

### Strood Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean: Revd Nicholas Cooper and a blessing on him and his ministry.

**St Michael & All Angels, Cuxton & St John the Baptist, Halling:** for Churchwardens, PCC and congregation as they are in an interregnum. **St Werburgh, Hoo** Give thanks for the successful project to install new kitchen and toilet facilities, which has made a big difference to our ministry.

**7<sup>th</sup> March: World Day of Prayer.** Give thanks as we join ecumenically and globally in the World Day of Prayer, which has been compiled by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. May our prayers around the world rise up as incense to the throne of God. Pray for our persecuted Brothers and Sisters that they may know the love of God at all times, that their faith will shine through in their actions and love that they show to those around them, may they know the joy of your salvation.

### Saturdays

#### Cobham Deanery

Give thanks for the RNWK's Messy Church, which is flourishing and for the signs of growth in occasional offices and church attendance over Christmas. Pray for Scott Norwood Witts who will be joining the Group as assistant curate in June and for the direction of the deanery and parishes of Ash and Ridley as the Area Dean Revd. Helen Reeves steps down from full time ministry in April. Give thanks for the ministry and a blessing on her and her family in the next phase of her life. Pray for guidance for the appointment of another Area Dean.

#### Community Engagement and Social Action Team: (CESAT)

Pray for all people who are having times of difficulty whatever the reason and that they will receive the support and help that they need. Give strength and wisdom to all those who work in the NHS which has been very hard pressed this winter, pray the Lord will raise up and provide for where there is the most need. Give thanks for the work of CESAT as they work with the communities in various roles of support through the many community engagements.

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## *The Diocesan Fellowship of Pray-ers*

### Archdeaconry of Rochester.

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'Pray without ceasing.'

#### Sundays:

Father God help us to keep our eyes firmly fixed on you especially when we hear and watch the events of our world unfold before us. It can be easy to be overcome but we ask for your strength to pray into all these desperate situations around the world with courage, trust and hope. So whatever is happening today please lift it to the Lord and intercede into the situation. We know that you hear our prayers and we humbly come before you and lay these at the foot of your Cross and into your hands. In Jesus name we pray. Amen. 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 that they will be given wise and godly counsel and work for the common good of all peoples. Pray for those involved in selecting and appointing a new Archbishop of Canterbury and continue to pray for healings of all hurts over the safeguarding issues. Continue to pray for King Charles, the Princess of Wales for healing and strength for them and for all the Royal Family and for others known to you who need a special touch of God's hand of healing.

#### The Diocese

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.

#### Mondays:

#### Diocese continued.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide all plans and preparations for the season of Lent, for the many study groups within churches and ecumenically that those involved will deepen their spiritual journey as we prepare for the season of Holy Week and Easter. Pray for all clergy in whatever domination for their



protection, for anointing, wisdom and guidance as they seek to be the light and love of Jesus where they minister.

### **Archdeaconry of Rochester:**

Give thanks and pray for Revd Sandra McCalla as she begins her role as the new Archdeacon of Rochester, give thanks for Revd Andrew Davey and his ministry as Interim Archdeacon.

Continue to pray for the many churches across the Diocese that are in vacancy. Pray for the lay leadership in those parishes who are working tirelessly to keep things in order. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the right person to fill these vacancies.

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.



### **Tuesdays:**

#### **Swanscombe Deanery**

Pray for Revd Charlie Lloyd-Evans, the new Area Dean and for the parishes of Stone, Greenhithe, Swanscombe, Istead Rise, Southfleet, Northfleet and Rosherville as they settle into the new Deanery that they will work together as one. 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.

As we approach the spring after several months of global record-breaking heat pray that the Lord will inspire and guide those who are trying to bring down the carbon emissions before it is too late. Pray for wisdom, creativity and innovation in conservation, industry and the environment and pray against greed that our world, of which we are stewards, will be cared for in a way that is honouring to God and to our fellow human beings. Pray that the most poor and vulnerable in world will not suffer at the hands of the wealthy and powerful nations.



### **Wednesdays:**

#### **Rochester Deanery:**

Pray for the Area Dean Revd Martyn Saunders and a blessing on him and his ministry.

St Paul with All Saints, Chatham: Give thanks for the young people engaged in Growing Leaders for Youth and please pray for the LoudSpeaker Youth event on 15<sup>th</sup> March for teenagers across Chatham.

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. Pray for those keeping the churches going while in an interregnum. Continue to pray for St John's Chatham and their building works and that the work would continue on schedule. Pray for the church community as it continues to grow whilst worshipping with Emmaus URC at Emmaus Christian Centre.



### **Thursdays:**

#### **Gravesend Deanery:**

Pray for God's blessing on the Area Dean Rev. Nigel Bourne and all the parishes they serve.

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.

Gravesend Street and School Pastors: pray for their ministry and for more volunteers, pray for the fragile nighttime economy and for the homeless give them wisdom and strength in their ministry. Pray for Nigel, Ruth, Mike and Rev David in their various roles.

### **Fridays:**

#### **Dartford Deanery and Gillingham Deanery**

Pray for God's blessing on Father Dane Batley-Gladdenn Area Dean and give thanks for the new Area Dean of Gillingham Revd Mike Nelson and all churches in the deaneries and blessings on all that God is doing.