

Fridays:

Dartford Deanery and Gillingham Deanery.

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

Strood Deanery:

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

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.

Continue to lift before the Lord our persecuted brothers and sisters, in a moment of silence pray for them that they will be sustained by the Lord and will know his love and saving grace.

Saturdays:

Cobham Deanery

Give thanks and a blessing for the ministry of Scott Norwood Witts who is assistant curate in the Group. Pray for the appointment of a new Area Dean. 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.

Community Engagement and Social Action Team:

Give thanks for the work of CESAT as they work with the communities throughout the many community engagements. Pray for the initiatives with the Church Against Poverty charity to help those in debt. Give thanks for the many Foodbanks who are helping families during the school holiday, pray for the charities to receive sufficient financial and human resources to respond effectively to the growing challenges that our communities face.

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The Diocesan Fellowship of Prayer-ers **Archdeaconry of Rochester September 2025** **'Pray without ceasing'**

Sundays:

As we have just commemorated the 80th Anniversary of VJ day and remembering the sacrifices made all those years ago we continue to pray for the peace of our world. We lament before our Lord on the destruction through wars and conflict in so many places, where whole communities are being threatened or wiped out and where there seems to be no end to it all. Help us to remember that in it all the Lord is there working through his people and by his Spirit and let us all pray the prayer of St Francis of Assisi; **Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light and where there is sadness, joy. Amen**

In a moment of silence lay before the Lord the areas of the world that are on your heart.

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. Continue to pray for King Charles and for all the Royal Family in their work and ministry

The Diocese

Give thanks and 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, for strength, healing and anointing.

Mondays:

The Diocese (cont)

Pray for all those who will be beginning school/ nursery; those transferring to secondary education, college or university and for those returning to a



new class that they will soon settle into their new places; that will calm any anxiety and worries and that they will be willing and excited to term ahead. Pray for all those who work in education that they that they are refreshed and renewed after a break and will have the strength and stamina of the term ahead.

Archdeaconry of Rochester:

Pray for Revd Sandra McCalla in her role as Archdeacon of Rochester bless her in her ministry as she gets to know the Archdeaconry. 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 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

Tuesdays:

Swanscombe Deanery:

Pray for Revd Charlie Lloyd-Evans, the Area Dean. Pray for the Confirmation Preparation Classes starting in August every Wednesday from 6-7pm; for the pre-confirmation retreat morning and rehearsal on 4th October at **St Barnabas Istead Rise** and pray for the Deanery Confirmation service there on **5th October**. Give thanks for those across the Deanery who are preparing to make their public commitment to God through Confirmation and pray for them

St Mary's Greenhithe and St Peter's and St Paul's Swanscombe Alpha course starting on Saturday 13th September from 9.30am-11-15am until 15th November. Pray that there will be those from our communities who use our church buildings during the week for various activities who will be drawn to take part in the Alpha course. Give thanks as the churches meet and begin to come together in the new deanery, pray for the continued support and harmony that there will be a strong witness to the communities they serve.

With periods of intense heat and again lack of rainfall here yet with devastating floods in other parts of the world; with uncertainty over treaties to whether to cease plastic production and the concerns for our nature and environment and the risk to all life from the dangers of micro plastics please continue to pray for the 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 John's Chatham: Give thanks for the progress of the renovation works. Pray for wisdom as the congregation returns to the building in the Autumn. Give thanks for the shared working with the congregation of Emmaus Christian Centre and seek God's continued blessings on them.

St Philip and St James Chatham: Give thanks for the new people getting involved for the privilege of being able to run Bags of Hope again and pray for strength and peace for those in leadership. Give thanks for all the Holiday Clubs for children and young people and for Holidays at Home for the elderly held throughout our Archdeaconry. Pray that the encounters made that day will bear fruit and that those attending will be drawn more deeply into our worshipping communities.

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.

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.

Pray for the valuable contribution to the nighttime life by the Gravesend Street and School Pastor; pray for good opportunities to share the gospel by words and actions. Pray for more volunteers.

