all to discover more of the joy and wonder of prayer.

We pray that the event will be a seed-head which scatters seeds of prayer to every corner of our diocese – seeds that will bear fruit in renewed lives and transformed communities. Amen.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kabba – The Church of Nigeria*

**30 OCT PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE IGNITE COMMUNITIES IN AND AROUND THE DIOCESE**

Please pray today for all our Ignite communities spread throughout the Diocese. In particular, pray and give thanks for all those who regularly volunteer, many of whom came to faith by attending an Ignite group. Please also bless all those who lead, praying for; Revd Teena Twelves, Karen Sexton, Revd Simon Fellows, Angie Frost, Revd Nick and Heather Ratcliffe, Paul Chambers and Tony Aylwood. Pray too for the second phase of Ignite, as new areas of mission are explored, and as we seek to establish new Ignite communities within the Diocese.

Prayer written by Debbie Ellisdon - Diocesan Ignite Project Lead

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**31 OCT GOUDHURST: ST MARY THE VIRGIN WITH KILNDOWN: CHRIST CHURCH**

Clergy: Rachel Robertson

Reader and Anna Chaplain: Sonja Drew

School: Goudhurst & Kilndown CE Primary School

Please pray with us today.

We have a small Alpha group starting with some very precious guests on a Friday morning. This has partly come about as a result of recent community and outreach mission, which included our Community Lunches. We would love prayer to bless and cover these wonderful people, so that they may come to fully know the love of God, and the power of Jesus' name - thank you.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**9 OCT PRAYING WITH THE SITTINGBOURNE 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:

Christopher Baker, Pam Beckinsale, Jacky Davis, Tim Foreman, Colin Johnson, Ronni Lamont, Paul Longbottom, Ann Mackenzie, Ron Partridge, Sue Samson, Chris Shipley

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kadugli and Nuba Mountains – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*

**10 OCT PRAYING WITH THE SITTINGBOURNE DEANERY: FOR THEIR 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 where ever they go.

Elisabeth Willmet, Struan Dunn, Paul Wintle, John Njoroge, Simon Young, Nicholas Ash

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kaduna – The Church of Nigeria*

**11 OCT PRAYING WITH THE SITTINGBOURNE DEANERY: FOR THEIR IGNITE COMMUNITIES**

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Sittingbourne Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enabler; Karen Sexton. May she be upheld and enthused in her ministry and mission. And we pray for all those who are involved, in what ever 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 Kafanchan – The Church of Nigeria*

**12 OCT PRAYING WITH THE SITTINGBOURNE 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. Through our acts of loving service and discipleship, may we share the good news.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**13 OCT LISTENING AND DISCERNING: MISSIONAL CHURCH**

Help us to find a new way of being your church in our whole diocese, which will carry us into your preferred and promised future. Help us to let go of whatever is no longer useful in your mission in the world of today. Help us to identify all that is essential, and to carry it with us. Help us stop worrying about keeping things the way they are, and to dream together about how you now need us to be. Come alongside to help and renew us, life-giving Spirit of God.

Prayer written by Revd Steve and Revd Vicky Coneys - Steve is our Diocesan Mission and Growth Advisor and Vicky serves as a PTO at St Paul's, Cliftonville

*Anglican Communion:*

*20th Sunday after Trinity*

*The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

**14 OCT BORDEN: ST PETER & ST PAUL**

Clergy: Vacant

Assistant Curate: Jane Barker

Readers: Jill Petts

School: Borden CE Primary School

Please pray for our church and our community as we journey through a time of interregnum. We ask for Gods blessings for the whole team who are working hard to maintain our worship services, occasional offices, as we continue to serve the local people. As we discern the way forward, we seek God's blessings that right decisions will be made for the good of our church and for the benefit of all our people. As we continue to work together for God's Mission grant us fortitude and grace to sustain our presence within our community as we start to plan for the future.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**26 OCT PRAYING WITH THE WEALD DEANERY: FOR THEIR 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 where ever they go.

Sonja Drew, Rodney Dreyer, Tracey Bateson, Nicky Harvey, Serena Willoughby

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**27 OCT LISTENING AND DISCERNING: PEOPLE SHARING IN THE MISSION OF GOD**

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who work and witness for Jesus in difficult and challenging places. In our diocese we pray for each Christian in their particular calling. In the wider world we stand in prayer with sisters and brothers in Christ, especially where it is costly or dangerous to bear witness to the Gospel. Give us the grace of bold humility, and send us out in the power of the Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Prayer written by Revd Steve and Revd Vicky Coneys - Steve is our Diocesan Mission and Growth Advisor and Vicky serves as a PTO at St Paul's, Cliftonville

*Anglican Communion:*

*22nd Sunday after Trinity*

*The Scottish Episcopal Church*

**28 OCT BENENDEN: ST GEORGE & SANDHURST: ST NICHOLAS**

Clergy: David Commander, Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

School: Benenden CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of North Karamoja – The Church of the Province of Uganda*

**29 OCT CRANBROOK: ST DUNSTAN**

Clergy: Richard King

Reader: John Mulrenan

School: Colliers Green CE Primary School, Cranbrook CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Karimnagar –*

*The Church of South India (United)*

**23 OCT PRAYING TOGETHER: ASKING FOR GUIDANCE AND COURAGE IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for humble hearts. Your will is the better way to serve you. Thank you that in our weakness You are strong, and in you we find courage when we are fearful. Guide us we pray, in Your ways, and give us the grace to stay faithful to Your teachings in the face of adversity.

Dear Lord Jesus, today we offer our praise as spoken by our brother St. Augustine, "An Alleluia from head to toe!"

In Your name.

Amen.

Prayer written by Barbara Campbell - parishioner from Cranbrook: St Dunstan

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**24 OCT PRAYING WITH THE WEALD DEANERY, FOR IT'S CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

Area Dean: David Commander

Lay Chair: Graham Codling

Secretary: Julia Collard

Treasurer: Nana Twum Ampofo

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**25 OCT PRAYING WITH THE WEALD 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:

Diana Bourne, Judy Darkins, Neville Gallagher, Lesley Hardy, Stephen Hardy, Jean Mayhew, John Sykes, John Tapper, Monica Taylor, David Trustram, Richard Williams

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**15 OCT EASTCHURCH WITH LEYSDOWN AND HARTY**

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Sue Hopper, Yvette Gutheil, Amber Hopper

School: Eastchurch CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kajo Keji – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

**16 OCT PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE DIOCESAN MEDIA AND ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

Please pray for the work of the media and engagement team; for continued goodwill with our media colleagues, for building strong relationships with parishes, and for clarity and discernment in all our work. Above all, please pray for the part we play in being and telling the Good News.

Prayer written by Orla Garratt - Diocesan Head of Media and Engagement

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**17 OCT MILTON REGIS WITH MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE**

Clergy: Simon Young

Assistant Curate: Jane Barker

School: Bapchild & Tonge CE Primary School

We seek your prayers for our benefice. Courage and imagination as we seek God's growth in these areas: Our work with families. Our music. Our new monthly Youth Group. Our Exploring Christianity group (beginning in October). Extra Blessings please for Holy Trinity Milton Regis who are in vacancy as we discern the way forward. May we find a shepherd who will lead, guide, guard and protect our people into the full glory and Mission of God by welcoming new worshipers from the Parish of Milton Regis, Kemsley and beyond.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**18 OCT SITTINGBOURNE WITH BOBBING**

Clergy: David Ridley, Sue Sampson

Assistant Curate: Karen Burgess

Readers: Jan Phillips, Gill Price, Tracy Williams, Roxane Lee-Affonso

Please pray for our Benefice comprising the parishes of St Michael, Sittingbourne and Holy Trinity, Sittingbourne and Bobbing, as we seek faithfully to serve Christ in our communities. In a time of some uncertainty and change, please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern, with the wider Deanery, the partnerships and appointments which will enable us most productively to grow and flourish in our Christian witness and service.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**19 OCT THE SIX**

Clergy: Julian Staniforth, Amanda Lane

Assistant Curate: Nick Carpenter

Readers: George Hulme, Elisabeth Willmet

Anna Chaplain: Elisabeth Willmet

School: Hartlip Endowed CE Primary School, Newington CE Primary School

We pray for the different ways in which each local church community seeks to engage in different ways with the local community as part of expressing a Christian presence in each village. We pray for the forging deeper relationships with different groups in the parishes through regular events such as coffee mornings, Cornerstone Cafe (Newington), Rainbow Cafe (Upchurch), bereavement group (Lower Halstow), Assembly on Sunday (Iwade). We give thanks for the opportunities to engage with the local schools through school worship and assemblies. We give thanks for recent services and events with local Methodists and RCCG in our villages. We pray for a greater confidence to share what the Lord is doing in our lives with each other and those we meet. We pray for discernment as to who are the people of peace in our communities as we, in partnership, seek to be the people who bless and so seeing lives transformed by encounter with Jesus.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kano – The Church of Nigeria*

**20 OCT LISTENING AND DISCERNING: GROWTH AND LIFE WITHIN THE MISSION OF GOD**

Lord of the Church, renew and revitalise us today. We ask you for growth in new Christians, growth in depth of our lives as disciples; growth in service, love and relationship with all our communities. It's there in our diocesan Bold Outcomes. It's there in our longing for prayer, generosity, Scripture and evangelism.

Show us how we have to change to make all of this possible, and give us the grace to let go, to step out, and to follow you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Anglican Communion:*

*21st Sunday after Trinity*

*Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*

**21 OCT TUNSTALL WITH BREDGAR BENEFICE**

Clergy: Alan Pinnegar, Richard Braddy

Readers: Pat Tatchell, Clive Jacobs

Schools: Bredgar CE Primary School, Milstead & Frinstead CEPS, Tunstall CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Kansas – The Episcopal Church*

**22 OCT WEST SHEPPEY**

Clergy: Paul Kite

Schools: St George's CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Western Kansas – The Episcopal Church*