



Diocese of Canterbury
CHANGED LIVES ➔ CHANGING LIVES

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



August 2026

1 Sat Kingsdown, Creekside and High Downs

Clergy: Paula Jardine-Rose, Jim Pye
Readers: Pim Baxter, Caroline McIntyre
Anna Chaplain: Caroline McIntyre
School: Teynham Parochial CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Asante-Mampong – The Church of the Province of West Africa

2 Sun Shepherds Lees

Clergy: Peter Newell
Assistant Curate: Lesley Brookes
School: Selling CE Primary School

As we have been praying for God's Holy Spirit to come among us, guiding and empowering, we give thanks for Rev Lesley's priestly ministry beginning in our benefice, and for a regular organist who will be playing for us in Selling Church. We pray that our spiritual commitment will continue to deepen and strengthen, as we prepare for a period in interregnum after Rev Peter retires at the end of August. We give thanks for all that our Churchwardens do, and we pray for them as they will take on extra responsibilities.

Anglican Communion:
9th Sunday after Trinity
The Church of the Province of Uganda

3 Mon Praying together with the Sittingbourne Deanery

Area Dean: Vacant
Lay Chair: Elaine Appleton
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: David Gilbert
Deanery Minister: Nick Carpenter

Pray today for our Deanery, particularly for those churches who are currently in vacancy. We ask that God will call clergy to this Deanery who will strengthen and build up the church communities. We pray too that we will all be witnesses to the Good News and offer welcome to all who come to our churches.

Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Saint Asaph – The Church in Wales

4 Tue Praying Together: for stillness and peace

Help us to be still
And as we listen for your presence,
may we hear you like a
tiny birdsong amongst the cacophony of violence,
the steady pulse of a giant bell,
resonating through the confusion of our world,
footsteps leading the way out of a place of unrest,
and loving arms around all who most need you today.
Help us to be still
And to listen for your presence.
Amen.

Prayer written by Janet McDonald

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

5 Wed Praying Together with the Sittingbourne 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:

Chris Baker, Liz Cox, Tim Foreman, John Guest, Ann Mackenzie, Ron Partridge, Chris Shipley

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

6 Thurs Praying Together with the Sittingbourne 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 where ever they go.

Sharon Mepstead, Paul Wintle, Simon Young, Nicholas Ash, Ken Wilkin, Jonathan Coore

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Attooch – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

7 Fri Praying Together: giving thanks for the privilege of ministry

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all those who continue to minister after retirement. We thank you for this privilege in being able to support ministry throughout this diocese. For traveling, for meeting and worshipping with your people in so many different settings. We pray for all who exercise this ministry and pray that we will all have the wisdom to take time to be apart with you and to say no when the time is right. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Liz Cox - PTO in the Sittingbourne Deanery

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Auckland –

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

8 Sat Praying Together with the Sittingbourne Deanery for: Ignite Communities

Please pray for the Ignite communities in the Sittingbourne Deanery. Praying particularly for our Ignite Enablers. May they be upheld and enthused in their ministry and mission. And we pray for all those who are involved, in what ever 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 North West Australia – The Anglican Church of Australia

9 Sun Praying together with the Sittingbourne 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:

10th Sunday after Trinity

The Episcopal Church

10 Mon Borden: St Peter & St Paul

Clergy: Vacant

Assistant Curate: Jane Barker

Reader: Jill Petts

Churchwardens: Kathy Collins, Bernadette Lyons

School: Borden CE Primary School

Please pray with us today. We are currently in interregnum but are really excited that the recruitment process is almost underway. We are praying for the right person to be sent to us. We are also excited that we are forging closer links with the PCC of our partner benefice of Holy Trinity Milton.

We give thanks for our Thursday Morning Prayer and the Fun in The Forge, (a coffee morning which usually incorporates a game or quiz).

Please pray for our 2 candidates who will be confirmed on the 5th of September. And we ask for prayers as we plan a START programme with other churches in the deanery.

Our hopes are to restart a regular family worship service and to build our congregation. Please pray with us and give thanks for all of the above.

Anglican Communion:

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

11 Tue Praying Together: for our life together in Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that our church communities, our life together in Christ and our witness to the world will always be paramount within our worship and that we will always witness and be thankful for the blessings that we have received.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all that you have given us, and pray that our churches may be places where people feel welcomed, nurtured. And that your love will surround us, your care will protect us, and that we will always know your peace, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Prayer written by Revd Sue Starkings - Chaplain for Retired Clergy, PTO's, Widows and Widowers

Anglican Communion:

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

12 Wed Eastchurch with Leysdown and Harty

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Sue Hopper, Yvette Gutheil, Amber Hopper

School: Eastchurch CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Awgu /

Aninri – The Church of Nigeria

13 Thurs Milton Regis

Clergy: Simon Young

Assistant Curate: Jane Barker

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Awka – The Church of Nigeria

14 Fri Praying Together: for our children and young people

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 Lympe: St Stephen with West Hythe

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Awori – The Church of Nigeria

15 Sat Sittingbourne Holy Trinity with Bobbing

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Phil Cross, Terence Fagg

Anglican Communion:

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

16 Sun Sittingbourne St Michael with Murston, Bapchild and Tonge

Clergy: Simon Young

Assistant Curate: Tracy Williams

School: Bapchild & Tonge CE Primary School

Please thank the Lord for our newly created Benefice and all those who have steered the process. Thank him for our growing congregation at St Laurence Bapchild and for our well-established Youth Group (The Hub) based at Bapchild school.

We would value prayers for God's guidance as we seek to launch a new kind of service at All Saints Murston, one which will appeal to families, children and the wider community.

Please pray for the right candidate to come forward to serve as Incumbent to the Benefice.

Please pray that we are able to focus on those things which are important to God, avoiding diversions and distractions.

Please pray that everyone in contact with the church would experience God's love, joy and peace.

Anglican Communion: 11th Sunday after Trinity

The Church in Wales

17 Mon The Six

Clergy: Amanda Lane

Reader: George Hulme

Reader-in-Training: Teresa Parker

Anna Chaplain: Sharon Mepstead

School: Hartlip Endowed CE Primary School, Newington CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Badagry – The Church of Nigeria

18 Tue Praying Together: for the unnoticed in our churches

Loving Father,

We give thanks for those who work so hard to make our churches places of welcome and sanctuary. We pray that you would bless those who quietly dust and clean our places of worship, polishing the woodwork, and taking pride in the silverware. We give thanks for those who make sure everything runs smoothly on a Sunday morning, for those who hand out the pew sheets and who still manage to remember the names of the people who rarely come to church. We give thanks for those who bake cakes and serve tea and coffee, for those who cheerfully wash up piles of cups and saucers at the end of the coffee morning. Today, we take a moment to give thanks for the unnoticed, for the ones without whom our churches would not be the wonderful places they are. We ask you to bless them and we give thanks for their ministry amongst us. Amen.

Prayer written by Primrose Northrop

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

19 Wed Tunstall with Bredgar Benefice

Clergy: Alan Pinnegar, Richard Braddy, Karen Burgess

Readers: Pat Tatchell, Clive Jacobs

Schools: Bredgar CE Primary School, Milstead & Frinstead CEPS, Tunstall CE Primary School

Pray today for our ministry team, giving thanks for those who have joined us in the last few months. Our volunteers who do so much to make our churches safe and welcoming places; and for more willing people to offer themselves in God's service. For our work with local schools and the relationships that have developed with staff, children and their families. For those coming forward for confirmation this year. For all who feel exhausted, especially our more elderly members during this long, hot summer. For our communities, that they may see something of God's love in us.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Ballarat –

The Anglican Church of Australia

20 Thurs West Sheppey

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Angela Cummings, Julie Palmer, Mary Shoebridge, Brenda Smith, Ashley Sheil

School: St George's CE Primary School

We give thanks that Rev. Daniel Corcoran will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of both West Sheppey and Eastchurch, with Leysdown and Harty Benefices (Sheppey Group Ministry) on Tuesday 8th September. Please pray for Dan and his family as they make the move to the Isle of Sheppey, We pray that Dan's ministry will be a blessing to the Island communities and we thank God that Dan answered his call. We also pray for all those who find change difficult as we take our next steps on the road God has mapped out for us, and for His strength, guidance and peace.

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Bangor – The Church in Wales

21 Fri Praying Together: giving thanks for the ministry of retired clergy

Father God, we thank you for the ministry of retired clergy within this diocese. Over the years, in different settings, you have led them through a range of varied experiences, and so we ask that their wisdom and deep-rooted love for you may encourage and build up your people.

In their older years, keep them fresh and courageous in their discipleship.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Peter Cornish - PTO in the Elham Deanery

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Banks and Torres – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

22 Sat Praying Together with the Weald Deanery

Area Dean: Nicky Harvey

Lay Chair: Graham Codling

Secretary: Julia Collard

Treasurer: Graham Codling

Please pray with us today for the parishes within our Deanery which are currently in vacancy, for: Hawkhurst, Headcorn and the Suttons, Sissinghurst and Frittenden. We pray that clergy will be called to come and serve the congregations here in the Weald Deanery. And we pray too for the churchwardens, Lay Ministers and those with PTO who are enabling these parishes to offer services and ministry during interregnum.

We pray too for Revd Kay Ogden as she begins her curacy at St Dunstan's Cranbrook.

And we pray for the reordering works at St George's Benenden.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Barbados – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

23 Sun Praying Together with the Weald 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:

Jack Bateson, Diana Bourne, Judy Darkins, Neville Gallagher, Lesley Hardy, Stephen Hardy, David Jones, Rosemary Kobus van Wengen, Adie McCall, John Sykes, John Tapper, David Trustram, Paul Kish

*Anglican Communion:
12th Sunday after Trinity
The Church of the Province of West Africa*

24 Mon Praying Together with the Weald 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 where ever they go.

Sonja Drew, Tracey Bateson, Nicky Harvey, Serena Willoughby

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

25 Tue Praying Together: for our Church Family

Loving Father,
Today we pray for our church family, for those amongst whom we worship on a weekly basis.
We trust that you have called us to be a part of this worshipping community, and for that we give thanks.

Briefly let's pray for those who surround us on a Sunday morning.
Let's picture their faces in our minds and then pray for them in our hearts.
We know how different each of us often is, but we also know that each of us is your child, and that we are all part of your family.
Teach us to listen, to love and to serve each other.
This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer written by Primrose Northrop

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Baringo –
The Anglican Church of Kenya*

26 Wed Benenden: St George & Sandhurst: St Nicholas

Clergy: David Commander

School: Benenden CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Barisal – The Church of Bangladesh

27 Thurs Cranbrook: St Dunstan

Clergy: Richard King

Assistant Curate: Shelley King

Reader: John Mulrenan

School: Colliers Green CE Primary School, Cranbrook CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

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

28 Fri 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 and Young Peoples Minister at Allington: St Nicholas

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Bath and Wells – The Church of England

29 Sat Goudhurst: St Mary the Virgin with Kilndown: Christ Church

Clergy: Rachel Robertson

Reader and Anna Chaplain: Sonja Drew

School: Goudhurst & Kilndown CE Primary School

Almighty God, we pray for Headteacher Ryan Laker, the staff, pupils and families of Goudhurst and Kilndown CoE Primary School. Bless and refresh them this month. We lift up those who have received exam results in recent weeks and pray for them as they take their next steps. We pray for those awaiting results of tests to do with their health, for peace in the waiting. We pray for your protection and nourishment of our minds. Thank you for the work of the Weald Family Hub. Please bless all those who work in education and healthcare, especially at the Old Parsonage Surgery. Thank you Lord for equipping brilliant people to offer care, love and support to others. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Bathurst – The Anglican Church of Australia

30 Sun Hawkhurst: St Laurence with All Saints

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwarden: Liz Hatcher, Claire Roberts

Reader: Stephen Ringer

School: Hawkhurst CE Primary School

We pray that during this time of vacancy, we will continue to be faithful. We are grateful for ongoing prayers as we continue to pray for the Lord's guidance as we seek a new priest.

Anglican Communion:

13th Sunday after Trinity

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

31 Mon Praying Together: for wisdom and understanding

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.

Prayer written by Lyndall Bywater - Diocesan Prayer network Co-ordinator

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Bauchi – The Church of Nigeria

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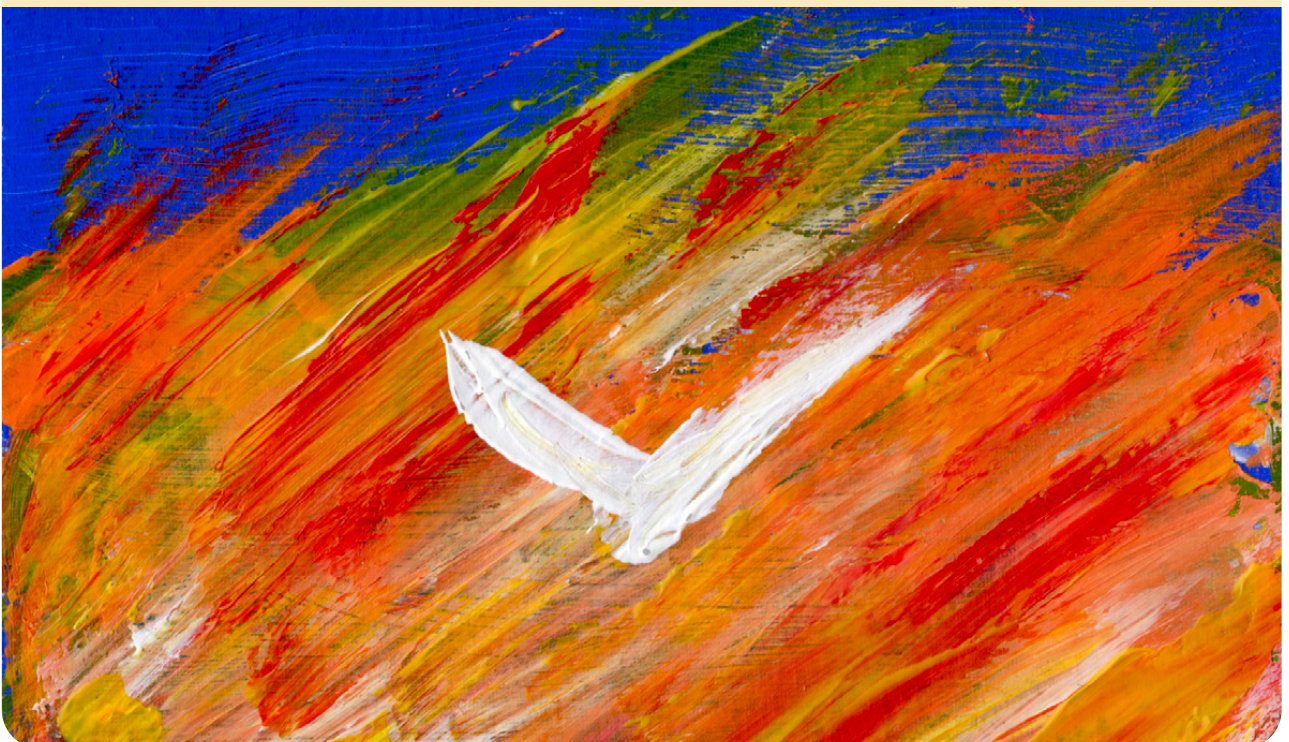
PENTECOST – WELCOMING THE SPIRIT



‘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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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?

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