

Strood Deanery.

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

St Nicholas, Strood: (interregnum) pray for Ken and Elaine, churchwardens and parish representatives; for discernment and guidance for all those interviewing and being interviewed on 9th Sept.

St Margaret, High Halstow and All Saints, Allhallows (interregnum): pray for John, June and Richard the churchwardens and for wisdom and guidance for all those involved in the early stages of the interregnum and plans for the future. **All Saints, Frindsbury and St Philip and St James, Upnor** (Revd Nicholas Cooper) Thanks for encouraging signs of growth amongst families. Pray for the skills and resources to nurture them and for a new Men's Enquirers Group; for refreshment and renewal amongst the Staff Team.

St Helen, Cliffe (Revd Clifford Stocking). Pray that God will continue to bless our new Community Hub and Coffee Shop so that it might be a central part of the life of our village.

Saturdays:

Cobham Deanery:

Pray for Revd Helen Reeves, Area Dean. Lord we pray your blessing upon: The Rural North West Kent Group Messy Church restarting after several years rest in September. A new chapter of schools work across Fawkhan & Hartley and Longfield. The prayer initiative at Ash Church, which begins in September. The parishes of Istead Rise and Southfleet as they move from the Cobham Deanery to the newly formed Swanscombe Deanery. All who pray and work for your kingdom to come and the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we discern your will.

Community Engagement and Social Action Team:

Pray for Claire Wells as she becomes a permanent member of the team at Hospice in the Weald as Chaplain, pray a blessing as she moves forward in her ministry. Give thanks for the work of CESAT as they work with the communities in various roles of support through the many community engagements. Give thanks for the many Holiday Clubs and Holiday at Homes taken place over the summer, pray that encounters with Jesus will produce lasting fruit.

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The Diocesan Fellowship of Prayers **'Praying the Way'** **September 2024: Archdeaconry of Rochester.** Pray without ceasing

Sundays:

Pray for God's spirit of peace and reconciliation to hover over the land, and pray for spiritual revival after the riots and violence. Pray that those in authority will have wisdom and discernment in the right way to address the various issues that arose, that there will be restraint on the destructive uses of social media and that truth will avail. Pray for those families who are grieving through knife crimes and open the eyes of those who seek to use these weapons to see the dangers that it causes.

Pray for our government that they may be govern wisely, justly and work for the common good of all peoples. 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. Continue to pray for King Charles, the Princess of Wales, for healing and strength and 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; for Archdeacons Andy, Sharon and Allie, pray for a blessing in all their ministries.

Mondays:

Archdeaconry of Rochester:

Give thanks for the ministry of Archdeacon Andy Wooding-Jones and his wife Margaret for all that they have done in Diocese and pray a blessing on them as they move into the next stage of their ministry and spiritual journey. Pray that the farewell service in Rochester Cathedral will be special.

Pray for all churches who are in vacancy, that the person of God's choice



will be appointed and for all those who are ministering in their parishes during the interregnums. Pray for all new academic year, for those who are beginning another step in their education journey, may it be time of excitement for learning and remove all anxieties. Pray also for all staff that they will return refreshed and renewed ready to take on the challenges of another academic year.

Tuesdays:

Archdeaconry of Rochester cont.

Pray for the parishes of Stone, Greenhithe, Swanscombe, Istead Rise, Southfleet, Northfleet and Rosherville as they become the Deanery of Swanscombe on 1st September.

For the right responses to all the opportunities presented by the new community in Ebbsfleet Garden City. For Andrew Davey as he takes on responsibilities as the Interim Archdeacon of Rochester. There are many opinions about the new Thames Crossing in the Archdeaconry, pray for all impacted in different ways by this new proposed development. Pray for hospital, school, prison, military and KWM Chaplains serving across the Archdeaconry. Pray for all Anna Chaplains and Friends as they befriend and minister to the frail and vulnerable. Pray for all those being ordained on 28th September in Rochester Cathedral.

Wednesdays:

Rochester Deanery:

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

Christ the King, Princes Park: pray for them while their interregnum continues and that God will send the right person to fill the post. **St Justus: Rochester:** for Folake Makanjuola as she settles into life at St Justus. **St John's Chatham:** for Martyn during his sabbatical, that he will have a restful and helpful time from the parish; for the church as they continue running as usual in his absence. Pray and give thanks for the building work in St John's building, for contractors working there and everyone else involved. Give thanks for the time worshipping with the URC at the Emmaus Christian Centre, pray for their congregation as they welcomed us and for their future time once we vacate the building.



St Stephen's Chatham: pray for Barry as he returns to parish life after his sabbatical, pray that he can apply and assimilate all that he has learnt while away.

Christ Church, Luton: give thanks that God is working here but have an incredible amount of sickness at the moment, prayers that they would be build us and rejoicing together at what God is doing. Give thanks for the Recovery Course (for addicts of any kind) and pray for the right people to attend the next one in January.

Thursdays:

Gravesend Deanery:

Pray for the Area Dean Rev. Nigel Bourne. Pray for the plans for a new Deanery, for wisdom and guidance in the way forward.

St Botolph's Church: Give thanks for the generous response raised for the KSS Air Ambulance in memory of Helen Smith; for progress on the various building

works at church to become a hub of activity and growth for congregation and community; for Second Saturday Prayer meeting in September, Northfleet Civic service on 22nd and Autumn Messy church.

St George, Gravesend: Give thanks for our Holiday Club and blessings; pray for our new Men's Peer Support Group. Pray for those being confirmed and the service on 22nd Sept. with **Christ Church Milton** may they be blessed in the new phase in their spiritual journey.

St Mary's Greenhithe: please pray for an adequate solution to the heating before the cold weather sets in as our boiler has been condemned.

St Mary's, Chalk: For our curate Mark, and others including Bart from Greenhithe being Priested on 28th at Rochester, for all our annual service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on 22nd **All Saint's Perry Street:** For our monthly Saturday cuppa with children's craft and activities on 22nd Sept. pray for more street pastor volunteers.

Fridays:

Dartford and Gillingham Deanery:

Pray for God's blessing on Father Dane Batley-Gladden Area Dean and Area Dean, Rev Canon Brian Senior and all clergy and churches in the deaneries and blessings on all that God is doing in the communities they serve.