



Benefice of Kingsdown, Creekside and High Downs Prayer Diary

April 2023

Prayer is a hugely important part of our relationship with God, as individuals, yes, but also as his Church together in each our villages, in our 2 parishes and as a Benefice.

To help us pray together we have put together a prayer diary with something different to pray for each day of the month, renewed every month.

Each day's prayer request is available on the first page of the Benefice website at www.kc-hd.org.uk and will be publish on our Facebook page @kingsdowncreekside.



And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

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| April 1st | Please pray for the life of each of our Churches in our Benefice |
| April 2nd | Please pray for our Calling to Peace as God's Church here. |
| April 3rd | For our Holy Week journey together as we have our first Evening Prayer and reflections in Newnham Church at 7.30pm this evening as Jesus clears the Temple. |
| April 4th | Today we reflect on Jesus' authority and the source of that authority and questions of faith. Lord Jesus, strengthen our faith in you, as we journey with you this week. |
| April 5th | Jesus is anointed at Bethany and is betrayed by Judas Iscariot. We pray for forgiveness for any of our betrayals of Jesus. |
| April 6th | Today we join Jesus at his last Supper in Norton Village Hall at 7pm before we journey to Gethsemane (the Orchard) and the Church. Lord Jesus may we journey with you and not desert you this day.. |
| April 7th | Today is the day of the Cross. We pray for Station of the Cross at Doddington at 10.30, for the Easter Family Trail at Teynham from 1-3pm and for the Last Hour at the Cross at Eastling at 2pm, that we might truly know why this is Good Friday for us, in the death of Jesus on the Cross and that the families joining the Easter trail may have eyes opened to the good news of Jesus. |
| April 8th | We pray for the Easter play being put in by the Young People at Lynsted Church the afternoon at 2pm, and for our reflection at the tomb this evening in Newnham at 7.30pm. |
| April 9th | The Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed! Pray that we will know and be able to share the joy of the risen Christ in our Churches, in our homes and in our villages this day. |

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| April 10th | Please pray for our Calling to be God's Church in our communities and for all that this means in prayer, in worship and in outreach. |
| April 11th | Today the Ospringe Deanery has the opportunity to gather in Prayer on Zoom at 4.30. Please pray for all 21 Churches and God's people in the Deanery, |
| April 12th | Please pray for the children and staff of our schools that they be having a good break, bringing rest and refreshment. |
| April 13th | Please pray for all our ministry with Children & Young People and their families that it might grow and that we might see the fruit of new disciples of Jesus Christ. |
| April 14th | Please pray for the group of teenagers who are learning to ring the bells at Lynsted Church, practicing this evening and every fortnight. |
| April 15th | Please pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one, and for the family who are burying the ashes of a family member this day. |
| April 16th | Please pray for Archie and Jax and their families as they are brought for baptism today in Eastling and Stalisfield respectively. |
| April 17th | Having prayers for our schools in the Holiday time we pray for them as term starts today for children and staff, at Teynham, Lynsted & Norton, Eastling and Luddenham Primary Schools. For Infiniti School in Doddington, Alchemy and ISP Schools in Teynham. |
| April 18th | Please pray for those who are unable to leave their homes easily due to ill-health, and for those who are lonely in our communities. |
| April 19th | Please pray for all the different Community Groups in our villages and for our Parish Councils and Counsellors. |

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| April 20th | Please pray for our Churchwardens, for their responsibilities and their ministry service amongst us. |
| April 21st | Please pray for the Lynsted Youth Club as it meets this evening. |
| April 22nd | Please pray for the King and Queen consort as we move towards their Coronation. For the witness of the Church to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the service itself. |
| April 23rd | Please pray for the APCM for the parish of Kingsdown and Creekside and the Parish Service that is part of that meeting that the Parish would recognise its calling and vision to be the Church that God has called us to be. |
| April 24th | Please pray for all those who work so hard in the Church Community Allotment behind the station in Teynham. Pray for new people to come and find the joy of working in God's creation growing plants, vegetables and fruit. Please pray for the Alpha Course that starts in Doddington this evening and for all the who are join gin it. |
| April 25th | Please pray for the Holy Communion Service at Beechfields Residential Home and for the residents and staff. |
| April 26th | Please pray for the Gatehouse cafe in Lynsted Church this morning, for God enriched conversations over a good breakfast and for the Stalisfield Youth Club meeting this evening. |
| April 27th | Please pray for all our responsibility as the people of God's Church to respond to his call to mission and evangelism, that we might be part of God's call to grow his Church for the sake of his kingdom. |

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| April 28th | For Eat, Pray, Walk and those who will be seeking God as they walk through the countryside together and returning for refreshments and a time of prayer at Doddington Church. |
| April 29th | Today is the Stalisfield Bluebell Walk. Please pray for the organisation, for safety whilst walking and for walkers noticing God in all they see as they walk. We pray too for Jackie and Darren as they are married in Teynham Church this afternoon. |
| April 30th | Today we have the opportunity to gather as the one Benefice in Worship at Denham Church at 10.30. Pray that we might be lifted in worship together to the throne of God's grace and be strengthened in the mission of our calling to be his Church. |

This Prayer Diary has been created to facilitate our prayer for God's work in this Benefice. We have a God who loves us, listens to our needs and hears our prayers; a God who wants us to be praising Him, thanking Him and seeking Him. Let's do that for the Churches of this Benefice.

If you would like to submit a Prayer request for next month's diary then please email steve.lillicrap@kc-hd.org.uk by the 15th of this month.