



### PRAYER SPACE – 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

DIOCESE	A PRAYER FOR ADVENT Like a blown fuse in a string of lights, the smallest loss can steal away our joy and leave our hearts in shadow. In the darkness of today, look for the coming of the one whose humble birth brought light and life to the world. Where have we seen small sparks of joy this week? (Jon Marlow, Diocesan Director of Ordinands)
MAIDSTONE DEANERY	Those parishes in interregnum as they manage their churches during the time of vacancy and develop their Parish Profiles as they look to a new incumbent. St Paul's and All Saints with St Phillips & St Stephens
RESIDENTS	Tonbridge Road, Terrace Road, Tichborne Close, Greenway, Hadlow Close, Hambledon Court
COMMUNITY	1 <sup>st</sup> Allington Brownies
CHARITY OF THE MONTH	Through The Roof – changing lives for those living with disability
SICK & ANXIOUS	Tanay, Dawson, Kirsty, Paul Middleditch, Betty Hildebrand, Gordon Lorimer, Amy Bates, Connie Davies, Alan & Rosemary Watson, Jonathan & Sue Veira, Betty Chantler, Pauline Holbrook, Arthur Pilbeam, Emma, Heather Lewton, Betty King, Belinda Pearce, Freda Pearce, Jenny White, Margaret Bodkin, John Dickens, Grace, Briony Ireland
BEREAVED	Jean Taylor, Judy Thomson, Margaret Plummer, Martin Smith, Clifford Brett

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If you wish to add a name to the Prayer Space please ensure that you have their, or their family's permission. Our prayer space provides a 'cycle of prayer', throughout the year, around church, local community and beyond.

#### WEEKLY PRAYERS

'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures for ever.' Psalm 106:1

We give you our praise: our heavenly Father, you are eternal, with you there is no beginning and no end. You have loved us without ceasing, so much so that you sent Jesus into the world to atone for our transgressions. As we prepare to remember His lowly birth, remind us of the sacrifice He made so that we might have fullness of life.

We are living in strange and uncertain times, but the celebration of Jesus birth is the same as every year. Please, Lord, help us to rejoice. We may not be able to celebrate with friends and family as is our custom, but your truth remains the same. The same stars are above us as were present when our Saviour was born. Thank you, Lord, for the timelessness of your creation.

Help us, Lord, to be still, to open our hearts to the wonder of your coming, to be thankful for all those people who have shaped us, who gave time to us. May we be mindful of those to whom we can pass on that blessing

We pray for all those who are alone, for those trapped in a cycle of brokenness, poverty, addiction, all those for whom Christmas is not a time of blessing, they are precious to you. May they meet with you and be released into new life.

Let us lift up to you our leaders, whether political, business, scientific, medical, may you raise up men and women of integrity and wisdom to lead others. Let your kingdom come into our world situation. We pray for them all, please show the way forward.

Jesus was born into a troubled world, He came to bring peace to those who received Him. Let Him reign this Christmas in our hearts and may those for whom we pray encounter His love and truth this year.

Thank you for everyone who has gone the extra mile to relieve suffering during this pandemic, may they be refreshed and restored.

'Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to know Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear;' Hosea 6:3. As true for us now as for Israel back then.