



**Diocese of Canterbury**  
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# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



**May 2024**

**1 MAY**

**PRAYING WITH THE VINEYARD 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Ann Tiplady

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Central Ecuador – The Episcopal Church*

**2 MAY**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR HOPE AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS**



Compassionate God, as we travel in hope as your disciples, we ask for the comfort and peace of the Holy Spirit on all who are broken hearted.

Bless each of us as we journey in faith, walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

Amen.

Prayer written by Penny Lowe - Licensed Lay Minister at the Romney Marsh Benefice

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Edinburgh – The Scottish Episcopal Church*

**3 MAY**

**BETHERSDEN WITH HIGH HALDEN & WOODCHURCH**



Clergy: Sue Rose

Reader: Vera Hopkinson

Anna Chaplain: Ann Tiplady

Schools: High Halden CE Primary School, Woodchurch CE Primary School

Pray with us today. After a period of prayer and consultation, our three parishes are looking to be united to form a new combined parish which will be known as the Parish of Denswood. Please pray for our PCCs as we start to take the next steps in this process. Help us to be surrounded by the love of God, and we ask you Lord to take away worries and concerns. Help us to be generous in spirit and kind to one another at this time.

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Edmonton – The Anglican Church of Canada*

**4 MAY**

**BIDDENDEN: ALL SAINTS AND SMARDEN: ST MICHAEL**

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Martin Giles, Edward Demery

School: The John Mayne CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich – The Church of England*

**5 MAY**

**THE BENEFICE OF TENTERDEN, ROTHER AND OXNEY**

Clergy: Lindsay Hammond, Jeanette Kennett, Andrew Tapsell

Readers: Alison Gilbert, Judy Vinson, John Badcock, Tessa Badcock, Alan Gostelow

Schools: St Michael's CE Primary School, Tenterden CE Junior School, Wittersham CE Primary School

Please pray for our group of nine parishes as we look to meet the challenges of sustaining and growing the church within our communities. We pray especially for the Spirit's guidance in relation to the reordering of St. Mildred's church in Tenterden and to our ministry and outreach to families and young people across the benefice. We give thanks for the blessing of so many people within our churches who give their time and energy to minister in Christ's name and in so many ways.

*Anglican Communion:*

*6th Sunday of Easter*

*Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*

**6 MAY**

**FRESH EXPRESSIONS: PRAYING FOR FOREST CHURCH**



We pray for the Forest Church gatherings in the Tenterden, Rother and Oxney benefice, that they would provide a welcoming space in which to encounter God for those who might not attend traditional formats of church. Help us Lord

to be curious about ways in which we can connect with you through the wonder of your creation. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Andrew Tapsell - Minister in the Tenterden, Rother and Oxley Group of Churches

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Egba – The Church of Nigeria*

**7 MAY**

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

Area Dean: Chris Hodgkins

Lay Chair: Penny Lowe

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Tony Richter

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Egba-West – The Church of Nigeria*

**8 MAY**

**PRAYING WITH THE ROMNEY DEANERY: 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Gill Calver, Michael Gooch, Sheila McLachlan, David Parrott

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Egbu – The Church of Nigeria*

**9 MAY**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: ASCENSION DAY**



ABBA, Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted up to the realms of glory to call us back to you.

Lift up your hearts! Alleluia!

He prays for us when we are too confused and empty to pray for ourselves.

Lord, pray in us! Alleluia!

He sends your Creator Spirit, in the fire of love, to empower your pilgrim people everywhere and to renew the earth.

Rejoice! Sing praises! Alleluia!

Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Christopher Dent - PTO Clergy in the Sandwich Deanery and Chaplain at Canterbury Cathedral

*Anglican Communion:*

*Ascension Day*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Egypt – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria*

**10 MAY**

**PRAYING WITH THE ROMNEY 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Helen Sanderson

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Eha-Amufu – The Church of Nigeria*

**11 MAY**

**THE BENEFICE OF ROMNEY MARSH**

Clergy: Chris Hodgkins, Shuna Body, Jacky Darling, Jack Greenhalf

Readers: Les Carter, Penny Lowe, George Faulks, June Noakes

Anna Chaplain: Helen Sanderson

Schools: Brenzett CE Primary School, Brookland CE Primary School, School: St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Ekiti – The Church of Nigeria*

**12 MAY**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



‘With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.’ (Acts 4.33)

Thank you Lord for your presence with us and your promise of power in the Holy Spirit.

We pray for increased openness to minister in your power within our communities.  
May we all be deepening our discipleship as we share our faith with those around us.  
Reveal to us where you are at work, and make us ready to play our part.  
Amen.

Prayer written by Alison Callway - Licensed Lay Minister in the North Downs Benefice

*Anglican Communion:*

*7th Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday after Ascension*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Anglican Church of Burundi*

**13 MAY**

**THE SAXON SHORELINE**

Clergy: Geoff Abasolo-Munnery

Reader: Anne Loat

Please pray for the success of our first Benefice Mission Day on 18th May entitled ‘Sowing the Seeds of Hope’. We pray for our primary schools in the Benefice, especially for Year 6 students completing their SATs and transitioning to secondary school. We pray for our parishes.

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Ekiti Kwara – The Church of Nigeria*

**14 MAY**

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

Area Dean: Chris Spencer

Interim Area Dean: Seth Cooper

Lay Chair: Ian Stephen

Secretary: Ian Stephen

Treasurer: Trevor Longman

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Ekiti Oke – The Church of Nigeria*

**15 MAY**

**PRAYING WITH THE SANDWICH 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Martin Clark, Christopher Dent, Anthony Fletcher, David Flewker, Nigel Genders, Peter Hambrook, Wendy Jackson-Hill, Patrick Kavanagh, Frank Kent, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Jeanne Males, Roger Marsh, Michael Morris, Howard Pashley, Sheila Porter, Jasmine Roberts, David Willis, John Winn, Pat Wright, Stephen Young

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Ekiti West – The Church of Nigeria*

**16 MAY**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



Our loving, living Heavenly Father - we pray that as we wait expectantly to celebrate the birthday of your church that we, like the first disciples, may be similarly transformed by the out-pouring and in-dwelling of your Holy Spirit. Although initially fearful, perplexed and weak, on that first Pentecost they became new men and women, amazing onlookers with their new- found courage, confidence and power. May we likewise be transformed into beacons of light, love and hope in a dark and lonely world.

Amen.

Prayer written by Dr Roger Thornington - PTO Reader in the Canterbury Deanery

*Anglican Communion: Thy Kingdom Come*

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

**17 MAY**

**PRAYING WITH THE SANDWICH DEANERY: FOR CHAPLAINS**

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Pray in particular today for:

Mary Donaldson, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Liz Larner, Sally Murray

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of Port Elizabeth – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

**18 MAY**

**DEAL: ST ANDREW**

Clergy: Angus Beattie

*Anglican Communion:*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Diocese of El-Obeid – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*

**19 MAY**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: THE DAY OF PENTECOST**



Loving God,

You empower your church by the gift of your Spirit

Open our hearts to receive afresh all that you purpose

Unleashing compassion, releasing change

Transforming a tired and broken world

Through the creative grace of your holy Son

Whose promised gift we celebrate today

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Canon Kerry Thorpe - PTO Clergy in the Thanet Deanery

*Anglican Communion:*

*Pentecost*

*Thy Kingdom Come*

*The Anglican Church of Canada*



**20 MAY**

**DEAL: ST GEORGE THE MARTYR**

Clergy: Chris Spencer, Chris Penfold

Anna Chaplains: Mary Donaldson, Jean Kerr, Paul Kerr, Liz Larner

Pray for us as we continue to seek to share the goodness of God and the Good News of Jesus with the people of Deal and the surrounding area.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ely – The Church of England*

**21 MAY**

**PARISH OF UPPER DEAL AND GREAT MONGEHAM**

Clergy: Monica Cameron

Assistant Curate: Lynn Overington-Hickford

Self-Supporting Minister: Patrick Kavanagh

Reader: Nicholas Tomaszewski

Schools: Sholden CE Primary School, Deal Parochial CE Primary School

Please pray with us for the following community groups, Froglets, a stay & play toddler group, our Youth Club, our Children's Worship Services and Families Team. Pray that our prayer and work will bring new families to our Sunday Services. We also pray for 'workers in the field,' people in our community who will step up into roles we have empty. Pray for people in the parish with many jobs - for strength and encouragement.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**22 MAY**

**EASTRY AND WOODNESBOROUGH**

Clergy: Andrew Brown

Reader: Hilary Baldwin

Reader-in-Training: Susan Brearley

Schools: Eastry CE Primary School, Northbourne CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Enugu – The Church of Nigeria*

**23 MAY**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: COME HOLY SPIRIT, THY KINGDOM COME**



Let us remember and delight in the promise of the Holy Spirit that Jesus gave His disciples and gives to us today. Our counsellor and advocate, our comforter and friend, to be with us and in us forever.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with all the fruits of the Spirit and renews in us our faith, hope and love, so that we can go out into the world to be Your presence, filled with Your abundance, to do Your will.

Come Holy Spirit, Thy Kingdom Come.

Amen.

Prayer written by Sally Murray - Chaplain and Authorised Lay Minister in the Sandwich Deanery

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Enugu*

*North – The Church of Nigeria*

**24 MAY**

**SANDWICH AND WORTH**

Clergy: Sebastian Hamilton

Assistant Curate: Robin Bendall

Reader: Derek Kirkaldie

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Esan – The Church of Nigeria*

**25 MAY**

**WALMER AND CORNILO**

Clergy: Seth Cooper

Reader: Malcolm Sawyer

Schools: The Downs CEPS, Kingsdown & Ringwould CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

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



Lord, God, Creator and Saviour.

We pray for the Holy Spirit to energise our churches.

May the flame burn bright to show us the way to make your kingdom a reality for everyone.

May we be strong but compassionate, like Jesus, and like him choose the Father's way not the way of the world.

We pray in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen.

Prayer written by Janice Willett - Licensed Lay Minister in the Canonry Benefice

*Anglican Communion:*

*Trinity Sunday*

*Anglican Communion Sunday The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

Area Dean: Jo Richards

Lay Chair: Liz Morrison

Secretary: Harry Macdonald

Treasurer: John Morrison

Pray with us today. Our Deanery Mission Plan including our Deanery Eco Fayre on 11th May and for all the work that the eco-group does in supporting one another especially in achieving eco-church awards; prayers also for the next Care in a Crises Meeting and for all the work that does to support the vulnerable and needy across our city; for those parishes in the deanery which are currently in vacancy.

*Anglican Communion:*

*Saint Augustine of Canterbury*

*The Diocese of Etche – The Church of Nigeria*

**28 MAY**

**PRAYING WITH THE CANTERBURY 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Carl Fredrik Arvidsson, Clive Barlow, Sara Bimson, Richard Bolton, Julia Butterworth, William Campen, Nina Coulthard, Diane Fawcett, Peter Freeman, David Houghton, Reg Humphriss, Peter Ingrams, Brian Kelly, Brian McHenry, Derek Mottershead, Charmaine Muir, Peter Ould, Geoff Pearson, Peter Richmond, Martin Robbins, Eileen Routh, John Spriggs, Sue White, Grahame Whittlesea, Ken Wilkin, Paul Wilton, Norman Woods, Juliet Woolcombe, Lindsay Yates, Helen Connell

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Etsako – The Church of Nigeria*

**29 MAY**

**PRAYING WITH THE CANTERBURY 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. In particular, please pray today for the Chaplains ministering in Canterbury Deanery:

Lindsay Collins, Alison Walker, Stephen Laird, Joy Atkins, Jeremy Law, Martin Robbins, Dave Stroud, Maddie Thorp, Kevin Maddy, Helen Connell, Geoff Pearson, Jo Richards, Sally Waters, Peter Joyce, Dawn Watson, Tricia Hill, Thomas Pote, Angie Stupple, Caroline Spencer, Lucy Sullivan

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese in Europe – The Church of England*



Lord Jesus, as you breathed the Spirit onto the disciples in the locked room, we ask that you would breath on us today.

May your presence, guidance and strength be with us as we move forward as the body of Christ, called to share the good news of salvation, and the compassion of the Father.

May we as your people be blessed as we serve you and our communities in the realities and stresses of modern life. Bringing your blessing to all.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Phil Barnes - PTO Clergy in the Thanet Deanery and Chaplain at Canterbury Cathedral

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe –*

*The Episcopal Church*

Clergy: Stephen Laird, Stacey Rand

Reader: Peter Clough

Please pray with us today. Our villages of Blean and Tyler Hill are faced with proposals for a town-sized new housing development across our rural setting: please pray for the church congregation as, together with the wider community, we explore our responses and support those most affected. Meanwhile we rejoice as we see individuals within our church family actively follow a sense of calling towards accredited ministries.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Evo – The Church of Nigeria*







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