



Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



July 2026

1 Wed Allington: St Nicholas with Maidstone: St Peter

Clergy: Claudette Gayle

We give thanks to God for an increase in the regularity of children and families attending our services. And we ask for prayers as we seek to reach out into our local community.

Anglican Communion:

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

2 Thurs Loose: All Saints

Clergy: Steve Price, Chris Thom, Chris Conn

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Amazônia – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

3 Fri Maidstone: All Saints with St Philip with St Stephen (Tovil)

Clergy: Lindsay Llewellyn MacDuff

Anna Chaplain: Katja Svarts

School: Archbishop Courtenay CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Amichi – The Church of Nigeria

4 Sat Praying Together: for the Diocesan Ordinands

Loving God,

In whose image we are created, we give thanks for Your everlasting love.

We rejoice today and celebrate those being ordained, as they prepare for all that You call them to be and do in Your name.

We give thanks to You for their commitment through discernment, their diligence in following Your guidance and openness to hearing Your call.

Graciously we ask You to let them know they are loved by You as they forge this new path of leading and caring for Your people, with light-filled faithful hope and Your divine blessings. May they be filled with strength, grace and fortitude to fulfil Your holy work as they guide those You love, share Your eternal good news and gather Your people ever closer to You.

We ask You to inspire them to courageously care for us, for all creatures and Your world with hope, encouragement, gentleness and understanding – as they seek to put in order all that You have planned for them.

Please encourage them in their faith so they gladly support those in need, share in the privilege of blessing others and ignite their souls with love for all.

Please pray also for their families, friends, the many who support them, the communities where they will serve, their Training Incumbents and all those who will continue to support them through the coming years.

We give thanks for the wondrous gift of vocations to all areas of ministry as we are formed and grown by God together.

We ask this in Jesus' name and give thanks for your continued divine blessings.
Amen.

Pray today for those who will be Ordained Deacon:

James Archer, Sandra Ellis, Alan Gostelow, Richard Heywood, Julie Hopkins,
Aleksy Kolesnikov, Anne Loat, Steve Manion, Kat Ogden, Peter Roberts, Kharin
Setright, Rob Sparkes, Elizabeth Walsh

Pray today for those who will be Ordained Priest:

Jim Barber, Eddie Bijl, Margaret Bowers, Lesley Brookes, Ben de Garis, Tim Gosden,
Penny Lowe, David Mulcock, Henry Setright, Graham Snellin, Anne Talbert, Ripeka
Bijl, Nick Tomaszewski, John Wakeman, Tracy Williams, Sally Willins, Anderson
Yan, Stephen Brown, Angela Swindley

Prayer written by Jackie Town - PA to Head of Vocations and Diocesan Director of
Ordinands

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Amritsar – The Church of North India (United)

5 Sun Maidstone: St Andrew (Barming Heath)

Clergy: Anthea Mitchell

At St Andrew's, Barming Heath, we sense God calling us to become ever more outward-looking. We thank God for the relationships being built through our Community Café and for the many opportunities we have to connect with people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds. Please pray that we would be a church that exists not only for ourselves but for the community we serve. Pray that we would recognise where God is already at work in our parish, deepen our love for our neighbours, and equip us to share the good news of Jesus in practical and life-giving ways.

Anglican Communion:

5th Sunday after Trinity

The Anglican Church of South America

6 Mon Maidstone: St Faith

Clergy: Mark Pavey

Reader: Sue Shaw

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands – The Church of North India (United)

7 Tue Maidstone: St Luke the Evangelist

Clergy: Gareth Dickinson

Assistant Curates: Barbara Lewis, Phil Trainer

Reader in Training: Nat Croft

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Saint Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane – The Scottish Episcopal Church

8 Wed Praying Together: for Diocesan Staff

Loving God,

We give thanks for all who serve as employed officers of the Diocese of Canterbury and the Bishop's Office, and for the many ways their work supports the life and mission of your Church.

As they work together, guide them by the example of Christ, showing kindness, generosity, humility in all they do. Bless their work and strengthen them for service through your gifts of wisdom, love, and joy.

Root them in your goodness, strengthen them in your hope, and inspire them by your Spirit, so that through their work and partnership with clergy and parishes, your Church may flourish and your Kingdom be made known.

Through Jesus Christ who is our King and our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer written by Michael Keeler-Walker - Diocesan Head of People Services & Operations

Anglican Communion:

The Missionary Diocese of Central and South Angola – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

9 Thurs Maidstone: St Martin

Clergy: Joyce Addison

Assistant Curate: Robin Fassenfelt

Anna Chaplain: Sue Yeo

Parish Pioneer and Reader: Angela Frost

We thank God for the many blessings he has showered upon us so that we can continue to serve our community and the wider parish. Please pray for our Wardens and the ministerial team as they prepare for a period of vacancy in a few months time. Please also pray for Rev Joyce as she concludes her work with the people of St. Martin's. Our food initiatives such as Food 4 You and Tea and Toast along with Ignite and our new Lambs group (babies and toddlers) are key mission activities. Please pray for them to flourish especially in light of the new families moving into the area as a result of the local regeneration scheme. Finally, God continues to draw families into our church. So we pray that they will find a home with us and that their children will be nurtured in their faith. Amen.

Holy Father, we pray for our vast community of Shepway, Mangravit, Senacre and Parkwood estates that form our parish, we know of some of the poverty and those who are poor. We ask that by your loving Grace we are able to be that beacon of light. That those who are in need know that we are here for each and every one. We pray Lord for our parish and church family as our priest-in-charge Joyce comes to leave us in retirement. May she always know of the goodness of her work at St. Martin's. That the wardens and all who lead and help may keep St. Martin's in the heart of all things community, and that we will always know of God's continued grace.

In Jesus Holy name we pray, Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

10 Fri Parkwood: Christ Church

Clergy: Vacant

Reader: Linda Thatcher

We have big changes happening at Christ Church as for the past several years we have been sharing our building with another church and have had very little opportunity to develop our ministry. They have now chosen to mostly leave us, giving us the opportunity to claim back much space and time. We believe the Lord has made a way for something new and exciting to be developed in our building to build His Kingdom in Parkwood which is a very needy area. Please pray that we hear clearly from Him and that we all are able to grasp and obey the Lord's vision, and that there will be a real move of God's Spirit in Parkwood.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of North Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

11 Sat Maidstone: St Michael and All Angels

Clergy: John Ainslie

Reader: Eleanor Relle

Schools: St Michael's CE School Federation (Infant), St Michael's CE Junior School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Northwest Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

12 Sun Praying Together: as we Journey forward in Faith

Lord, I pray for my pilgrimage. Give me the courage to grow in faith, and the strength to venture beyond that which is comfortable and familiar.

Lord, I pray for my pilgrimage. Grant me the gift of trust. There is so much I might want to carry, but which I do not truly need; help me to travel lightly and to walk vulnerably.

Lord, I pray for my pilgrimage. Open my heart to the ways in which others can sustain me, that I may gracefully receive their hospitality and support.

Lord, I pray for my pilgrimage. May I know the reassuring comfort of your Holy Spirit, and rest in your calming, sustaining presence each step of the way.

Through Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Alex Bienfait - while walking the North Wales Pilgrimage Path

Anglican Communion:

6th Sunday after Trinity

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

13 Mon Maidstone: St Paul

Clergy: Claudette Gayle

Today we pray that the Lord will plant new younger members within our congregation. We pray for revival and for a renewal of mission and ministry.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of South Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

14 Tue Praying Together with the North Downs Deanery

Area Dean: Peter Callway

Lay Chair: Rhian Banham

Secretary: Helen Judges

Treasurer: Peter Roberts

Gracious God, we thank you for the North Downs Deanery and all who serve within it. We give grateful thanks for those who serve, for their faithfulness, generosity, and care, and we rejoice in Hollie's appointment at Boughton Monchelsea, asking your blessing on this new ministry. We bring before you the three vacancies we hold. In this season of waiting, grant patience, unity, and trust in your leading. Sustain those carrying extra responsibility, and prepare those you are calling to serve here. May your Spirit guide, renew, and strengthen us, that we may serve your kingdom. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of West Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

15 Wed Praying Together: for Children and Young People

God of love,

We pray that you will guard and protect all children and young people.

May they know in their hearts the height and depth of your immense love for them.

Help them to share that love with those around them by what they do and how they live their lives.

Amen.

Prayer written by John Gray - Authorised Lay Minister at Walmer & Cornilo Churches

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Antananarivo – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

16 Thurs Praying Together with the North Downs 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:

David Bates, Richard Birch, Peter Callway, Clinton Davis, Robin Gill, Millie Hart, Arthur Houston, Lesley Ludlow, Colin Terry

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Antsiranana – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

17 Fri Praying Together with the North Downs 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.

Anglican Communion:

Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa –

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

18 Sat Boughton Monchelsea: St Peter

Clergy: Hollie Butler

Readers: David Parry, Christine Holland

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Araucanía – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

19 Sun Praying Together: for Discernment

One step falls in front of another.

The senses come alive.

No longer a slave to the latest message,

our eyes alight on beauty in the most unlikely of settings.

There is a fresh curiosity for the wildflowers we see,

and a sudden wonder in the birdsong we hear.

Walking with a companion, there is a rich sharing of personal histories,
a strengthening of bonds, and a deepening of fellowship along the way.

Lord in my own pilgrimage, help me to encounter this world more fully.

Teach me to embrace the pace of the road,

to open my mind, and to listen for your still, small voice.

Help me to know better who I am, where I am going, and how I can best serve.

Through Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Alex Bienfait - while walking the North Wales Pilgrimage Path

Anglican Communion:

7th Sunday after Trinity

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

20 Mon Len Valley Benefice

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Kenneth Alexander, Vanessa Goodwin, Paul Hicks, Gill Simes, John Goode

Readers: Pamela Cuerden, Karen Bates

Schools: Ulcombe CE Primary School, Harrietsham CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of the Arctic – The Anglican Church of Canada

21 Tue Bearsted Benefice

Clergy: Rob Tugwell

Readers: Peter Roberts, Alison Callway, Ann Harrison, Andrew Snowdon

Anna Chaplain: Jackie Saunders

We thank God for the life of our church, for the many people involved in serving the church and the opportunities we have to share the good news of Jesus. Please join us in praying for the local schools, uniformed groups, care homes and other local institutions with whom we regularly engage. We thank God for these links and we ask that they might continue to grow. Please join us in praying that, as a church, we can be effective in witnessing God's love to the world, especially in these uncertain times.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

22 Wed Praying Together: for the Canterbury Diocese

We pray for the Diocese of Canterbury – for the many members of this body with their talents and weaknesses. We thank you for all those, whether paid or unpaid, who work in and around the Cathedral and the Diocesan Offices, in all the churches, cleaning or ministering in any way; we pray for chaplains, worship leaders and music makers. Lord help us to see your Holy Spirit at work in the church and outside.

Prayer written by Janet ButcherWeisner - Reader at the Elham Valley Group

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Northern

Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

23 Thurs The Castle Churches Benefice

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Christine Oakland, Rhian Banham, Steve Christmas

Readers: Alison Callway, Ann Harrison, Andrew Snowdon, Peter Roberts

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Argyll and The Isles – The Scottish Episcopal Church

24 Fri The Pilgrims Way Churches Benefice

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwarden: Gill Munson

Readers: Alison Callway, Ann Harrison, Peter Roberts, Andrew Snowdon

We pray for the congregations in all the Pilgrim's Way churches during the interregnum; and as the recruitment process continues, that the Holy Spirit will inspire the right candidate to apply and be appointed as the next incumbent. We give thanks and pray for the administrator, PCCs and churchwardens and for local clergy, and lay ministers who conduct services to maintain the pattern of worship. We ask your blessing on our village communities and schools and give thanks for the welcome and hospitality offered by the church congregations to the community, visitors and pilgrims who visit our beautiful churches.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Arizona – The Episcopal Church

25 Sat Praying Together with the Ospringe Deanery

Area Dean: Simon Rowlands

Lay Chair: Miranda Ford

Secretary: Peter Willcock

Treasurer: Hilary Tulett

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Arkansas – The Episcopal Church

26 Sun Praying Together: for Mission and Ministry

Dear Heavenly Father,

May these words of Jesus speak deeply into our souls:

The Great Invitation – Come, follow me.

The Great Commandment – Love God, love your neighbour.

The Great Commission – Go and make disciples.

By your Spirit, please draw us to follow you more closely, so that our hearts learn more of your extravagant and costly love for us all. Then, powered by that love, please give us your courage and guidance to bless and transform the lives of those you call us to serve.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.

Prayer written by Clare Masters - Reader at the Stour Valley Benefice

Anglican Communion:

8th Sunday after Trinity

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

27 Mon Praying Together with the Ospringe 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:

John Binns, Sharran Ireland, Peter Lock, Chris Maclean, Ros Parrett, Lou Seear, Sue Smith, Andrew Sweeney, Sarah Williams

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Armagh – The Church of Ireland*

28 Tue Praying Together with the Ospringe 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.

Ros Parrett, Caroline McIntyre, Simon Rowlands

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Armidale –
The Anglican Church of Australia*

29 Wed Praying Together with the Ospringe 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 Arochuku / Ohafia – The Church of Nigeria*

30 Thurs Faversham Benefice

Clergy: Simon Rowlands, Daniel Corcoran
Reader: Kevin Swinney, Graham Dorkins
School: Ospringe CE Primary School, St Mary of Charity CE Primary School

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Aru – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

31 Fri Boughton-under-Blean

Clergy: Catherine Ngangira

Reader: Patricia Saunders

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

Generous God, we thank You for our benefice.

Abide in us, as we abide in You,

for we are your branches,

rooted in You and growing together in fruitfulness.

Grow our church in numbers, in faith, and in commitment to you.

Help us to reflect your love and share your good news in our communities
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Asaba – The Church of Nigeria

THE WONDER OF PRAYER

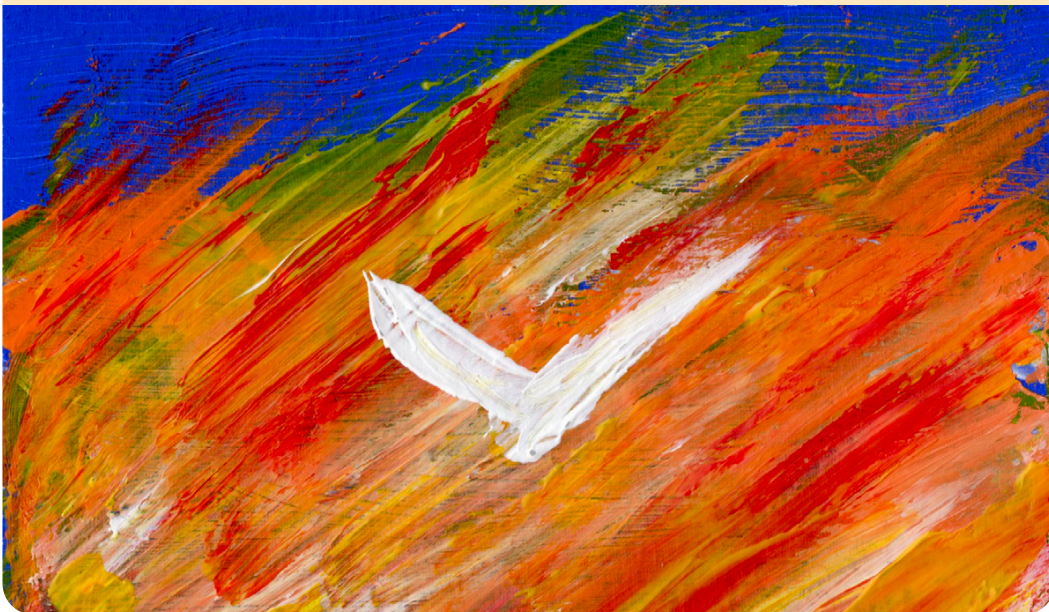
PENTECOST – WELCOMING THE SPIRIT



'The one who is coming after me is more powerful than I ... He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' (Matthew 3:11 NRSV)

Holy Spirit, comforter and guide -

- Renew your church again by your incandescent presence.
- Grant confidence and peace to all who are being ordained or priested.
- Inspire willing, able volunteers in churches without enough leaders.
- Inhabit our fresh expressions of Church, that they might become places of revelation and encounter.
- As we each discern your call on our lives, fill us with love that overflows to everyone we meet.





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Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
You teach us truth and you show us grace,
Steady the ship of government as we navigate uncertain
times;

Council nations in the ways of peace,
And equip your Church to be a voice for Unity and
reconciliation,
In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Take some time to look at the picture on this card, and to reflect on times when you have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life in unexpected ways. What did those experiences teach you about God?

To find out more about the Changing Lives Prayer network, visit canterburydiocese.org/prayer or email Lbywater@diocant.org

Image: 'Breathe on me, breath of God' by Primrose Northrop
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