



Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



May 2026

1 Fri Praying Together: Listening in the Dawn of Resurrection

Risen Christ, in the quiet light of the morning, teach us again to listen. Where shadows linger in the corners of our hearts, breathe your peace. Where weariness dulls our hope, lift our eyes to the widening sky. You call us by name, as you once called Mary in the garden, inviting us to recognise life where we expected loss. Open our senses to your presence: in silence, in Scripture, in stranger and friend. Give us courage to walk the new path you reveal, trusting that your risen life is already unfolding within and around us. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie - Director of Mission and Ministry

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Wusasa – The Church of Nigeria*

2 Sat The Bridge Benefice

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Daphne Reece, Evelyn Andrews, Carol day, Laurence Dunderdale, Nicola Fry, Andrea Nicholson, Pauline Pritchard, Scilla Wright
School: Bridge & Patricbourne CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Wyoming – The Episcopal Church*

3 Sun Praying Together: Christ the Worker Day

On this “Christ the Worker Day” we pray for all at work – paid or voluntary, and their colleagues and workplaces.

That workers can be as authentic with their faith at work as they can at church.

For those whose faith is a source of conflict in the workplace.

For those who work from home.

We pray for those who feel isolated,

For those juggling work and families.

For those who feel overwhelmed, have little time to rest, or struggle to hear Jesus in the workplace.

For those who have disputes with their managers or colleagues.

For those who feel let down in any way.

Prayer written by Canon David Slater - Lead Chaplain at the Port of Dover and Honorary Chaplain of Canterbury Cathedral

*Anglican Communion:
5th Sunday of Easter
The Church of North India (United)*

4 Mon Canonry Benefice

Clergy: Caroline Turvey

Assistant Curate: Anne Talbert

Reader: Janice Willett

Schools: Ash Cartwright & Kelsey CE Primary School, Goodnestone CE Primary School, Nonington CE Primary School

We ask for prayer for our ministry of outreach into all of our communities, especially where the church demographic is ageing and it feels tough to keep going. As we head into APCM's we pray for new wardens in two of our churches. We are especially grateful for where the Spirit is moving and mission is springing up naturally. We pray for continued excitement in the growth of our weekly Warm Space in St Nicholas Ash which we have decided to continue throughout the year. And for our monthly Messy Church and its combined leadership with the PTFA at the local school. Praise God that the relationships with all schools are deepening. For fellowship, for church choirs, for new prayer initiatives, for courageous people stepping into new ministries, we give thanks.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Yambio – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

5 Tue Nonington: The Living Well

Chaplain of The Living Well: Stefan Thomas

Assistant Chaplains: Helen Jones, Ray Horton

We pray that with the appointment of a new Lead Chaplain a Spirit of new opportunity will become apparent across the diocese in offering a space of rest and refreshment for soul and body, for both ordained and lay alike; that like the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:15) we recognise Christ as the spring of eternal life. We pray that The Living Well offers an opportunity for all to be refreshed by Christ's living water and then to fill up our own water carriers and to pour them out to others, recognising that Jesus Christ is both the living water source and the resource.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Yangon – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

6 Wed The Little Stour Benefice

Clergy: Lesley Hardy

Reader: Katharine Harris

Schools: Wickhambreaux CE Primary School, Littlebourne CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Yei – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

7 Thurs Praying with the Reculver Deanery for: Clergy and People

Area Dean: Simon Tillotson
Lay Chair: Malcolm Waller
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: David Kemp

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Yeri – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

8 Fri Praying Together: Discerning the Way of New Life

Lord of Easter, you step through our locked fears with unhurried grace. You speak your blessing, and the room brightens with possibility. As we listen for your guidance in these holy days, steady our breathing and quiet our scattered thoughts. Show us how to recognise you – not only in the triumphant moments, but in the small, unnoticed mercies woven through our days. Grant us discerning hearts, able to distinguish your whisper from our anxieties. Lead us where resurrection is needed most: in our choices, relationships, and communities. Make us bearers of your renewing love. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie - Director of Mission and Ministry

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Yewa – The Church of Nigeria

9 Sat Praying with the Reculver 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:

Robinson Orido, Gillian Craig, Denise Critchell, John Currie, Jenny Hadlow, Donald Lugg, Chris Morgan-Jones, Alison Newman, Stephen Parrett, Chris Seppala, Chris Skingley, Carol Smith

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Yirol – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

10 Sun Praying with the Reculver 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.

Jayne Edinboro, Ann Price

*Anglican Communion:
6th Sunday of Easter
The Church of Pakistan (United)*

11 Mon Praying with the Reculver Deanery for: IGNITE Hub

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Reculver Deanery. 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 Yokohama – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

12 Tue Praying with the Reculver 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 Yola – The Church of Nigeria*

13 Wed Herne Bay: Christ Church (Hampton: St Andrew)

Clergy: Anthony Everett, Simon Fellows

Assistant Curate: Denise Parrett

We are thankful to God as our church family continues to grow in number and maturity in answer to our growth prayer. Please pray for - those new to our church family to settle in and continue their journey in faith especially those new to faith. - our new Teatime Sunday afternoon service to reach those in that area of town. - our plans to start a new youth group once a month during our 11am Sunday congregation. - us to continue to be open to the Lord's leading particularly in the area of increasing our paid staff.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of York – The Church of England

14 Thurs 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 New York – The Episcopal Church

15 Fri Praying Together: Walking the Emmaus Road

Companion Christ, you walk beside us on roads we scarcely understand. Often we speak without listening, rushing past the gentle signs of your presence. Yet you stay with us, patient and attentive, waiting for our hearts to catch your fire. In this Easter season, teach us to slow down, to welcome your questions, and to notice the gifts hidden in the ordinary. Break open your word to us; break open our lives for others. In the sharing of bread, renew our courage. In the warmth of your company, guide us toward the hope that transforms. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie - Director of Mission and Ministry

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Western New York – The Episcopal Church

16 Sat The United Benefice of Reculver

Clergy: Vacant

Assistant Curate: Lawrence Tuck

Churchwardens: John Bailey, Catherine Hampton, Clare Hopper

School: Reculver CE Junior School

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Ysabel – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

17 Sun St Martin's, Herne with St Peter, Greenhill

Clergy: Chris Carnaby-Denyer

Reader: Deborah Waller

We give thanks for signs of active discipleship and growing in faith- praying for those preparing for confirmation, our youth exploring faith group, and adults engaging with scripture in "Bible Book Club". We pray for the fortnightly youth drop-in "Hangout" for local secondary students in our community. We pray for the team that shares the good news through Bubble Church. We pray for all involved in bringing our Community Garden project to fruition.

Anglican Communion:

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension

Thy Kingdom Come

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

18 Mon Whitstable Team Ministry

Clergy: Rachel Webbley, Paulette Stubbings, Simon Tillotson

Assistant Curates: Jayne Edinboro, Eddie Bijl, Ripeka Bijl

Readers: Denise Barker, David Wright, Isobel Legg, Ann Price

Anna Chaplain: Jayne Edinboro, Ann Price

Schools: St Alphege CE Infant School and Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed CE Junior School

Prayers to sustain the vibrant vocational culture across the parish, and especially those discerning their calling and those preparing for ordained ministry.

Prayers for all our children and young people across the five churches in the parish, our church schools and especially for secure children's and youth ministry into the future, and missional outreach supporting families.

Prayers for our new Vice-Chair of the PCC, and for all the officers and lay leaders across the parish, including our Safeguarding leaders.

Prayer for all those we serve through pastoral offices, baptisms, weddings and funerals, and consistent faithful presence.

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Yukon – The Anglican Church of Canada

19 Tue Praying with the Thanet Deanery for: its clergy and people

Area Dean: Philip Musindi

Lay Chair: Judith Andrews

Secretary: Judith Andrews

Treasurer: Len Reed

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Zaki-Biam – The Church of Nigeria

20 Wed Praying with the Thanet 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:

Phil Barnes, Malcolm Bradshaw, John Chater, Gary Colville, Michael Cooke, Ken Cox, David Frost, Peter Gausden, Brian Griffiths, Denis Hartley, Beatrice Musindi, Penny Rose-Casemore, Peter Russell, Brian Sharp, David Tate, Kerry Thorpe, John Walker, Alysoun Whitton, Susan Wing, Sue Woan

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

21 Thurs Praying with the Thanet 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.

Judith Andrews, Brian Sharp, Bernard Allen, Margaret Paddison, Chris White, Ken Cox, James Goodwin-Hudson, Gerald Watkins, Margaret Paddison, Loraine Bant

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Central Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

22 Fri Praying Together: Breathing the Peace of the Risen Lord

Risen Lord, your first gift to the world was peace – breathed gently into frightened disciples. Breathe that same peace into us now. In moments of uncertainty, help us listen for your steadying presence. In the places where we resist change, open us to resurrection's surprising generosity. Let your Spirit shape our discerning: patient, compassionate, bold. As the colours of Easter unfold around us, teach us to trust the promise of your renewing love. Send us out as signs of your joyful life, carrying peace into every conversation, task, and encounter. For you are risen indeed. Amen.

Prayer written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie - Director of Mission and Ministry

Anglican Communion:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Eastern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

23 Sat Praying with the Thanet Deanery for: IGNITE Hub

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Thanet Deanery. May they be upheld and enthused in their ministry and mission. And we pray for all those who are involved. 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:

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocese of Northern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

24 Sun Praying Together: Pentecost

Lord of bubbles, balloons and blessings, Father of stars and King of clowns: send your bright Spirit to invade our darkest spaces. Ignite us with the fire of your Love and may all our service of neighbour and stranger be offered in kindness, to the honour and glory of your Name, and in faith, in fun and in thanksgiving. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon each of us, our parishes and diocese, our communities, our nation and our world. Always and forever.
Amen.

Prayer written by John Guest - PTO in the Sittingbourne Deanery

*Anglican Communion:
Pentecost
Anglican Communion Sunday Thy Kingdom Come
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

25 Mon Praying with the Thanet Deanery for: Missional Learning Community

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 Zanzibar –
The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

26 Tue Birchington: All Saints with Acol: St Mildred & St Thomas, Minnis Bay

Clergy: Mark Ham
Assistant Curate: Jim Barber
Reader: Margaret Hawkins
Anna Chaplain: Loraine Bant
School: Birchington CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Zaria – The Church of Nigeria*

27 Wed Praying Together: For the Diocese of Canterbury

We pray for the Diocese of Canterbury – for the people of our parishes and all who serve them in our churches; for those working in our Diocesan Office and the Cathedral; for our Archdeacons and Bishops. At this time of Pentecost we pray Lord that your Holy Spirit will breathe new life into your people, unite us in love and compassion for one another, and strengthen us to take your Gospel of love and peace out into the world and make a difference. Amen

Prayer written by Revd Adie McCall - PTO in the Weald Deanery

Anglican Communion:

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

28 Thurs Broadstairs: Holy Trinity

Clergy: Clive Hillman

Churchwardens: Alex Borg, Sue Murphy

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

29 Fri Margate: All Saints (Westbrook)

Clergy: Leigh Daynes

Please pray with us today for our new monthly service of Solemn Evensong with Benediction. May it be a blessing to our congregation and community.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Zonkwa – The Church of Nigeria

30 Sat Margate: Holy Trinity

Clergy: Mark Nelson

Assistant Curate: Ben de Garis

Reader: Ann Friedlos

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Zululand – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

31 Sun Margate: St John the Baptist

Clergy: Leigh Daynes

School: Holy Trinity & St John's CE Primary School

Please pray today for our new weekly children's ministry in term time, 'Pizza and Praise': table-top games, craft, story-telling, worship, and pizza! Give thanks for the volunteers and pray for all those who come along.

Anglican Communion:

Trinity Sunday

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

THE WONDER OF PRAYER



EASTER – HE IS RISEN

'Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"' (John 20:18 NRSV)

Risen Lord Jesus -

- As we consider the seemingly impossible situations in our lives and in our world, we take heart from the Easter miracles of stone rolled away and death turned to limitless life.
- - We pray Peace for all those whose livelihoods are affected by global price-rises and economic uncertainty.
- - We pray confidence and calm for every young person taking exams in the coming weeks.
- - We pray hope for your Church around the world, particularly where people face persecution for their faith.
- -We pray joy for ourselves, that as we meet you in the garden of our lives, the news of your rising will thrill us again





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Lord Jesus, today as on that first Easter Day,
You surprise us by your presence,
Walking through our walls and inviting us to breakfast,
Breathing out peace and restoring our souls.

Interrupt us in our indifference;
Break into our busyness,
And form in us the faith to believe for resurrection.

Amen.

The Nicene Creed contains the line, 'We look for the resurrection of the dead.' What does it mean for us to look for resurrection? Where might we see it?

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