



**Diocese of Canterbury**  
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# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



**April 2024**

**1 APRIL**

**ALKHAM: ST ANTHONY WITH CAPEL-LE-FERNE: ST RADIGUND & HOUGHAM: ST LAURENCE**

Clergy: Brian Williams

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Damaturu - The Church of Nigeria*

**2 APRIL**

**BEWSBOROUGH PARISH**

Clergy: Sean Sheffield

Assistant Curate: Seb Lundberg

Reader: Jenny Groombridge

School: Sibertswold CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

**3 APRIL**

**DOVER TOWN**

Clergy: Catherine Tucker, Melissa Carter

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

**4 APRIL**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S GREATNESS**



God of power, God of glory

God of strength, God of me

God of mercy, God of grace

Hear my praise

Holy, Holy,

God of heaven, God of earth, God of Me

Holy, Holy,

My voice and heart proclaims your majesty

I fall to my knees, God of me.

Prayer written by Jo and Richard Heywood - Authorised Lay Ministers at the Trinity Benefice, Folkestone

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Saint Davids – The Church in Wales*

**5 APRIL**

**RIVER: ST PETER & ST PAUL**

Clergy: Andy Bawtree

Readers: Lynne Watson, Steve Saunderson, Margaret Bowers

We rejoice in what the Lord is doing locally in River - as we journeyed through Lent towards Easter we had almost 50 people involved in Lent groups exploring prayer. We also have a monthly time of intentional prayer for church growth. We have some wonderful Christian men and women who serve as pastoral visitors, a growing worshipping community on Tuesdays, followed by a Lunch club; spiritual and physical feeding. Local school children are bringing their parents and friends to church. There is an ongoing desire to learn more about Jesus and the Bible. God is good.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Delaware – The Episcopal Church*

**6 APRIL**

**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, Becky Clifford

Pray with us as we progress through our second interregnum in four years. May we be granted patience, grace, courage, hope and wisdom. And may we endeavour to keep looking out with faith to our communities. Giving with compassion and generosity, seeking always to share the good news of God.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**7 APRIL**

**LISTENING AND DISCERNING: RESURRECTION HOPE**



A stone-locked tomb broken open ... the presence of angels ... the light of life where there should only have been the darkness of death. Easter hope is the hope that carries us beyond the possible into the realm of the impossible; beyond our best case scenarios into a kingdom where what we receive is more than all we could ask or even imagine.

Lord Jesus, may the truth of your rising dispel once and for all the darkness of fear and the claustrophobia of hopelessness, that we might hope again.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*1st Sunday of Easter*

*The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria*

**8 APRIL**

**TEMPLE EWELL: ST PETER & ST PAUL WITH LYDDEN: ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

Clergy: Ian Parrish

Schools: Temple Ewell CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Annunciation*

*The Diocese of Derby – The Church of England*

**9 APRIL**

**ST MARY-IN-CASTRO**



Clergy: Peter Sherred, Bob Coles, Polly Mason, Brian Duckworth, Kevin Jacobs

Reader: John Morrison

Pray today with the ministers and congregation of St Mary-in-Castro, Dover Castle, as we offer thanks for the enormously successful 'Celebration of Christmas' service held in a full church in December 2023 which, organised by local Rotary clubs, raised a substantial sum for the RNLI.

We give thanks that the service of meditation in Holy Week, led by the Pharos Chamber Choir, reached visitors to the Castle, as well as the public. We give thanks for the successful completion of a Memorandum of Understanding involving all relevant parties relating to the work and witness of St Mary-in-Castro within the boundaries of Dover Castle and the Diocese.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Derry and Raphoe – The Church of Ireland*

**10 APRIL**

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

Area Deans: Barry Knott, Bob Weldon

Lay Chair: Alan French, Bill Mills

Secretary: Bill Mills

Treasurer: Laurie Maxfield

Please pray for our Deanery Plan as we seek to encourage new vocations. We pray too for Revd Carol Barnes who is to become the Rector of Elham Benefice on the 10th of June. Bless and guide our Deanery with wisdom, discernment and hope in the Risen Lord.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dhaka – The Church of Bangladesh*

**11 APRIL**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: GIVING THANKS FOR THE HOPE OF EASTER**

Father, we praise You, that as Creator of the Universe you choose to be involved in a personal relationship with us. We cannot begin to imagine all the pain and suffering Your beloved Son endured for us during those last days. You saw Him tortured and crucified and yet still, you forgive us our sins, walk with us every day and promise us life everlasting. What a blessing it is to know that as we journey through this difficult and dangerous world the victory has already been won. Jesus has risen, defeated death – and because of this our hope and future life with Him in glory can never be doubted or taken away. We humbly thank You Lord Jesus.

Amen.

Prayer written by Sue Wise - Authorised Lay Minister at Folkestone: St John the Baptist

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of San Diego – The Episcopal Church*

**12 APRIL**

**PRAYING 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. Please pray for:

Peter Ashman, Kim Aston, Bruce Bridgewood, Michael Chandler, Pam Clark, Ted Clark, Peter Cornish, David Goodburn, Ronald Herbert, Martin Jewitt, Roger Martin, Barry Preece, Jo Robertson, John Tomlinson, Eileen Webb

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Divine Hope – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola*

**13 APRIL**

**PRAYING 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.

Please pray today for;

Malcolm Sawyer, Tricia Hill, David Slater, Bill Mills, Heather Parsons, Sarah Grinsell, Maggie Smithard, Barry Knott

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Dogura –*

*The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

**14 APRIL LISTENING AND DISCERNING: RESTORING HOPE**

A fruitless night of fishing ... a one-time-friend consumed with shame ... a breakfast on the beach and a gentle restoration. Hope reassures us that, like Peter, God will come to us even when we think we've made too many mistakes. In our darkest hour, love will seek us out and bring us home to ourselves and to God.

Lord Jesus, may the grace in your gaze dispel the gloom of guilt and shame, that we might find again the hope of redemption.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*2nd Sunday of Easter*

*The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

**15 APRIL PRAYING 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:*

*The Diocese of Doko – The Church of Nigeria*

**16 APRIL CHERITON WITH NEWINGTON**

Clergy: Stephen Crofts

Readers: Stephen Brown, Frank Conley, Jenny Hoyle

Schools: All Souls CE Primary School, Seabrook CE Primary School, St Martin's CE Primary School

Please pray today for our efforts for inclusion of every form, as we seek to deepen our welcome of all. This has become a cornerstone of our mission. Pray too for the new vocations that are appearing in our midst. Giving thanks with hope as we journey forwards with God.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dominican Republic – The Episcopal Church*

**17 APRIL**

**ELHAM VALLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES**



Clergy: Stephen Dougal

Assistant Curate: Sharon Paine

Readers: Diana Baldwin, Bill Meakin

Schools: Elham CE Primary School, Selsted CE Primary School,  
School: Lyminge CE Primary School

Pray with us as we prepare to welcome our new priest in charge. Please pray that their move to this new area with their family will proceed smoothly. Also that their ministry here will help us to develop outreach and mission in our parishes. Pray too for those of us already here, to have the strength and courage to

support them as they lead us forward.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dornakal –*

*The Church of South India (United)*

**18 APRIL**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: GIVING THANKS FOR THE CREATIVITY OF GOD**



Holy, Holy,

God of heaven, God of earth, God of Me

Holy, Holy,

My voice and heart proclaims your majesty

I fall to my knees, God of me.

God of land, God of sea

God of air, God of me

God of mercy, God of grace

Hear my praise

Prayer written by Jo and Richard Heywood - Authorised Lay Ministers at the Trinity Benefice, Folkestone

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Down and Dromore – The Church of Ireland*



**19 APRIL** **FOLKESTONE: ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Clergy: Adam Denley

Readers: Robert Grieve, Frances Morgan, Alex Finlow, Joan Herbert

Reader-in-Training: Ruth Jones

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough – The Church of Ireland*

**20 APRIL** **FOLKESTONE: ST MARY, ST EANSWYTHE AND ST SAVIOUR**

Clergy: John Walker

Reader-in-Training: Victoria Friedrich

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

Please pray today for our priest, Fr John Walker, as he retires at the end of April. Pray especially for our faith community during the forthcoming vacancy, and for the appointment of a new priest. Bless those who will be leading and guiding us through the months ahead.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**21 APRIL** **LISTENING AND DISCERNING: REORIENTING HOPE**

Two friends on a journey to Emmaus ... baffled and bereft ... a surprising companion ... sharing their bread and opening their eyes. When we're quitting the scene because things haven't turned out the way we'd wanted, hope meets us and turns us around, reminding us of all we were once pursuing, reassuring us that all is not lost.

Lord Jesus, may the warmth of your presence dispel the gloom of disappointment and the heaviness of heartache, that we might remember again the hope to which we are called.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*3rd Sunday of Easter*

*The Anglican Church of Australia*

**22 APRIL**    **FOLKESTONE: ST PETER**

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: John Hendy, Andy Kemp

School: St Peter's CE Primary School

Please pray with us today. We are a Traditional Anglo-Catholic parish, which is presently in interregnum. Lord, obtain for us, we ask, a priest with a true spirit of faith and humble obedience so that we may see him as a representative of God and willingly follow him in the Way, the Truth and the Life of Christ.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dunedin –*

*The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

**23 APRIL**    **FOLKESTONE: HOLY TRINITY BENEFICE**

Clergy: Bob Weldon, Roger Smith

Readers: Hilary Richter, Charles Lewis, Barry Lock

Anna Chaplains: Bill Mills, Heather Parsons

School: Christ Church CE Primary Academy

Please pray for the Holy Trinity Benefice. At Easter we prayed for the gift of self-resurrection in our lives of faith. May we seek to grow into the people God wants us to be.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin – The Church of the Province of West Africa*

**24 APRIL**    **HAWKINGE BENEFICE**

Clergy: Rob Grinsell

Anna Chaplains: Sarah Grinsell, Maggie Smithard

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Durgapur –*

*The Church of North India (United)*

**25 APRIL**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR WONDER AT THE HOLINESS OF GOD**



God of love, God of peace  
God of hope, God of me  
God of mercy, God of grace  
Hear my praise

Holy, Holy,  
God of heaven, God of earth, God of Me  
Holy, Holy,  
My voice and heart proclaims your majesty  
I fall to my knees, God of me.

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*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Durham – The Church of England*

**26 APRIL**

**HYTHE: ST LEONARD**

Clergy: Michael Darkins

Reader: Mike Cox

School: Hythe Bay CE Primary School

Heavenly Father, today we ask you to bless the people of the parish of Hythe. As the parish continues its work to reflect on the theme of 'Welcome', we ask that you would guide them in their discernment and inspire their discussions so that the people of Hythe may live up to their vision to be 'ever-more welcoming, inclusive, and caring Christian community.' Bless too Father, those who volunteer for the 101 Open Door Project, all those involved in their developing youth ministry, and those members of their new worship band. Amen.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Dutse – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**27 APRIL**    **LYMPNE AND SALTWOOD BENEFICE**

Clergy: Barry Knott

Hospital Chaplain: Tricia Hill

Reader: Bob White

Schools: Lympne CE Primary School, Saltwood CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of East Kerala –*

*The Church of South India (United)*

**28 APRIL**    **LISTENING AND DISCERNING: DISRUPTIVE HOPE**



Alone ... the only doubter in a room full of very convinced people ... a locked room ... and then, impossibly, Jesus is there. The events of Easter overturned Thomas's assumptions about how things work. Easter offends the status quo and unseats our rational worldview. Easter's gift to us is the hope that the way it's always been isn't necessarily the way it will always be.

Lord Jesus, may your willingness to walk through walls dispel our rigidity and resistance to change, that we might step towards your hope-filled future with courage and joy.

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

*Anglican Communion:*

*4th Sunday of Easter*

*The Church of Bangladesh*

**29 APRIL**    **PRAYING WITH THE VINEYARD DEANERY: FOR ITS CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

Area Dean: Sue Rose

Lay Chair: Tessa Badcock

Secretary: Karen Stevens

Treasurer: Tony Richter

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Easton – The Episcopal Church*

**30 APRIL**

**PRAYING 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. Please pray for:

Keith Fazzani, Tricia Fogden, Sharon Francis, Rosemary Kobus van Wengen, Joy Rapley, Michael Rose, Margaret Roylance, John Saunders

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Eau Claire – The Episcopal Church*







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