



Calendar of Intercessions

January - February 2024

Welcome to the Prayer Calendar for the Diocese of Rochester.

A shared calendar of prayer is one of the many small ways we can keep a sense of community in these challenging times and I hope you will find this useful in your prayer networks.

You may want to supplement this cycle with the [Anglican Communion cycle](#) of prayer which is tweeted at [@ACOffice](#) and posted on [PrayerMate](#).

Similarly prayers from the [World Council of Churches](#) (WCC) are tweeted at [@WCCprayers](#) and on the [PrayerMate app](#).

Also you may wish to join <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>

In its current form, the calendar has two cycles: Parish and School. The School cycle includes any church schools attached to the parishes we pray for. When parishes have a link set up with another parish in a Companion Diocese, we also include them in our prayers.

Sunday entries cover the deaneries, archdeaconries, companion dioceses and some of the bigger pictures in our Diocese (sometimes geographical, sometimes issues or activities). These are usually simply one or two lines of text, but occasionally have fuller entries.

Finally, there is space in the daily entries for you to note any prayer requests that have been made to you or your parish, or any special interests you want to remember in your prayers.



This prayer calendar can also be found in the PrayerMate app (<http://praynow4.org/rochester>), on the diocesan website (<http://rochester.anglican.org/ministry/prayer-amp-intercessions/intercessions/>), on Twitter and on Facebook.

Please contact Bishops Court Office with any comments or suggestions – bishops court@rochester.anglican.org or 01634 842721. |

Sunday 31-Dec	Paddock Wood Deanery Revd Andrew Axon, Area Dean; Mr Chris Walters, Lay Chair Prayer Requests:
Monday 01-Jan	<i>Parish cycle:</i> Grain, St James, with Stoke, St Peter and St Paul Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Christine Allen <i>School cycle:</i> St. James' CE Primary School, Isle of Grain Headteacher: Miss Fay Cordingley Prayer Requests:
Tuesday 02-Jan	<i>Parish cycle:</i> High Halstow, St Margaret, with All Hallows, All Saints, and Hoo St Mary, St Mary (redundant) Rector: The Rev Stephen Gwilt Prayer Requests:
Wednesday 03-Jan	<i>Parish cycle:</i> Hoo St Werburgh Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Dr Mark Borley Prayer Requests:
Thursday 04-Jan	<i>Parish cycle:</i> Strood, St Francis Vicar: The Rev Adam Pyrke Prayer Requests:
Friday	<i>Parish cycle:</i>

<p>05-Jan</p>	<p>Strood, St Nicholas, with St Mary (redundant) Vicar: vacancy <i>School cycle:</i> St. Nicholas CE Infants School, Strood Headteacher: Mrs Ruth Gooch <i>Companion Parish:</i> Harare, St Clare's Mangwende Mission District</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Saturday 06-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Aylesford, St Peter and St Paul Vicar: The Rev Ruth Peet <i>School cycle:</i> St. Peter's CE Primary School, Aylesford Headteacher: Mr Jim Holditch St. Marks CE Primary School. Eccles Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Bassett</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Sunday 07-Jan</p>	<p>Rochester Deanery Revd Martyn Saunders, Area Dean; Mr vacant, Lay Chair</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Monday 08-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Barming, St Margaret, with Teston, St Peter and St Paul Rector: The Rev Wil North</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Tuesday 09-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Burham, St Mary the Virgin (redundant) and Wouldham, All Saints Vicar: vacancy <i>School cycle:</i> All Saints CE Primary School, Wouldham Headteacher: Mr Carl Fitter</p>

	<p>Burham CE Primary School, Burham Headteacher: Miss Michelle Grima</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Wednesday 10-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Coxheath, Holy Trinity, East Farleigh, Hunton, St Mary Linton, St Mary Linton, St Nicolas, and West Farleigh, All Saints Rector: The Rev Lorna Faulkner</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Hunton CE Primary School, Hunton Headteacher: Ms Anita Makey</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Estonia, Käsnu parish</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Thursday 11-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Ditton, St Peter ad Vincula Rector: The Rev Ross Terranova</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Ditton CE Junior School, Ditton Headteacher: Mr Ward</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Friday 12-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Bradbourne Benefice Vicar: vacancy</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Saturday 13-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Bishop's Mission Order: King's Hill, St Gabriel's Missioner: The Rev Mark Montgomery</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>

<p>Sunday 14-Jan</p>	<p>Sevenoaks Deanery Revd Canon Anne Le Bas, Area Dean; Brigadier Ian Dobbie, Lay Chair</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Monday 15-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Kent Downs & Malling Team Team Rector: The Rev Canon Dr Helen Burn Team Vicar: The Rev David Green</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Trottscliffe CE Primary School, Trottscliffe Headteacher: Mrs Lucy Henderson (Head of Sch) St Peter & St Paul CE Primary School, Leybourne Headteacher: Mrs Tina Holditch West Malling CE Primary School, West Malling Headteacher: Mr Matthew Clark</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Estonia, Jõhvi St Michael's</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Tuesday 16-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Mereworth, St Lawrence, Watringbury, St John the Baptist, and West Peckham, St Dunstan Rector: The Rev Gary Townsend</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Watringbury CE Primary School, Watringbury Headteacher: Miss Debbie Johnson</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Wednesday 17-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Snodland, All Saints', with Lower Birling, Christ Church, and St Benedict's (redundant) Rector: The Rev Danielle Pearson-Smith</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Snodland CE Primary School, Snodland Headteacher: Mrs Holley Hunt</p>

	<p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Thursday 18-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Brenchley, All Saints Vicar: vacancy</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Brenchley and Matfield CE Primary School, Brenchley Headteacher: Jane Mallon (Head of School)</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Estonia, Hageri St Lambertus</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Friday 19-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> East Peckham, Holy Trinity, with Nettlestead, St Mary the Virgin Rector: The Rev Anthony Carr</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Saturday 20-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Hadlow, St Mary, and Golden Green Mission Church Vicar: The Rev Jim Horton</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Mpwapwa, Kibakwe Christ the King</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Sunday 21-Jan</p>	<p>Mpwapwa Our companion Diocese of Mpwapwa (Tanzania) Bishop of Mpwapwa, The Most Reverend Luzineth Kingamkono</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Monday</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i></p>

<p>22-Jan</p>	<p>Horsmonden, St Margaret Rector: vacancy Associate Rector: vacancy</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Tuesday 23-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Lamberhurst, St Mary and Matfield, St Luke Vicar: The Rev Andrew Axon</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> St. Mary's CE Primary School, Lamberhurst Headteacher: Mrs Caroline Bromley</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Wednesday 24-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Paddock Wood, St Andrew Vicar: The Rev Canon Bryan Knapp</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Kondoa, Bereko St Andrew</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Thursday 25-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Pembury, St Peter and St Peter Vicar: The Rev Richard Worssam</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Kondoa, Maziwa St Stephen</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Friday 26-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Capel United Benefice Vicar: The Rev Dr Jeremy Ive Associate Vicar: The Rev Canon Pamela Ive</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>

<p>Saturday 27-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Yalding, St Mary, and St Peter and St Paul with Collier Street, St Margaret Vicar: The Rev Paul Kish</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> St. Mary's CE Primary School, Laddingford Headteacher: Mrs Gemma Hitch St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School, Yalding Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Friend St. Margaret's CE Primary School, Collier Street Headteacher: Mr Paul Ryan</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Sunday 28-Jan</p>	<p>Shoreham Deanery Revd Dr Chris Noble, Area Dean; Mrs Jane Sankey, Lay Chair</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Monday 29-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Brasted, St Martin Rector: The Rev Lynette Leithead</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Tuesday 30-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Chevening, St Botolph Rector: The Rev Hannah Adams</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Chevening St Botolph's CE Primary School, Chevening Headteacher: Miss Karen Minnis</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Kondoa, Mpendo St John</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>

<p>Wednesday 31-Jan</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Knockholt, St Katharine with Halstead, St Margaret Rector: The Rev Tim Edwards</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> St Katharine's Knockholt CE Primary School, Knockholt Headteacher: Miss Sarah-Jane Tormey</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Thursday 01-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Seal Chart, St Lawrence, and Underriver, St Margaret Vicar: The Rev Serena Willoughby</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> St Lawrence CE Primary School, Stone Street Headteacher: Mrs Alison Saunders</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Friday 02-Feb</p> <p>Candlemas</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Seal, St Peter and St Paul Vicar: The Rev Canon Anne Le Bas</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Seal CE Primary School, Seal Headteacher: Mrs Liz Mitchell</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Saturday 03-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Sevenoaks, St John the Baptist Vicar: The Rev Robin Jones</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> St John's CE Primary School, Sevenoaks Headteacher: Mrs Therese Pullen</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>Sidcup Deanery</p>

04-Feb	Revd Mell Jemmett, Area Dean; Mr Andrew Young, Lay Chair Prayer Requests:
Monday 05-Feb	<i>Parish cycle:</i> Sevenoaks, St Nicholas Rector: The Rev Canon Angus MacLeay Associate Rector: The Rev Jamie Read Associate Rector: The Rev Matt Taylor <i>School cycle:</i> Lady Boswell's CE Primary School, Sevenoaks Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Saunders Prayer Requests:
Tuesday 06-Feb	<i>Parish cycle:</i> Sundridge, St Mary's, with Ide Hill, St Mary's, and Toys Hill Rector: The Rev Lynette Leithead <i>School cycle:</i> Ide Hill CE Primary School, Ide Hill Headteacher: Mrs Louisa Hillman Sundridge & Brasted CE Primary School, Sundridge Headteacher: Mr Tom Hardwick Prayer Requests:
Wednesday 07-Feb	<i>Parish cycle:</i> Weald, St George's Vicar: The Rev Canon Mandy Carr Prayer Requests:
Thursday 08-Feb	<i>Parish cycle:</i> West Sevenoaks Team Ministry: Kippington, St Mary; Riverhead, St Mary with Dunton Green, St John the Divine; Sevenoaks, St Luke Team Rector: The Rev Mark Bridgen Team Vicar: The Rev Anne Bourne

	<p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Estonia, Harju-Risti; Harare Harare, Marondera All Saints</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Friday 09-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Westerham, St Mary the Virgin Vicar: The Rev David Fox-Branch</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Churchill CE Primary School, Westerham Headteacher: Ms Kathy Jax</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Saturday 10-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Borough Green, Church of the Good Shepherd Vicar: The Rev Chris Turner</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Sunday 11-Feb</p>	<p>Poverty Sunday For all those who face poverty in any of those things that are considered essential for human existence</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Monday 12-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Eynsford, St Martin, with Farningham, St Peter and St Paul, and Lullingstone, St Botolph Rector: The Rev Trudi Oliver</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Tuesday 13-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Ightham, St Peter and Wrotham, St George's</p>

	<p>Rector: The Rev Canon Tim Hatwell Associate Rector: The Rev Edward Wright <i>School cycle:</i> St George's CE Primary School, Wrotham Headteacher: Mrs Libby Rye</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Wednesday 14-Feb</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Kensing, St Mary the Virgin, and Woodlands St Mary the Virgin Priest-in-Charge: The Ven Mike Lodge</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Thursday 15-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Kingsdown, St Edmund, King and Martyr Rector: The Rev Sarah Corry</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> West Kingsdown CE Primary School, West Kingsdown Headteacher: Mr Ben Hulme</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Friday 16-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Oxford, St Bartholomew Vicar: vacancy</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Saturday 17-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Platt, St Mary the Virgin Vicar: The Rev Lorraine Turner</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Platt CE Primary School, Platt Headteacher: Mr Richard Rule</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Harare, Budiro St Faith's</p>

	<p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Sunday 18-Feb</p> <p>Lent 1</p>	<p>Rochester Archdeaconry The Venerable Andy Wooding-Jones</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Monday 19-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Shipbourne with Plaxtol Rector: The Rev Dr Peter Hayler</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Tuesday 20-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Shoreham, St Peter and St Paul Vicar: The Rev Dr Diane Rees</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Mpwapwa, Chunya St Joseph's</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Wednesday 21-Feb</p> <p>Ember</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Stansted, St Mary, with Fairseat, Holy Innocents, and Vigo Rector: The Rev Dr Chris Noble</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Thursday 22-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Crockham Hill, Holy Trinity Priest-in-Charge: vacancy</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Crockham Hill CE Primary School, Crockham Hill Headteacher: Mrs Lisa Higgs</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Mpwapwa, Kongwa St Michael's</p>

	Prayer Requests:
Friday 23-Feb Ember	<i>Parish cycle:</i> Edenbridge, St Peter and St Paul Vicar: vacancy Prayer Requests:
Saturday 24-Feb Ember	<i>Parish cycle:</i> Hever, St Peter, Four Elms, St Paul, and Markbeece, Holy Trinity Rector: The Rev Simon Braid <i>School cycle:</i> Hever CE Primary School, Hever Headteacher: Mrs Gemma Hunter <i>Companion Parish:</i> Kondoa, Tarkwa The Good Samaritan Prayer Requests:
Sunday 25-Feb Lent 2	Strood Deanery Revd Nicholas Cooper, Area Dean; Mrs Hilda Woolmington, Lay Chair Prayer Requests:
Monday 26-Feb	<i>Parish cycle:</i> Hildenborough, St John the Evangelist Vicar: The Rev Tim Saiset <i>School cycle:</i> Hildenborough CE Primary School, Hildenborough Headteacher: Ms Ruth Ardrey Prayer Requests:
Tuesday	<i>Parish cycle:</i>

<p>27-Feb</p>	<p>Leigh, St Mary Vicar: vacancy</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Wednesday 28-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Penshurst, St John the Baptist, Fordcombe, St Peter, and The Chiddingstone Churches, St Mary the Virgin, St Luke Rector: The Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff Associate Priest: The Rev Lisa Cornell</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Penshurst CE Primary School, Penshurst Headteacher: Mrs Sue Elliott Fordcombe CE Primary School, Fordcombe Headteacher: Mr Christopher Blackburn Chiddingstone CE Primary School, Chiddingstone Headteacher: Mrs Rachael Streatfeild</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Thursday 29-Feb</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Tonbridge, St Andrew, St Peter and St Paul, St Philip, and St Saviour Vicar: The Rev Ben Thorndike Associate Vicar: The Rev Wendy Carr</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Kondoa Cathedral and Church of the Good Shepherd</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
<p>Friday 01-Mar</p>	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Tonbridge, St Stephen Vicar: The Rev Canon Mark Barker Associate Vicar: The Rev Dr Miriam Barker</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Bishop Chavasse CE Primary School, Tonbridge Headteacher: Mrs Hood</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Mpwapwa, Tearfund/CCMP link with Matongoro St James</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>

Saturday 02-Mar	<p><i>Parish cycle:</i> Bidborough, St Lawrence and Southborough, St Peter Rector: The Rev Stephen Hills</p> <p><i>School cycle:</i> Bidborough CE Primary School, Bidborough Headteacher: Ms Julie Burton</p> <p><i>Companion Parish:</i> Mpwapwa, Kibaigwa St Mathew's (and Mlali connection)</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>
Sunday 03-Mar	<p>Tonbridge Deanery Revd Dr Miriam Barker, Area Dean; Mr Jeremy King, Lay Chair</p> <p>Prayer Requests:</p>