

Fridays:

Tonbridge Deanery

Give thanks and pray for Area Dean, Miriam Barker, and for all churches and communities in the deanery.

For St. Peter and St. Paul

Edenbridge in vacancy, for the churchwardens and PCC particularly; for BRIDGES, the community centre in the town as they seek a new manager and more volunteers.

For **St. John, Hildenborough** as it celebrates its 180th Anniversary with a history exhibition from 27th May-1st June and special service on 25th May.

For good health of clergy and leaders; for more volunteers to help with the churchyard.

For “Who let the Dads out” on the first Saturday of the month, and for The Hive youth group, for inspiration and help that all may have fun.

Saturdays:

11th Thank God for the Repair Cafes within the Archdeaconry; Archdeacon Sharon is serving with the Sevenoaks Repair Café today.

Tunbridge Wells Deanery

Give thanks and pray for Nick Cornell, Area Dean, and for all the churches in the deanery, remembering especially the following which are in vacancy:

Speldhurst with Groombridge and Ashurst; All Saints, Langton Green and St. Luke, Tunbridge Wells, and their congregations for God's guidance and protection.

Bidborough, St. Lawrence, and Southborough coming into vacancy and for churchwardens and the Rev. Ray Skinner.



The Diocesan Fellowship of Prayers

'Praying the Way'

May 2024: Archdeaconry of *Tonbridge*

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 saints" Ephesians 6:18

Sundays:

Continue to pray for the complete healing of the King and the Princess of Wales after their recent cancer diagnoses. For all who are looking after them, and that their treatments will be effective.

Pray for the Prime Minister and all in Government for godly wisdom in all decisions; for the local government elections on 2nd May.

May we all be faithful in praying for peace and those working for peace in our very troubled world; for the war in the Middle East that it may cease and not escalate any further; for an end to the Ukraine/Russia war; for the relentless situations in Yemen, Sudan, Nigeria and so many other places. For all innocent people caught up in these wars; for all who have been injured, made homeless, for all hostages and their families who watch and wait. That the forthcoming Olympic Games may bring people together.

Give thanks for Bishops Jonathan and Simon and their families; for Archdeacons, Sharon, Andy and Ally; may they have energy and enthusiasm for the work to which you have called them.

For all parishes in vacancy in the Archdeaconry and for strength for churchwardens and PCCs as they take on extra work.



For **Thy Kingdom Come** - a global ecumenical wave of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost, Sunday, 19th May Every Christian around the world is encouraged to pray that God's Spirit will work in the lives of at least five people who have not yet responded "yes" to God's call. (More details in Diocesan Digest)



Mondays:

Malling Deanery

We pray for Wil North, Area Dean, and for all churches and communities in the deanery, that God will bless them richly.

For the benefices of Burham and Wouldham and also Bradbourn Benefice in vacancy. Please pray that these may be advertised quickly and the right candidates appointed.

For the church plant launched by Barming into their village hall;
For our curates Jess and Bertie, writing their end of year reports.

For all parishes as they prepare for their APCM and appoint new office holders

Anna Chaplaincy For lead Julia Burton-Jones, all Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends befriending and ministering among the frail and vulnerable.

Tuesdays:

Paddock Wood Deanery

For Andrew Axon, Area Dean, and all clergy and congregation in the deanery;

Pray for all hospital chaplains; for all affected by mental health issues and chronic illness; for all who have recently been bereaved and are mourning the loss of loved ones.

For **St. Margaret's, Horsmonden**, church wardens and PCC at this time of vacancy.

14th For Archdeacon Sharon's Permission To Officiate surgery, giving thanks for all clergy with PTO who minister in our archdeaconry and the wider diocese.

St. Gabriel's, King's Hill

That the new fund-raising team will have wisdom in applying for the right grants and that finances will come in for the new church building; for musicians to play at St. Gabriel's.

Wednesdays:

8th-9th Area Deans' residential

15th South East Archdeacons meeting together today

Sevenoaks Deanery

Pray for the Rev. Tim Edwards as he takes over as Area Dean and give thanks for the ministry of Anne le Bas as Area Dean over several years.

St. Nicholas, Sevenoaks

We would be grateful for prayer for the following:

"*You, Me and the Bible*" courses running through May

12th Confirmation Service: Bishop Jonathan Gibbs with about a dozen candidates being confirmed

15th APCM and 18th Away Day with speaker, Mark Oden, who now leads a church in Naples

St. George, Weald

10th-18th Christian Aid Week

Many fund-raising activities for Christian Aid arranged by church and village: pray for generosity, safety and fun.



Thursdays:

9th Ascension Day and Thy Kingdom Come begins

Shoreham Deanery

Pray for God's blessings on Chris Noble, Area Dean, and all the church congregations and communities in the deanery.

For the safety of all refugees and asylum seekers and that they may know how much you love them.

For all students sitting GCSE and A Level exams this month and next and those doing Finals for degrees, that they may know your peace and calm with them.

Pray for Mother Anne and the sisters of **Malling Abbey** in their dedicated, prayerful ministry