



PRAYER SPACE – 28th February, 2021

DIOCESE	<p>Praying for front line workers Lord we pray for your peace into troubled lives, and for strength and support for those ministering to those injured; especially when trying to support those who see the church as part of the problem, not part of the solution. Brexit, Covid and Migration have made life very difficult for some on the coastal front-line of the diocese, chaplains, clergy and laity, caught between the desire to help, legislation and the concerns of local people who have been hurt in the various situations. (Prayer Request written by David Slater - Joint Lead for Kent Emergency Chaplains Scheme)</p>
MAIDSTONE DEANERY	<p>St Paul's, Boxley Road, currently in vacancy. Pray for them as they develop a parish profile as part of the process of seeking a new incumbent and, in the meantime, as they work to keep the worshipping community connected.</p>
RESIDENTS	<p>Brunell Close, Buckland Lane, Beckenham Drive, Sherbourne Drive, Sissinghurst Drive</p>
COMMUNITY	<p>Finance Committee</p>
CHARITY OF THE MONTH	<p>Church Army</p>
SICK & ANXIOUS	<p>Tanay, Dawson, Kirsty, Betty Hildebrand, Gordon Lorimer, Amy Bates, Alan & Rosemary Watson, Jonathan & Sue Veira, Mick Smith and the Cummins Family, Michael Froude, Connie Neaves, Betty Chantler, Pauline Holbrook, Arthur Pilbeam, Belinda Pearce, Freda Pearce, Grace, Margaret Bodkin, Fran Callaghan, John Dickens</p>
BEREAVED	<p>Paul Middleditch, Joan Jackson, Patricia Poole, Audrey Greenfield, Betty King, Edna Cooney, John Gravenell, Heather Lewton, Maureen Bradley</p>

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

Our Lord God, we come to you knowing that our words are inadequate but that your Spirit can express our deepest desires; and we praise you that there is deep love and sympathy in your heart. You are always more ready to listen than we are to pray- so Lord God, pour your life into us this day, that we may have a greater desire for your glory: we want our lives to overflow with your joy. We praise you that we can offer our worship and prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Dear Lord, through baptism, you have called us to share the good news of our salvation. Open our hearts that we may discern this calling in our respective paths of life. We are gifted in so many ways. Help us to recognise these gifts and have the courage to use them, surrendering ourselves to you as we serve. Strengthen us during this global pandemic so that we may be joyful as we seek to make a difference in people's lives. Fill us, O Lord with your Holy Spirit that we may have the courage to respond to this calling daily. AMEN (Prayer written by Malcolm Gavin, Churchwarden at St. Martin's, Dover)

We give thanks for the team who minister and serve in our Parishes and for those who reach out in our communities, supporting and caring for those who are isolated, vulnerable and lonely at this time. We pray too for our local schools and their teachers as they plan to reopen and for all whose lives are affected by the difficulties and challenges of lock down. We pray that our churches may continue to shine as beacons of God's love in our communities. In Jesus name, we pray AMEN

Lord God, we acknowledge you as our Creator and loving Father and we thank you for the precious gift of prayer; it is wonderful to know that you are ready to listen whenever we speak to you; help us to be ready to listen whenever you speak to us. Thank you, Lord, for prayer which is our lifeline in every situation, for we know that you are always present with us when we pray, even when our prayers are inadequate. In prayer help us to receive your love, your forgiveness, your cleansing, your healing, your comfort, your peace, your power, your guidance, your grace- and your Spirit of holiness. Then shall we praise you with joy in our hearts, rejoicing in Christ's name. AMEN