



**Diocese of Canterbury**  
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# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

'Praying for each other; praying with each other'



**August 2024**

**1 AUGUST MARGATE: ALL SAINTS (WESTBROOK)**

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Ray Hand, Richard Wheeler

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Hong Kong Island – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*

**2 AUGUST MARGATE: HOLY TRINITY**

Clergy: Vacant

Assistant Curate: Jessica Rodewald

Churchwarden: Michael Jarvis

Reader-in-Training: Ann Friedlos

We give thanks for God's sustaining power during this time of interregnum, as we have worked together to maintain our usual pattern of services and as we have reached out, with His love, to the people of Margate. We celebrate the growth in our congregations. Please pray that God will uphold our new priest Mark, new curate Jess, and their families, as they make preparations to move to Margate to join us in August, and also for Ann as she looks forward to her licensing in September.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of the Horn of Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria*

**3 AUGUST 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 Hpa-an – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*



Holy Father, we thank you for your love and care of our Thanet Deanery. We thank you for the new ministers you have called to serve amongst us, and we pray that you will so bless and enrich them with your grace, that they may see where you are already at work and honour you in all they say and do. We also pray for those faithful

congregations who are still patiently waiting for a shepherd to lead their church, and whose lay members, Sunday after Sunday and week after week, so devotedly work for the coming of your kingdom while they wait: please remember their faithfulness and answer their prayer. Most deeply we lift to you the mission that goes out from our churches, and the worship that takes place within them: may both bless our communities, speak to them of your love, and give them hope in a difficult world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer written by Rev'd Alice Bates - Associate Priest at St Peter-in-Thalet, Broadstairs

*Anglican Communion:*

*10th Sunday after Trinity*

*The Anglican Church of Kenya*

Clergy: Steve Coneys

Reader: Kim Palmer

Please join us in prayer that we will follow God's leading and have a strong sense of how God is calling us to grow in faith and in serving our community. We are looking forward to a new way of working together with neighbouring churches here in Margate. We pray for wisdom and grace in all the decisions, joys and challenges that lie ahead.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Huron – The Anglican Church of Canada*

## **6 AUGUST ST PETER-IN-THANET**

Clergy: Matt Hodder, Alice Bates

Schools: St Georges CE Foundation School and St Peter in Thanet CE Junior School

We continue to give thanks for all that God is doing here in Thanet. We are blessed with many green shoots of growth at St Peter's, so we ask for prayer that these areas of growth may be sustained and nurtured by God. We particularly ask for prayer for our continuing ministries with our local schools, and our children and young people. We give thanks for our new 'Julian Meeting', which meets monthly in the church and is led by our Associate Priest Rev Alice Bates.

*Anglican Communion:*

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

## **7 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**



We pray for all the children, young people and families across the diocese who are on summer holidays right now. Please give everyone patience and understanding with each other, and help them to find joy in the time that they spend together. We pray that you would be with those finding it hard, whether that's from food insecurity, parents juggling child care, lack of routine and things to do, or any

other reason. Thank you for the places, including many of our churches, that they are able to go to for friendship, fun and support. Help us to look out for each other and be an encouragement when the end of the school holidays seem a long way off! Amen

Prayer written by Mim Taylor - Growing Faith Pastor at St Mary Bredin, Canterbury

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ibadan – The Church of Nigeria*

## **8 AUGUST MARGATE: ST PHILIP (NORTHDOWN PARK)**

Clergy: Stuart Gay

Reader: Helen Rogers

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ibadan*

*North – The Church of Nigeria*

**9 AUGUST RAMSGATE: CHRIST CHURCH**

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwarden: Peter Dewhurst

School: Christ Church CE Primary School

Loving Father, we pray today for the future of this beautiful church, as we are no longer holding services here. We pray for the congregation, who now worship in other churches, we ask you bless them as they journey forwards in faith. We give thanks for Archdeacon Will Adam, for his help and leadership. And we pray for our future as a church, praying that wise decisions will be made, and that you, our Loving Father, will be glorified in all things. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ibadan*

*South – The Church of Nigeria*

**10 AUGUST RAMSGATE: HOLY TRINITY**

Clergy: Vacant

School: Holy Trinity CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**11 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM**



Our loving heavenly Father, we lift up before you all those whose lives have been sadly affected by sickness.

We think particularly of those where dementia has taken over their lives. We pray especially for their loved ones who have become carers in a very stressful situation.

Lord grant to those carers a deep sense of your love for those so

afflicted who have been part of their family, perhaps for many years.

We pray also for parents who now care for children whose disabilities require constant, loving care; grant them an extra awareness of your love for them.

Prayer written by Alec Cripps - Authorised Lay Minister for the Stour Downs

*Anglican Communion: 11th Sunday after Trinity*

*The Anglican Church of Korea*

## **12 AUGUST** RAMSGATE: ST GEORGE

Clergy: Paul Worledge

Assistant Curate: Bethany Keenan

Pray for the continuing development of social engagement activities run by our Regeneration Officer, including summer yard sales, tours of tower and crypt and setting up a bi-weekly 'community soup' to be served in the church at lunchtimes. Also, for wisdom as we plan for possible future developments of the St. George's campus and work with St. Luke's to discern the future vision for church and ministry in central Ramsgate. Pray for Beth Keenan joining us as pioneer curate, and for Claire Coleman as her time in Ramsgate draws to an end and as she prepares to take up a team vicar post in Dover.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Idah – The Church of Nigeria*

## **13 AUGUST** RAMSGATE: ST LUKE

Clergy: Paul Worledge

Assistant Curates: Claire Coleman, Bethany Keenan

Reader: Colin Gale

Pray for the continuing work of our outreach activities, including toddler groups and a drop in the church called, Cafe4All . Pray too for the planned setting up of a new men's group and an after school club in the church from September. Pray as we work with St. George's to discern the future vision for church and ministry in central Ramsgate. Pray for Beth Keenan joining us as pioneer curate, and Claire Coleman that she ends her time well in Ramsgate before taking up a team vicar post in Dover.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Idaho – The Episcopal Church*

**14 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR FAMILIES**



Loving God,

We remember all children and young people who are on holiday at this time. May it be for them a really joy-filled and relaxing time.

Please support all parents as they juggle work, childcare and recreation. Strengthen the bonds of love in all families we pray, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Prayer written by John Gray - Authorised Lay Minister for the Walmer and Cornilo Benefice

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ideato – The Church of Nigeria*

**15 AUGUST ST ANDREW, READING STREET**

Clergy: Philip Musindi

Reader: Michael Hawthorne

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Idoani – The Church of Nigeria*

**16 AUGUST ST LAURENCE-IN-THANET BENEFICE**

Clergy: Catherine Tucker, Ken Cox

Readers: Sue Cox, Judith Andrews, Frances Barnes, Amanda Madgwick

Anna Chaplain: Judith Andrews, Amanda Madgwick

Father God,

We pray today for our Benefice, giving particular thanks for all those who have worked so hard during the interregnum. And we pray for Revd Catherine Tucker who was installed as our new Priest on Wednesday the 10th of July. Bless her ministry amongst us, and may we learn to support her and enable her to settle in well. Bless us all with vision, discernment and hope as we move into the future you are preparing for us. Amen.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ife – The Church of Nigeria*

Clergy: Jef Foulger

Reader: Sally Willins

Churchwardens: Sue Hergest, David Mairs, Paul Budgie

Schools:

- Chislet CE Primary School
- Minster CE Primary School
- Monkton CE Primary School
- St Nicholas at Wade CE Primary School



We give thanks today for those who attended our Rogation Sunday event in May. People from across the Benefice journeyed together with people from St Saviour's Westgate, sharing a day of fellowship and worship. We pray that this day will continue to be a source of encouragement, as we seek to strengthen our congregations; equipping them to be visible signs of hope in our

communities. May we travel forwards in faith, walking with the assurance that God is with us, and that he loves us and will never leave us. May we share this gift with others.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ife East – The Church of Nigeria*



**18 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: GIVING THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF SUMMER**



We thank you that summer is here again, for the delights of warm sunshine and long days. Thank you for green trees and bright flowers everywhere in parks and gardens. We pray that all our children can have wonderful experiences and fun in their activities while keeping safe, appreciating the freedom that summer brings; enjoying simple pleasures like swimming in the sea, making sandcastles and

having lollies and ice creams on the beach. We pray for all their friends and the grown ups who look after them. May every moment be filled with the joy of the love of God.

Prayer written by Christine Clover - Children and Young People's Minister at Lymgne: St Stephen with West Hythe

*Anglican Communion: 12th Sunday after Trinity*

*The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

**19 AUGUST WESTGATE-ON-SEA: ST JAMES**

Clergy: Anand Sodadasi

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ifo – The Church of Nigeria*

**20 AUGUST WESTGATE-ON-SEA: ST SAVIOUR**

Clergy: Jef Foulger

We pray today for our congregation and for our leadership. We give thanks for all those who work hard to make this church a sign of hope in the community. We give thanks for the links that are being strengthened between us and the Wantsum Benefice.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Igbomina – The Church of Nigeria*

**21 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT**



Dear Father God, we bring our brothers and sisters who are unwell in body, mind, or spirit to you today. You know exactly their needs and want the very best for them all. You bring to all your people a fierce protective love. You care about the health of our bodies, the peace and calmness of our minds and the benefits of being open to the Holy Spirit.

We ask these things in the name of our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer written by Jean Sweetman - Authorised Lay Minister at Maidstone: St Andrew (Barming Heath)

*Anglican Communion:*

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

**22 AUGUST PRAYING WITH THE STOUR VALLEY DEANERY**

Area Dean: Ravi Holy

Lay Chair: Caroline Knight

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Nigel Poole

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ihiala – The Church of Nigeria*

**23 AUGUST STOUR VALLEY 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. Please pray for:

Garth Barber, Brian Chalmers, William Hill, Linda Schryver, Dylan Turner

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ijebu – The Church of Nigeria*

## 24 AUGUST STOUR VALLEY DEANERY: 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.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ijebu South West – The Church of Nigeria*

## 25 AUGUST PRAYING TOGETHER: AS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FINISH THEIR HOLIDAYS



Lord God,

Be with all children and young people as they return to education, after their summer break. May they return renewed, energised and ready to learn at school, college or university.

We particularly ask your blessing on those starting new schools and places of further education, as it can be an anxious, stressful and bewildering time. Help them not to feel lonely and overwhelmed but to embrace the new challenges and opportunities that come their way. Lord, surround them with your love as they start the new academic year.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

Prayer written by Fiona Higgs - Children, Families & Schools Minister, St Nicholas, Allington

*Anglican Communion:*

*13th Sunday after Trinity*

*La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*

## 26 AUGUST CHARTHAM

Clergy: Andrew Edwards

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ijebu-North – The Church of Nigeria*

**27 AUGUST KING'S WOOD BENEFICE**

Clergy: Vacant

Reader: Gerry Willis

Churchwardens: Geoff Jenkins, David Potter, George Kennedy, Maureen Taylor, Roz Goodenough Waller, Doug Pavey, Gail Pavey

School: St Mary's Church of England Primary School

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ijesa North East – The Church of Nigeria*

**28 AUGUST THE UNITED WYE BENEFICE**

Clergy: Ravi Holy, Linda Cross, Dawn Stamper

Assistant Curate: Dan Ralph

Readers: Lucy Carvill, Clare Masters, Kevin Rall

Reader-in-Training: Nigel Poole

Pastoral Assistant: Angela Hirst

School: Bodsham Church of England Primary School

We give thanks for the time, energy and good will of our churchwardens, lay leaders and volunteers. We pray for our ministry team especially newly ordained Dan Ralph and his family. We pray for renewed growth, shared generosity and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit across the benefice churches as we discern how best to serve our communities. We give thanks for the prayer groups and online opportunities provided that underpin all we do and all that we seek to do to grow God's kingdom in this place.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ijesha North – The Church of Nigeria*

## **29 AUGUST MAIDSTONE DEANERY**

Area Dean: Gareth Dickinson

Lay Chair: Fiona Higgs

Secretary: Wendy Suffield

Treasurer: Susan Ghinn

School: St Augustine Academy

Thank you that prayers for unity and renewed purpose in the Deanery are being answered. Please pray for our young people: grant that we appoint the right youth workers, and may work in youth groups, schools and our Bubble Church initiative thrive and attract non-Christians. Pray for our new ministers, and that God's will is done for forthcoming appointments. Bless our building projects at All Saints Loose and St Luke's that seek to create buildings fit for purpose, and strengthen our environmental work across the Deanery. Pray also for our Area Dean, that his sabbatical brings refreshment and renewal.

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ijumu – The Church of Nigeria*

## **30 AUGUST MAIDSTONE 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. Please pray for:

Richard Birch, Clinton Davis, Alison Francis, Joy Green, David Grimwood, Colin Horn, David Jones, Paul Kish, Alan Le Grys, Richard Love, Peter Maurice, Adie McCall, Brian Stevenson, Colin Terry, Julian Waite, Liz Walker, Robin Williamson

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ika – The Church of Nigeria*



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.

Clifford Goble, Nicola Mitra, Sue Yeo, Susie-Alexandra Simpson, Geoffrey Burn, Erika Catchpole, Katja Svarts

*Anglican Communion:*

*The Diocese of Ikara – The Church of Nigeria*





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