



### PRAYER SPACE – 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2021

DIOCESE	Sittingbourne Deanery. Area Dean: Mike Resch, Lay Chair: Phil Bromwich
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	Warden Close, Waterside Gate, Westree Road Marigold Way, Melford Drive
COMMUNITY	1st Allington Rainbows
CHARITY OF THE MONTH	Church Army
SICK & ANXIOUS	Tanay, Dawson, Kirsty, Paul Middleditch, Betty Hildebrand, Gordon Lorimer, Amy Bates, Alan & Rosemary Watson, Jonathan & Sue Veira, Mick Smith and the Cummins Family, Robin Barnes, Betty Chantler, Pauline Holbrook, Arthur Pilbeam, Heather Lewton, Betty King, Belinda Pearce, Freda Pearce, Grace
BEREAVED	Judy Thomson, Doreen Willis, Denis Aynsley, Clifford Brett, Roger Chambers, Connie Davies, Mavis Smith, Geoffrey Mann, Brenda Harris, John Coates, Shaun Joiner, Ray Newick, Peter Selby

If you have a particular need you would like us to pray for please use the following contact details;

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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

'When you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you and pray to your Father in private.' Matt 6:6  
 Lord, we ask that, as we come into your presence, we may shut out the clamour of the world, quiet our minds, set aside our concerns and distractions and enter into Your comforting presence, be enveloped by Your love. Help us, Lord, to focus on You, draw strength from You, to be quiet before You.

'And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.' Matt 28:20  
 Lord, whether we are leaving a year of joys or a year of trials, we pause to give You thanks for being with us throughout. We pray for all those who don't have the reassurance of your presence, for those who've turned away, may they come to know the joy of a relationship with you.

Sometimes, Lord, it's so difficult to see the way forward. Please enable us to see that your plan is still in effect, regardless of how this last year has been we can move forward knowing that Your presence is with us. Give us the Grace to move on without looking back at what has gone before. 'Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing.' ( Isaiah 43:18)

'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.' Romans 12:18  
 We pray that when there is so much in the world that causes division, Covid, Vaccines, Brexit, politics, we may push past every divisive issue and bring reconciliation where possible. Let Your church be a beacon of hope in a damaged world. We ask for your Holy Spirit to give us Grace, compassion and love so that Jesus is glorified.

We continue to pray for all those who are facing enormous challenges in their work and their lives. We thank you for the dedication of so many people who keep our country functioning. Give them strength and reassurance, may they have hope.