

with the cost of living crisis, bless all agencies that are helping them. Pray for those who are ill in body, mind, spirit and grieving that they will know the presence of Jesus sustaining them, giving support and love in their time of need.

Strood Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean: Revd Nicholas Cooper and God's blessing on all that He is doing in the parishes and the communities that they serve.

1st March: World Day of Prayer, compiled by the Christian women of Palestine, we join around the world on this day 'I beg you to bear with one another in love' and for Christ's love to shine.

Saturdays:

Cobham Deanery.

Pray for the new Area Dean Revd Helen Reeves and give thanks for the ministry of Rev Alyson Davie as she steps down as Area Dean.

Pray that those who were baptised and confirmed on 25th February at St Nicholas Southfleet will know the power of the Holy

Spirit in their lives as they take new steps in their journey of faith.

That the Lent courses across the Deanery will speak afresh and bring a new depth and commitment to their relationship with God of those who attend. Give thanks for all the 'places of welcome'; warm spaces, pop ins and places of hospitality across the Deanery. Praying for new friendships and an end to isolation and fear of loneliness.

St Mary Magdalene, Cobham. Pray for the refurbishment of St Mary's Church room in Sole Street. Work needs to begin on 5th May before current Building Regulations run out and there are funds still need to be raised. We are stepping out in faith on this project and we would love to see this hall refurbishment come to fruition for the well being of the whole community.

Rural North West Kent Group of Churches. Pray for: signs of new growth in relationships with some of the schools, which are leading to exciting new ventures and contacts. For the children & families work across all the parishes and for the raising up of a new leader in this area of ministry; for the work of The Community Cupboard, giving thanks for the generous donations of food and finances and for the many volunteers who give their time, energy and compassion to bring some hope and light into the lives of those. We lift to God all those receiving support; those who are seeking support and those partner agencies that offer support- Lord strengthen and bless this work..



The Diocesan Fellowship of Prayer-ers

'Praying the Way'

March 2024 Archdeaconry of Rochester.

'He is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Hallelujah'

Sundays:

Pray for all those areas in the world where there are wars and conflicts especially the desperate situation of Israeli and Gaza, Ukraine and Yemen, and other areas not in the news. Cry out and pray that there will be resolutions and for mercy on all innocent civilians and for all humanitarian aid to be accessed by those who need it. Help us to weep, as the Lord must grieve at his world.

'God, grant to our King and his government, to MPs and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through the love of power, desire to please or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all peoples; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen' (Source House of Commons prayer)

Pray for King Charles as he continues his treatment, for healing and strength, for other members of the Royal Family as they step up to take on his duties.



The Diocese:

Pray for all services during Lent and Easter and on all churches whatever denominations; pray that during the season of Lent we will go deeper in our spiritual journeys preparing for Holy Week and Good Friday and the celebrations of Easter, may we all be a witness to the light and love of Jesus and his saving grace, may the joy of the Risen Lord resound across our land and draw people into our worshipping communities.

Pray for Bishop Jonathan and Toni and for Bishop Simon and his wife Julia in their ministries; for Archdeacons Andy, Sharon and Allie, pray for a blessing in all their ministries.

Mondays:

Archdeaconry of Rochester:

Pray for Joss Walker as she prepares for her licensing as Priest in Charge at Fawkham & Hartley and Longfield in April. Pray for the churches in vacancy: St Justus Rochester St Mary's, Gravesend, St Nicholas Strood, and All Soul's Crockenhill that the right person will be appointed.

Pray for local councils and the challenges they are facing-Medway, Gravesham, Dartford and Sevenoaks. Pray for wisdom for Ebbsfleet Project Board prioritising Mission and Ministry in the emerging Ebbsfleet Garden City. Pray for the two Anglican schools under construction. Pray for safety of our transport infrastructure.



Tuesdays:

Archdeaconry of Rochester cont.

Pray for the weekend of **8th-10th March** is the pre-licensing Retreat at Worth Abbey where LMMs in training will meet with Bishop Jonathan for him to decide whether they are ready to be licensed in May, that they will all be guided by the Holy Spirit for the way forward in their ministries.

Pray for Shirley Rogers who is being licensed on 24th March as Reader at St Mary's Island church- part of St Mark's parish in Gillingham, by Archdeacon Andy. Give thanks for all that is going on at St Mary's Island- or least the many contacts with children and families on the Island.

Pray for the Mission and Ministry Development Team (formerly Formation and Ministry) in a year of changes. Pray that the right person of God's leading will be appointed director.



Wednesdays:

Rochester Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean Revd Martyn Saunders pray for God's blessing on all that He is doing in our parishes. **Parish**

of Rochester: please pray for the Cluster missional event: 'Pints of View' which is held in a local pub and for the current bible study series: 'Read Mark', attended by 25 people from the Rochester Cluster of Churches.

St Paul's with All Saints, Chatham. Give thanks for the successful first Bubble Church service for families and young children. Please pray that families will

continue to explore their faith with their children and for the Special Palm Sunday Bubble Church at 3pm on 24th March.

Thursdays:

Gravesend Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean Rev. Nigel Bourne.

Pray for all the plans for Lent study groups, for the preparations for Holy Week and Easter that it will be a time of spiritual growth and blessing.

Pray for all schools, playgroups, nurseries, colleges in the Deanery; for those attending, for staff, parents, and carers and for Governors and Trustees.

Pray for all initiatives to help those who are struggling financially, for the homeless, for 'Warm Spaces', for the Foodbanks and The Hub and The Sanctuary, for those who are suffering loneliness, depression and for whom the winter months are difficult; for God's comfort, healing provision.

St Mary's Greenhithe, God's enabling for the Tech team as they set up church in the hall to allow live streaming while there is no heating in the church.

Pray for those being confirmed on **23rd March at St Botolph, Northfleet.**

St George's Gravesend: bless all those getting married this year and the marriage preparation course and those attending the 'Speaking God's Word' course.



Fridays:

Gillingham Deanery:

Pray for the Area Deans Rev Canon Brian Senior and Rev Dr Richard Mortimer, for God's blessing on all that He is doing in our parishes and in the communities that they serve.

Community Engagement and Social Action Team:

Continue to pray for the work of the CESA team as they support and engage in communities around the dioceses especially with those who are struggling

