# **Fridays**

Friday 18th is Good Friday



God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us Romans 5:8

We pray for blessing on all Good Friday services

## **Orpington Deanery**

- We pray for The Revd Neil Coleman, our Area Dean, and for our Lay Chair Andy Goddard
- We pray for parishes in vacancy: Christ Church Orpington, St Peter & St Paul Cudham and St Mary Downe
  We pray for St Mark Biggin Hill, to be in vacancy from the end of June, and for The Revd Alison Newman (vicar) and Mark (LLM) as they prepare to move, giving thanks for their ministry there

# Saturdays

• We pray for the Bishop's Study Day on 5<sup>th</sup>, which is for clergy and Lay Ministers and takes place in Bishop Justus School, Bromley

#### Saturday 19th is Easter Eve

We pray for all Easter Vigils and Holy Saturday services

#### Sidcup Deanery

- ❖ We give thanks and pray for The Revd Ian Smith, our Area Dean
- ❖ We pray for Lay Chair Andrew Young
- We pray for parishes in vacancy: Bexley Team, for the Rector and one of the Team Vicar posts, St Andrew Sidcup, and Holy Trinity Lamorbey

#### Our World

• We commit to God's mercy the many areas of conflict throughout the world. Pray for Ukraine, Syria, the Holy Land, and places that receive little publicity

The Diocesan Fellowship of Pray-ers

'Praying the Way'

April 2025:

# The Archdeaconry of Bromley & Bexley

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory. Amen

Compiled by Jenny Smith, Diocesan Prayer Coordinator for Bromley & Bexley

# Sundays

#### Sunday 20th is Easter Sunday



#### He is risen! Alleluia!

# We pray for a blessed Holy Week and Easter

- ❖ We pray God's blessing on our King, Queen, and Royal Family. We thank God for the continued recovery of the King and the Princess of Wales
- We pray for Bishops Jonathan and Simon
- We pray for Archdeacon Allie Kerr and our new Archdeacons, The Ven Sandra McCalla (Rochester) and The Ven Nick Cornell (Tonbridge)
- We pray for all at the Diocesan Office, at Bishopscourt, and for the Dean and Chapter of Rochester Cathedral
- We pray for our national government, that it may make wise and compassionate decisions that benefit all
- We pray for our local government. Take a few moments to pray for your local Council and MP
- We pray for schools and colleges as they look to the Easter holidays
- We pray for all who seek guidance from the Holy Spirit and pray for God's kingdom to come. We pray that more people will engage in intercessory prayer

# **Mondays**

## **Beckenham Deanery**

- ❖ We pray for our Lay Chair, Sarah Poole
- We give thanks and pray for The Revd Richard Jones as he begins his tenure of ministry as Area Dean, having been commissioned in March
- ❖ We pray for The Revd Nick Pucenot, Vicar Designate of **St John Eden Park**
- We pray for The Revd Dave Edmondson, Vicar Designate of St Mary Shortlands

### Community Engagement & Social Action

• We pray for the work of the CESA Team as they support churches and communities in Bromley & Bexley

# Tuesdays

### **Bromley Deanery**

We pray for our Area Dean, The Revd Andrew McClellan, and for our Lay Chair, Cath Johnston

- We in The Annunciation Chislehurst thank God for the leadership of our churchwardens and PCC, and for the commitment of our congregation, as we move through an interregnum. We pray for the wise appointment of a new vicar
- We pray for all those that live at Bromley and Sheppard's Colleges, and for the successful appointment of a new Chaplain
- We in Christ Church Bromley ask for prayer as we look to recruit a staff member to work with children and families to support the existing team and to assist in the blessing of growing numbers
- We also ask for prayer for our regular outreach programmes such as BIG for primary age children, Lunch Club for seniors, and Lighthouse for families with very small children
- ❖ We pray for **St Mark Bromley**, currently in vacancy
- ❖ St Mary the Virgin asks for prayer as we explore the needs of our local community. May the Lord's Spirit guide us to strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship. Grant us the wisdom to communicate effectively and to listen attentively. May our community be a place of acceptance, support and encouragement
- We pray for The Revd Rachel Curley of St Nicholas Chislehurst, installed in March as Rector, giving thanks for her ministry in this place

# Wednesdays

## **Licensed Lay Ministry**

- We give thanks for Lay Ministers and all who volunteer in our churches, for all retired and PTO ministers and churchwardens, especially those with extra responsibilities during interregna
- ❖ We pray for all chaplains and chaplaincies
- We thank God for his faithfulness in the ever-changing seasons, for the beauty of spring flowers and the song of birds. We pray that world leaders will be mindful that this is God's creation and will treat our planet with respect

# Thursdays

#### Thursday 17th is Maundy Thursday

We pray for all services on Maundy Thursday and throughout the Triduum until the joy of Easter Day

We pray for the Maundy Thursday Cathedral Chrism Service and give thanks for all ministers in the Diocese

#### Erith Deanery

- ❖ We give thanks and pray for The Revd Jim Bennett, our Area Dean
- ❖ We pray for Lay Chair Susan Adams
- We pray for St John Welling, currently in vacancy We pray for The Revd Ethlyn Roy-Johnson, the new vicar of All Saints Belvedere, who was licensed in February