



Diocese of Canterbury
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’



October 2026

1 Thurs St Mary-in-Castro

Ministry Team: David Moulden, Bob Coles, Kevin Jacobs, Polly Mason

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

The Diocese of Bujumbura – The Anglican Church of Burundi

2 Fri Praying Together with the Elham Deanery

Area Dean: Barry Knott

Lay Chairs: John Campbell, Alan French

Secretary: Bill Mills

Treasurer: Laurie Maxfield

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

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

3 Sat Praying Together for: The Diocesan Disability Inclusion Conference

Loving God, we revel in the diversity of your creation and thank you for the rich variety of gifts you have given to your church. Forgive us when we fail to see what others have to offer, or when we exclude people from worship and service because of disability or difference.

As people from around the diocese gather today to consider how we can make church a more accessible, welcoming and inclusive space for those with disabilities, we pray that people will feel safe to tell their experiences and confident to share their ideas. Bless the gathering with curiosity, openheartedness and creativity, and may it result in changed lives for God's Kingdom.

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

Anglican Communion:

Season of Creation

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

4 Sun Praying Together with the Elham 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Peter Ashman, Kim Aston, Michael Chandler, Pam Clark, Peter Cornish, Martin Jewitt, Roger Martin, Kate McNeice, Barry Preece, David Russell, Ben Rutt-Field, John Tomlinson, Eileen Webb

Anglican Communion:

18th Sunday after Trinity

Season of Creation

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

5 Mon Praying Together with the Elham 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Malcolm Sawyer, David Slater, Bill Mills, Heather Parsons, Sarah Grinsell, Maggie Smithard

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Bukuru – The Church of Nigeria

6 Tue Praying Together: for New Christian Communities

God of new beginnings, we pray together for the new Christian communities in the Elham 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:

The Diocese of Bunbury –

The Anglican Church of Australia

7 Wed Cheriton with Newington

Clergy: Vacant

Assistant Curate: Stephen Brown

Churchwardens: Alan French, Florence Goldsmith, Helen Vincent

Reader: Jenny Hoyle

Schools: All Souls CE Primary School, Seabrook CE Primary School, St Martin's CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Bungoma – The Anglican Church of Kenya

8 Thurs Praying Together: Giving thanks for Young People

Father God, we pray with thanks for the young people of our churches, schools and communities. We ask that you would bless each young person with a growing confidence in who they are in your eyes - beloved, unique and gifted.

Grant wisdom to those who support and accompany young people. Help us all to create welcoming and open spaces where young people can flourish, be encouraged and make their valued contribution to our life together in Christ.

Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Vicky Coneys - Associate priest at St Paul's, Cliftonville

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara – The Church of the Province of Uganda

9 Fri Elham Valley Group of Churches

Clergy: Stephen Dougal, Sharon Paine

Readers: Diana Baldwin, Janet Butcher-Weisner, Bill Meakin

Schools: Elham CE Primary School, Selsted CE Primary School, School: Lyminge CE Primary School

Pray with us as we approach a new interregnum period. We pray for unity between our parishes, and for the Spirit's guidance for our way forward. We also pray that the families and young people that have appeared in our communities this year will continue to do so, and for us all to offer welcome and encouragement as they explore their first steps of new faith.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Busan – The Anglican Church of Korea

10 Sat Folkestone: St John the Baptist

Clergy: Adam Denley

Assistant Curate: Tim Gosden

Readers: Robert Grieve, Alex Finlow, Joan Herbert, Ruth Jones

As a new season begins, we have so much to thank God for—including the arrival of our new Children, Youth, and Families Minister, an incredible blessing to our community. Please join us in prayer for: Discipleship Explored: which started on the 15th September for eight weeks. Pray for those attending as we study Paul's letter to the Philippians together. New Members: Pray that the new individuals and families joining our church family are continually nourished by God's Word and Spirit. Our Building: Pray for favorable insurance outcomes and swift repairs following the damage our west wall sustained during Storm Goretta.

Anglican Communion:

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

11 Sun Folkestone: St Mary, St Eanswythe and St Saviour

Clergy: Christopher Johnson

Reader: Victoria Friedrich

Schools: Folkestone St Mary's CE Primary Academy, St Eanswythe's CE Primary School

We continue to welcome your prayers for our work and ministry here in Folkestone as we live out our ministry of worship, serving our community, and celebrating our heritage. Through each of these, please pray that God would work within us and through us and that we might find the resources we need to fulfil God's call upon us.

Anglican Communion:

19th Sunday after Trinity

The Anglican Church of Burundi

12 Mon Praying Together: Lord, Teach Us Your Ways

Lord, Teach Us Your Ways

Teach us to live with gratitude: to give thanks for each new day and its possibilities, for the wonder of the world around us, and for all those who inspire, nurture, and teach us.

- our preschools;
- our primary schools; and
- our secondary schools.

Lord, we thank you for the role models in our lives, whose example shows us how education can reveal our potential. Above all, we thank you for walking beside us as, day by day, we learn more about the world and one another.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

Prayer written by Fr Jane Barker - Assistant Curate at Borden Benefice & Milton Regis

Anglican Communion:

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

13 Tue Folkestone: St Peter

Clergy: Martin Warner

School: St Peter's CE Primary School

Pray with us today.

Please join us in giving thanks for the grace received through pilgrimages this summer to Walsingham and to Aylesford, asking that we may grow stronger as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for those who have been baptised and confirmed in the past few weeks and for their discovery of the vocation God has for them.

We pray for our Primary School, for all the gifts needed by the staff in responding to the many special needs they meet in children from a wide range of homes and families, including those who are our asylum seekers and refugees.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Butare – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

14 Wed Folkestone Trinity Benefice incorporating Holy Trinity, St George's and St Paul's Sandgate

Clergy: Ravi Holy

Assistant Curates: Bill Mills, Heather Tapsell

Readers: Hilary Richter, Charles Lewis, Barry Lock

ALM's: Heather Parsons, Tricia Bayliss, Lewis Smith

Anna Chaplains: Bill Mills, Heather Parsons

School: Christ Church CE Primary Academy

Please pray for Holy Trinity, St George's and St Paul's Sandgate as we welcome Revd Ravi in October and begin a new chapter together. Give thanks for all who have faithfully sustained our churches through the vacancy. One of our priorities has been to develop prayer across the Benefice, and we now gather for prayer several times each month, including weekly opportunities, both in person and online. Pray that through these times we may listen for God's direction, grow together as a Benefice, and find new opportunities to share the good news of Jesus and serve our communities.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Butere – The Anglican Church of Kenya

15 Thurs Praying Together: for the University of Kent

Eternal God, source of life for peoples and nations, may our international University community be blessed with your goodness, wisdom and light. Grant energy and vision to all staff, especially those involved with the care and welfare of students. Inspire those involved in Chaplaincy as they reinvent the task of mission in a diverse and fast-changing ministry context. May your Spirit guide us all in the search for truth and help us to use it for the good of humanity and for your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Dr Stephen Laird - Anglican Chaplain at the University of Kent, part of LASE (London and South East University Group).

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Buve – The Anglican Church of Burundi

16 Fri Hawkinge Benefice

Clergy: Rob Grinsell

Anna Chaplains: Sarah Grinsell, Maggie Smithard, Allyson Edwards

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Byumba – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

17 Sat Hythe: St Leonard

Clergy: Michael Darkins

Assistant Curate: Anderson Yan

PTO Clergy: Rev Dr Michael Chandler, Rev Canon David Russell, Rev Pam Clark and Adrian Roux (Methodist Minister)

Readers/Preachers: Michael Cox and Dudley Shipton

Youth Worker: Aimee Babbs

Music Director: Anita Jones

School: Hythe Bay CE Primary School

Pray for ministry opportunities across our three congregations and within the wider community, especially at Hythe Bay CofE Primary School, local care homes and 101 Open Door. Give thanks for new opportunities to deepen faith and build community through Praying with Beads, Growing in Faith and Fellowship home groups, Messy Church and Church Café. Pray that all may encounter God's welcome, love and grace. Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Calabar – The Church of Nigeria

18 Sun Lympe and Saltwood Benefice

Clergy: Barry Knott

Reader: Bob White

Schools: Lympe CE Primary School, Saltwood CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

20th Sunday after Trinity

The Anglican Church of Canada

19 Mon Praying Together: for our children & young people

Creator God, thank you for the joy of living, moving, and having our being in the beautiful world you have made. Alongside classroom learning, may all our children and young people appreciate the value of playful activities to promote social bonding, laughter and imagination, as well as enhancing their resilience. Amen.

Prayer written by Reverend Richard Bellamy - Chaplain of Ashford School

Anglican Communion:

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

20 Tue Praying Together with the Vineyard Deanery

Area Dean: Sue Rose

Assistant Area Dean: Jeanette Kennett

Lay Chair: Tessa Badcock

Secretary: Karen Stevens

Treasurer: Tony Richter

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Caledonia – The Anglican Church of Canada

21 Wed Praying Together with the Vineyard 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Keith Fazzani, Tricia Fogden, Sharon Francis, Ruth Gostelow, Joy Rapely, Michael Rose, Margaret Roylance, Richard Williams

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

22 Thurs Praying Together: for Universities, Colleges and Schools

God of life, with our universities, colleges and schools, as well as our local communities and the whole diocese, we join together in praying for our students, pupils and young people. Give us the grace and wisdom to follow your will for our lives, to support one another and to serve our youth. Equip us to know and understand new generations, culture and ideas, so that we may proclaim your Gospel afresh.

Amen.

Prayer written by Darcy Marriner - Lay Chaplain at Canterbury Christ Church University

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

23 Fri Praying Together with the Vineyard 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Ann Tiplady

*Anglican Communion:
The Diocese of Northern California – The Episcopal Church*

24 Sat Denswood Benefice

Clergy: Vacant

Assistant Curate: Maria Stuttaford

Reader: Vera Hopkinson

Churchwarden: Arthur Gammon

Anna Chaplain: Ann Tiplady

Schools: High Halden CE Primary School, Woodchurch CE Primary School

Loving God, thank you for your gift of the Holy Spirit, for moving in Denswood Parish as we witness people drawing nearer to God on their faith journeys. Please guide us to wisely use resources to continue to invite people to know God, show God's love and spread God's word. We pray for Tuesday and Thursday coffee morning communities, Halden Heights, Woodchurch House and Whiston House worshipping communities, Bethersden, High Halden and Woodchurch schools and the farming communities surrounding the villages. We pray for everyone who gathers, lives, works and learns and we pray You will guide us to them to bring your message of love.

Amen.

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cameroon – The Church of the Province of West Africa

25 Sun Biddenden: All Saints and Smarden: St Michael

Clergy: Jayne Shillito

School: The John Mayne CE Primary School

Please pray for our churches as we seek to grow and share God's love within our communities.

For The Den youth group, and for all those preparing for baptism and confirmation.
For our ongoing work with families and schools, and our harvest outreach.
For our fundraising efforts across both parishes, that they may support and strengthen our mission.

Above all, pray for growth, that we may welcome new people into our churches and see lives transformed as more come to know the love of Christ.

Anglican Communion:

21st Sunday after Trinity

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

26 Mon Praying Together: for Discernment and Courage

Heavenly Father, we pray for all young people as they navigate the pressures put on them by the modern world around them. Protect them from peer pressure and anxiety. Give them courage when they face fear or are faced with difficult choices by the voices around them. May they always know that they are deeply loved and never alone.

Amen.

Prayer written by Ian Rich - Chaplain at The John Wallis Church of England Academy, Ashford

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of El Camino Real – The Episcopal Church

27 Tue The Benefice of Tenterden, Rother and Oxney

Clergy: Lindsay Hammond, Jeanette Kennett

Assistant Curate: Henry Setright, Alan Gostelow, Kharin Setright

Readers: Alison Gilbert, Judy Vinson, John Badcock, Tessa Badcock

Schools: St Michael's CE Primary School, Tenterden CE Junior School, Wittersham CE Primary School

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – The Anglican Church of Australia

28 Wed Praying Together with the Romney Deanery

Area Dean: Vacant

Lay Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Christine Clark

Treasurer: Tony Richter

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Canterbury – The Church of England

29 Thurs Praying Together: for encouragement and nurturing

Thank you Jesus that you have lived here as one of us, you know what it's like to be a child, and to feel everything that children feel. Thank you that we as adults have everything we need to encourage, nurture and provide for those in need.

I pray for children around the world that you would be in their lives and they would grow up knowing they are loved by you. As you bless them with opportunities in their local communities, I pray they would be able to change lives for others in their communities too.

Amen.

Prayer written by Chloe Reynolds

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cape Coast – The Church of the Province of West Africa

30 Fri Praying Together with the Romney 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.

Pray in particular today for:

Michael Gooch, Sheila McLachlan, David Parrott, John Saunders

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Cape Town – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

31 Sat Praying Together: for the world we share

Creator God, thank you for this intricate tapestry of life that is this fragile world we share. As the crown of your creation, we are called to be good stewards, yet we forget our interdependence on the many facets of life in the seas and on the land of this planet. Help us in our growing awareness to do better, and to be a Church that adds its voice to speak out against climate change and to lead by example. Direct our small and big steps to protect and restore the wonders of your creation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer written by Revd Chris Carnaby-Denyer - Priest-in-Charge St Martin in Herne with St Peter's Greenhill & Diocesan Eco Champion

Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

THE WONDER OF PRAYER

SEASON OF CREATION — BALANCE AND BLESSING



'They will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life ...' (Revelation 7:16-17 NLT)

Jesus, Good Shepherd -

- You love all that you have made; tend and heal your beautiful creation.
- As temperatures rise and seasons distort, teach us to value this earth you have entrusted to us.
- For those whose livelihoods have been affected by months of drought, send your water of life.
- For those devising policies that will help slow climate change, give wisdom and boldness.
- For a church so often preoccupied by other things, show us the joy of caring for creation.





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**Creator God, this earth tells the story of our greed and
your goodness.**

**Give us faith to believe that we can partner with you to
write a new chapter:**

one where we don't take your generosity for granted;

one where we live in harmony with the natural world;

**one where this human family of ours takes good care of
our home.**

Amen.

Think about all those in your local community who have been affected by drought or flooding in the past year. How might the church be a blessing to them in the next few months?

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

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