

Saturdays:

Cobham Deanery:

Give thanks and a blessing on all those who minister in the deanery. Pray for the appointment of a new Area Dean. Pray a blessing on all the parishes that God will bless all that they are doing for the communities that they serve, may they be a beacon of light and a real witness in this Christmas time

Community Engagement and Social Action Team: (CESAT)

Give thanks for the work of CESAT as they work with the communities throughout the many community engagements. Pray that all agencies who help and support vulnerable people and families will have sufficient resources that it will be witness of God's love in action.

Dear Lord, we intercede for children who enter the care system as a result of abuse, neglect, poverty or because there is no one else to look after them. May as many as possible be placed in loving homes and may social workers and other carers be given understanding and compassion for these often deeply disturbed youngsters. For Jesus' sake. Amen (source CARE)



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The Diocesan Fellowship of Prayerers

'Praying the Way'

December 2025: Archdeaconry of Rochester.

Pray without ceasing

Sundays:

Jesus the Light of the World has come. As we celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas think about all those areas in the world that are in darkness of whatever kind and pray that the Light of Jesus will shine in those areas dispelling the darkness. In a moment of silence pray for them.

Continue to pray for our government and all those in leadership and authority whether national or local and also for governments and leaders around the world. Pray that they will make good and just decisions and work for the common good of all peoples. Continue to pray for King Charles and for all the Royal Family in their work and ministry.

The Diocese:

Give thanks and pray for Bishop Jonathan and Toni and for Bishop Simon and his wife Julia in their ministries; pray for Revd Sandra McCalla Archdeacons of Rochester, Revd Nick Cornell, Archdeacon of Tonbridge and for Archdeacon Allie Kerr of Bromley and Beckenham, a blessing on their ministry, for strength, healing and anointing.

Mondays:

Diocese continued.

Pray for all the preparations and plan for the services and outreach during Advent and Christmas on all churches whatever denominations; pray that the wonderful news of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ will be proclaimed boldly and that the Holy Spirit will hover over our land and draw people into our worshipping communities and that they will not only meet the baby Jesus but the Living God. Pray that those who come for the first time will stay for a lifetime. Give thanks for the Quiet Revival we are experiencing and pray that this season will bring more fruit.

Archdeaconry of Rochester:

Pray for Revd Sandra McCalla in her role as Archdeacon of Rochester bless her in her ministry. Special prayers for all those parishes in vacancy with thanksgiving and prayers for the laity and PTO clergy who are working tirelessly to cover services; pray that the right person will hear God's call to fill the vacancies.

Pray for and give thanks for all clergy, LLMs and Readers as they prepare for Advent and the busy Christmas period, pray for the anointing and enabling of the Holy Spirit on them all. Pray for those who lead discipleship and outreach course



that enable those who do not yet know the love of God in Christ to become followers of Jesus. Pray a blessing on Mandy Holloway the Warden of Lay Ministry and all the Lay ministers that they will be anointed for their role and ministry

Tuesdays:

Swanscombe Deanery

Pray for Revd Charlie Lloyd-Evans, the Area Dean. **St Mary's Greenhithe:** Thank God that we have been chosen to a Demonstrator Church for the C of E's programme aimed at showing net-zero carbon solutions. This means that we have been allocated up to £18,000 for stage one of our project (which started in the need to find a heating solution for our church building in the winter of 2023) and also support other churches in various ways. This will mean a big commitment for the teal involved in the project. Please pray for them.

St Peter's and St Paul's Swanscombe: Thank God for the £100,000 secured by us toward the cost of repairing the roof, masonry, windows and rainwater goods. Please pray that 'Our Big Church Repair' initiative will be used by God to Pray for the Area Dean Revd Clifford Stocking and blessing on his ministry. Hoo St Werburgh Church: we give thanks for the new people attending church from many different backgrounds and pray as we seek God's guidance and provision for people to undertake key roles in the church. Pray a blessing on all the parishes in the Deanery that God will bless all that they are doing for the communities that they serve and may they be a beacon of light and love especially in this Christmas season. Continue to lift before the Lord our persecuted brothers and sisters, in a moment of silence pray for them that they will be sustained by the Lord and will know his love and saving grace. At Christmas the persecution often increases, pray for special protection for them all that they will be under the shelter of God's almighty wings. Raise the £25,000 still needed to complete the works.

Continue to lift up our farming communities as they endeavour to produce food in an enrolment of climate change and flux. Strengthen them and as Christians help us to support them in their work. Continue to pray for our environment that we will be mindful of the stewardship role we have of God's wonderful creation.

Wednesdays:

Rochester Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean Revd Martyn Saunders and a blessing on him and his ministry. Give thanks for all those who minister in the deanery and ask a blessing on all parishes that they will be a witness to the light and love of Jesus and that show that love in action. May people be drawn to worship with us this Christmas. Lord, we remember those who are in prison-not only denied freedom, but often subjected to cruelty and oppression. May many turn to You, especially through the ministries of the individual chaplains and visitors, Christian organizations and



programmes that help them understand and accept the gospel. For Christ's sake. Amen (Source CARE)

Thursdays:

Gravesend Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean Revd Michael Payne and a blessing on him and his ministry. Heavenly Father, bless each church and school in our Gravesend Deanery to build us up for the blessing of this area and for your glory. Help our leaders, ordained and lay, and hope us all to work together and know the fruit of your Holy Spirit in our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for all chaplains in the Archdeaconry and their ministry in schools, prisons, hospitals, retail, and workplaces and for Anna Chaplains and Friends in their role ministering to the vulnerable. This time of the year can be very difficult for some people, pray that we will all be sensitive to the needs of others and to minister to all those in need showing the love of Christ. Give thanks for the work of the Gravesend Street and School Pastor; pray for good opportunities to share the gospel by words and actions especially give them wisdom with the increase of the Christmas festivities that will remain peaceful. Pray for more volunteers.

Fridays:

Dartford Deanery and Gillingham Deanery

Pray for God's blessing on Father Dane Batley-Gladdenn Area Dean and for the Area Dean of Gillingham Revd Mike Nelson and all churches in the deaneries and blessings on all that God is doing. Give thanks for the appointment of Revd Richard Fermer at All Soul's Crockenhill, pray that he and his family will settle in quickly and a blessing on his ministry.

Strood Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean Revd Clifford Stocking and blessing on his ministry. Hoo St Werburgh Church: we give thanks for the new people attending church from many different backgrounds and pray as we seek God's guidance and provision for people to undertake key roles in the church. Pray a blessing on all the parishes in the Deanery that God will bless all that they are doing for the communities that they serve and may they be a beacon of light and love especially in this Christmas season. Continue to lift before the Lord our persecuted brothers and sisters, in a moment of silence pray for them that they will be sustained by the Lord and will know his love and saving grace. At Christmas the persecution often increases, pray for special protection for them all that they will be under the shelter of God's almighty wings.

