

The Diocesan Fellowship of Prayers
March 2026: Archdeaconry of Rochester.

‘Pray without ceasing.’

the love of God to their communities and may God pour out his blessings on all that they are doing in his name.

Lord Jesus, we lift up before you our brothers and sisters who have become refugees and internally displaced because of persecution, conflict or disaster. We ask that Your sheltering presence enfold them with safe refuge, daily provision and strength for each new day. Bless those who serve them that their hands may be instruments of compassion and wisdom. May the displaced find connection, dignity and a renewed sense of purpose and may Your peace settle over them like a gentle, unshakeable light. Let Your love be their anchor guiding them through every storm. We ask in our Saviour’s name. Amen. (Source Barnabas Aid)

Saturdays:

Cobham Deanery

Give thanks and a blessing on all those who minister in the deanery. 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 Lent and Easter season.

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.

Sovereign Lord, we intercede for the places across the world that are troubled by conflict, injustice, poverty and pain. Please raise up wise leaders who are committed to protect and build up security for the people. Send out Your gospel that has power to transform and bring peace. Amen (source CARE)

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Photographs at Wimpole Hall*



Sundays:

As we are now in the season of Lent may we prepare our hearts and souls during this time, may we hunger and thirst for more of our Lord’s guidance and blessing. May we journey with Him through the wilderness towards Holy Week and the celebrations of new life and resurrection at Easter. May all Lent studies through the diocese be a time of blessings, refreshing and renewal.

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 a blessing on Revd Sandra McCalla Archdeacons of Rochester, Revd Nick Cornell Archdeacon of Tonbridge and for Archdeacon Allie Kerr of Bromley and Beckenham.

Mondays:

Diocese continued

Pray for all the preparations and plans for the services and outreach during Lent and Easter on all churches whatever denominations; Pray for all clergy and Lay as they prepare for Holy Week and Easter that they will be anointed afresh to give the clear message of the Risen Lord Jesus. Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will hover over our land and draw people into our worshipping communities and that they will find salvation. 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 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 and St Peter's and St Paul's Swanscombe: Give thanks for the Alpha Course, praising God for those who have come to faith.

Please continue to pray for others who have not yet met with Jesus and give thanks for the new people attending our Sunday Services. The repairs to St Peter and St Paul's roof and rainwater goods, are due to start in 2nd March. Please pray for the right materials to be available as and when they are needed. Pray for the necessary finance to be in place and for the protection and safety of all who will be on site.

Continue to lift up our farming communities as they endeavor to produce food in an environment of climate change and flux, especially after such a wet January and as the lambing season approaches and the time to either plant crops or that the winter crops should not fail. 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.

Pray for the right person to be appointed as Associate Archdeacon for the Rochester Archdeaconry and Vicar of Christ the King, Princes Park. (closing date for applicants 8th March)

Pray for the wisdom for the people of Christ Church Luton as Rev Andrea Leonard retired in February 2026. Give thanks for her ministry in the parish and a blessing on her in retirement.

Pray for the Parish of Rochester and St Matthew's Borstal still in vacancy



hoping to advertise soon and especially for Rev Mark Ball in his part time role within the group.

Pray for our Archdeacon Sandra McCalla for wisdom in how best use her time and influence.

St John's Chatham- pray for good decisions as the community continue to learn how to inhabit well the refurbished building. Give thanks for all those who funded the capital works and for the privilege of being one of the Missionally Healthy Places under the new Called Together strategy. Pray for the growth of DWELL, a twice-monthly evening service open to all.

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.

On Mothering Sunday we pray for all mothers, both natural and spiritual, pray especially for those for whom this day is very painful for whatever reason, may they know the loving comfort of the Lord and may everyone be extra sensitive to them.

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 in the churches on the deaneries.

Strood Deanery

Pray for the Area Dean Revd Clifford Stocking and blessing on his ministry. Pray for all the churches in the deanery that they may be salt and light and reflect the love of God to their communities and may God pour out his blessings on all that they

