



Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



September 2026

1 Tue Headcorn and the Suttons

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Naomi Worsfold, Blair Gulland, Stephen Morrison, Anne-Marie Trustram, Julia Ireland

Reader-in-Training: Russell Anderson

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

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

2 Wed Marden: St Michael & All Angels

Clergy: Nicola Harvey

Assistant Curate: Vicki Young

Pray today for our new Together@4 informal cafe service that meets monthly. For those on the margins who are attending as well as regular congregation members. Pray for the ministry team as they learn and grow together. For the monthly Bible study we share as a group. Pray for God's direction for our youth group as we look to increase numbers in the Autumn. We give thanks for those families who attend Messy Church and pray for our first Messy Church goes Wild. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Bendigo –

The Anglican Church of Australia

3 Thurs Praying Together: the Season of Creation

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose Spirit hovered over the deep
and filled it with innumerable living things:
may our seas, lakes, and rivers teem with life;
be kept pure and free from pollution.
May all those who move through the waters
wonder at its marvels, be protected from its perils,
and be brought to the haven they desire,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer taken from Church of England Resources

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The Diocese of Beni – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

4 Fri Sissinghurst: Trinity Church with Frittenden: St Mary

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Hubert Ashton, James Highwood, John Griffiths

Reader: Tony Staples

Schools: Frittenden CE Primary School, Sissinghurst CE Primary School

Anglican Communion: Season of Creation

The Diocese of Benin – The Church of Nigeria

5 Sat Staplehurst: All Saints

Clergy: Silke Tetzlaff

God of renewing life,

teach us to recognise resurrection in the everyday patterns of our parish.

Help us honour the land with respect, receiving its seasons

as signs of your abundance.

Guide us in creative restraint, eating seasonally and choosing food with wisdom for its source and quality.

Inspire us to care for our buildings with imagination and responsibility, finding creative ways to sustain the place entrusted to us.

As these practices grow together,

may All Saints become a living sign of your renewing Spirit. Amen.

Anglican Communion: Season of Creation

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

6 Sun Praying Together the Season of Creation: Living Water

Creator God, help us to respect water as the precious gift it is – water that is essential for sustaining all life on earth. At a time when many people in the world do not have access to clean water, help us to be grateful for the water we have and not to be wasteful in its use. Amen.

Prayer written by Teresa Bennet

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Anglican Communion: 14th Sunday after Trinity Season of Creation

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

7 Mon Praying Together with the Ashford Deanery

Area Dean: Sandra Marsh

Lay Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Anthony Crouch

Open our eyes to see your Kingdom,
our hearts to receive your Spirit,
and our hands to join in your mission.

Root us deeply in prayer,
make us bold in love and witness,
and unite us as one body in Christ.

Bless the churches of this deanery:
that we may flourish, serve with joy,
and faithfully pass on the story of Jesus to the generations to come.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Bermuda – (Extra Provincial)

8 Tue Praying Together with the Ashford 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:

Bonnie Appleton, David Bannerman, Alex Bienfait, Marian Bond, Ian Campbell, William MacDougall, Paul Miller, Linda Schryver, Gilbert Spencer, Sue Starkings

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Season of Creation

The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church

9 Wed Praying Together with the Ashford 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.

Geoff Walters, Ian Rich, Tricia Hill, Cat Darkins

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

10 Thurs Praying Together: A Creation-Tide reflection

The summer came with abundant joy
- strawberries picked, peas shelled, and tomatoes devoured.
Like angels Spirit-filled and Spirit-fuelled
with their expectant tendrils reaching high.

As days shortened, the work hours lengthened
- sloes bottled, aubergines baked and herbs dried.
All creation challenged by God and equipped by God
with bright harvest days for immediate action.

And now for that nut only us Kentish folk sow
- they are cobnuts not hazelnuts you know!
Treasures of the season are weighty like apples, pears and squash
with generous mushrooms found in dark corners.

These first fruits are perfectly gifted
- James says I am a first fruit.
But can I be as wonderfully made as this cobnut?
(And was it a hazelnut or cobnut on which Julian gazed!)
With Your help I will surrender to Your Way.

Reflection offered by a member of the Eco Church Facebook group

*Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria*

11 Fri Praying Together with the Ashford Deanery for: New Christian Communities

God of new beginnings, we pray together for the new Christian communities in the ... deanery. We give thanks for the many and varied contexts where new communities are forming: at coffee mornings, parent-and-toddler groups, lunch clubs, gardening groups, and so many more. We pray that these will be places where people feel welcome, where relationships grow, and where people regularly encounter the living, loving, transforming presence of God. We pray for churches who are considering initiatives which they hope will grow into new Christian communities. May their vision be bold, their faith confident and their planning wise. We pray for our diocese, that we will have the courage to plant many new communities in the coming years, and that we will have the joy of seeing how wonderfully diverse the Church can become when we step out into the new.

*Anglican Communion:
Season of Creation
The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

12 Sat Ashford Town Parish

Clergy: Adam Childs, Jo Purle, Charlotte Coles

Assistant Curate: Steven Horne

Chaplain: Ian Rich

Schools: John Wesley CE/MP School, Kennington CE Academy, Kingsnorth CE

Primary School, St Mary's CE Primary School, The John Wallis Church of England Academy Ashford

Please pray for Ashford Town Parish as we enter a new season of ministry following Jeremy's move, giving thanks for his faithful leadership and praying for wisdom, unity and discernment during this period of transition. Pray that, as we seek to share God's love, ignite hope and invest in our community, we would listen faithfully to the Holy Spirit, deepen our ministry with children, young people and families, strengthen our partnerships with local schools, and encourage people of all ages to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England

13 Sun Praying Together the Season of Creation: Living Water

Creator God, help us to care for the rivers, seas, lakes and oceans. We pray for those whose only source of drinking water is from polluted streams, for communities whose fishing waters are contaminated and for those whose health has been harmed by pollutants in water. Help us put an end to contamination and pollution of water courses and oceans, which harms freshwater and marine life. Help us to protect these vital resources on which human lives depend. Amen.

Prayer written by Teresa Bennet

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15th Sunday after Trinity

Season of Creation

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

14 Mon Stour Downs Benefice

Clergy: Susan Manners

Schools: Brabourne CE Primary School, Stowting CE Primary School

Please pray for all those who lead our churches both lay and ordained, for those working on Eco church in each church. Please pray for St Mary's, Sellindge as it comes out of festival church status. Pray for all those who support the pastoral care in the parish. For our whole parish as we work to implement more of LYCIG (Leading your Church into Growth) across our six churches.

*Anglican Communion: Season of Creation
The Diocese of Blackburn – The Church of England*

15 Tue The Benefice of Calehill with Westwell

Clergy: Sandra Marsh

Reader: Mark Taylor

Reader-in-Training: Kevin Moon

Schools: Charing CE Primary School, Egerton CE Primary School, Pluckley CE Primary School

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for your unending generosity.
As we celebrate Creation tide together, may we action our care for the countryside around us and help us to become good Stewards of all that you have given us.
As we lead our churches into growth, may we be a listening church, a welcoming church and above all a loving church to all whom we serve.
We give thanks for all who use their gifts to serve you within the benefice.
Amen.

*Anglican Communion: Season of Creation
The Diocese of Bo – The Church of the Province of West Africa*

16 Wed Praying Together with the Dover Deanery

Area Dean: Andy Bawtree

Lay Chair: Nigel Collins

Secretary: Jeremy Wilkes

Treasurer: Marianne Slater

We give thanks for our parish clergy, PTO clergy, Readers, lay ministers, churchwardens and church officers, especially those who give so generously of their time and gifting. Together we offer prayer as we:

- seek to fill the clergy vacancies in our parishes
- develop intentional plans for ministry and mission across the Dover “Rural Mission Area”
- strive to work together to join in God’s Mission in our corner of Kent

And in all things, we pray: your will be done, and your Kingdom, come, O God.
Amen.

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The Diocese of Boga – Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

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Bob Coles, Trish Godfrey, Kevin Jacobs, Richard Le Rossignol, Polly Mason, David Moulden, Jo Robertson, Peter Sherred, Stephen Whaley, Richard Woods

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The Diocese of Bolivia – The Anglican Church of South America

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Malcolm Sawyer, David Slater, Kevin Jacobs, Barry Knott, Sean Sheffield, Angie Stupple, David Moulden, Seb Lundberg

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Bondo – The Anglican Church of Kenya

19 Sat Praying Together for: The Think Global, Act Local Conference

Today please pray for the Canterbury and Rochester Eco Conference ‘Think Global, Act Local,’ which is taking place in Rochester Cathedral. Pray for the speakers, the young people taking part, and for all who will be attending. Please pray that this will be an inspiring and transformational gathering.

Today we pray too for our new Diocesan Environment Officer (name to be confirmed shortly) and for the work of creation care to continue in our churches, especially at this time of climate crisis.

And finally, let's pray for each other in this Season of Creation, that our communities will participate fully in this season.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Dr Joyce Addison

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

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

20 Sun Praying Together the Season of Creation: Living Water

Creator God, we pray for all those in the world who are suffering the consequences of drought. We pray for farmers whose crops and livestock have suffered through lack of water. We pray for communities depending on rivers that are drying up. We pray for people who live in parts of the world that suffer long term drought, where seasonal rains have been disrupted through climate change and where people walk distances to fetch drinking water. We pray for the wise use of the water throughout the world and a coming together of all nations to combat ongoing global warming. Amen.

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The Anglican Church of Australia

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

22 Tue Alkham: St Anthony with Capel-le-Ferne: St Radigund & Hougham: St Laurence

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Audrey Goaten, Rachel Hogben, Dionne Hawkins

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The Diocese of Brandon –

The Anglican Church of Canada

23 Wed Bewsborough Parish

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Jonathan Bates, Glynis Farthing, Kim Gibbs

Reader: Jenny Groombridge

School: Sibertswold CE Primary School, Guston CE Primary School,

Pray today for the Bewsborough Parish during this period of interregnum. Also for the other Dover Rural Parishes who are also in interregnum. Please give thanks for all the teams sustaining our places of worship as they continue to share the good news of the gospel in their communities. Please hold in God's love those who are leading the prayers.

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The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church

24 Thurs Praying Together: the Season of Creation

God our Creator,
who laid the foundations of the earth
and stretched out the heavens as a tent cloth;
how glorious is your name in all the world.
Give us grace to wonder at your gift,
to treasure the earth
and to work for its protection and renewal;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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The Diocese of Brisbane –

The Anglican Church of Australia

25 Fri Dover Town

Clergy: Melissa Carter, Claire Coleman, Seb Lundberg - no email address?!

Assistant Curate: Graham Snellin

Readers: Nigel Collins, Chris Scoble

Schools: St Mary's CE Primary School, Dover College, Charlton Church of England Primary School

We give thanks to God for the seeds sown and for the team effort that went into the successful running of our first ever weeklong holiday club, where we had a total of 28 children through our doors. We are thankful for the building up of our contacts with these families and pray for more opportunities in this area. We pray for ongoing discernment in how we use all of our church spaces to be a safe space for our community, particularly thinking of those who may be lonely or isolated and to whom we can offer a sincere welcome.

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The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England

26 Sat River: St Peter & St Paul

Clergy: Andy Bawtree

Assistant Curate: Margaret Bowers

Readers: Lynne Watson, Steve Saunderson

We rejoice that the Lord continues to build his church here in River. The joy of baptising children and new believers, the pain and sorrow of funerals and the excitement of weddings continue alongside faithful and regular worship. We continue to pray for new life and revival, to study the Scriptures and share the Good News of Jesus in and around the village in word and deed. There are some amazing pastoral partners, musicians, and others: in fact over 80 volunteers who contribute to the life of the church. The village school is a source of many enquiries about the Gospel, so we pray for our ongoing relationship with them.

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The Diocese of British Columbia – The Anglican Church of Canada

27 Sun Praying Together for: the Reader Licensing Service

Loving God,

We thank you for calling us to discipleship, sharing your Good News in and through our everyday lives.

We thank you for those who have responded to your call to licensed lay ministry as ministers of the Word, serving you in the church and the wider world.

We pray for David, Russell, Natalie, Chris, Kevin and Henrik who are to be admitted to the office of Reader, and we pray for Roxane, Sarah, James and Mark who will be licensed with them to exercise a public ministry in our diocese.

We pray for all who minister in your name; may they be steadfast in faith as they seek to share in the work of building your kingdom on earth as in heaven.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Prayer written by Nigel Collins - Lay Ministries Advisor & Pastoral Secretary

To be admitted and licensed as Readers: David Arnott, Russell Anderson, Natalie Croft, Chris Knight, Kevin Moon and Henrik Schoenefeldt.

To be licensed: Roxane Lee-Affonso, Sarah Emanuel and Mark Newman (formerly of Rochester diocese).

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The Church of Bangladesh

28 Mon St Margaret-at-Cliff with Westcliffe & The Langdon's

Clergy: Vacant

Churchwardens: Anthony Hyde, Anna Newton, Vivienne Verren, Gill Cubitt

Readers: Barbara Broughton, Anthony Hyde

Please pray today for our churches, particularly as we are still in interregnum. Pray that the right Vicar will feel called to come and minister amongst us.

In the meantime, pray for our churchwardens and readers and all those who lead worship and offer pastoral ministry.

Anglican Communion:

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The Diocese of Central Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

29 Tue Temple Ewell: St Peter & St Paul with Lydden: St Mary the Virgin

Clergy: Ian Parrish

Schools: Temple Ewell CE Primary School

Today we ask for prayers for:

Discernment for all those involved in making decisions.

Grace and understanding among our congregations and Rural Community.

God's guidance so that our mission to share His love may flourish in new ways.

We trust that the Lord, who has been faithful to us in the past, will continue to lead us into a future filled with hope. May we remain steadfast in faith, generous in love, and united in purpose.

The Dover Deanery is entering a season of change through the process of Pastoral Reorganisation. It is proposed that the benefices of Alkham, Capel-le-Ferne, and Hougham, Bewsborough, River, St Margaret-at-Cliffe with Westcliffe and the Langdons and Temple Ewell with Lydden should become a Group Ministry to be known as "The Dover Rural Mission Area." This is a significant moment in our shared journey of faith and one that brings both opportunities for growth and understandable feelings of uncertainty.

We believe that prayer is the foundation upon which all faithful decisions are built. Therefore, we simply ask you to join us in lifting this process before God, seeking His wisdom, unity, and peace for our church family's and the communities we serve.

Anglican Communion: Season of Creation

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

30 Wed Praying Together the Season of Creation: Living Water

In January of this year, the UN declared that we were in a time of global water bankruptcy, living beyond our hydrological means. Water is used in all industrial processes, including manufacturing and energy production, and is increasingly required by digital activities for cooling computers and servers. Creator God, we need water, most importantly, for drinking, hygiene and growing food. Help us to be mindful of the way we use water, to be sparing in its use, conserving water and cleaning contaminated water from industrial processes for re-use. Amen.

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The Diocese of Buhiga – The Anglican Church of Burundi

To sign up for regular updates from the Changing Lives Prayer Network, visit canterburydiocese.org/prayer or email lbywater@diocant.org

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