



### PRAYER SPACE – 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

DIOCESE	<b>Listening and discerning on the way</b> God, we thought you worked through strength, intelligence, wealth, status. Even as followers of Jesus, we still seem to think in these ways! But in this pandemic you have slowed us down, stopped us in our tracks, and given us gifts of simplicity and stillness. We have been noticing you more, and others, and you in them. And often it has surprised us and humbled us. Turn us upside down, O God, and lift high the humble, in the name of the one who humbled himself for our sake. Amen. (Prayer request written by Steve Coneys - Mission and Growth Advisor)
MAIDSTONE DEANERY	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.
RESIDENTS	Bentlif Close, Buckland Hill, Buckland Lane, Buckland Road, St Helier's Close, St Margaret's Close
COMMUNITY	Social & Fundraising Committee
CHARITY	CAST/Family Trust
SICK & ANXIOUS	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, Freda Pearce, Grace, Margaret Bodkin, Fran Callaghan, Sheila Thomas
BEREAVED	Paul Middleditch, David Smail, Maureen Bradley, Belinda Pearce, Doreen Batchelor, Sedge Waterman, Arthur Alldridge, Charles Baldey

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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

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you and you shall be comforted, says the Lord. (From Isaiah 66:13).

O God, who sees us from heaven, we come to you this day praising you for every experience we have of your loving care. We thank you for Jesus Christ our Saviour who came to demonstrate and fulfil your love towards us, your created children. We are amazed and wonder as we see your self-giving in Jesus's teaching, his dying and his resurrection. We thank you for all who in the same spirit of caring, concern themselves with us in human relationships: for our parents and the love which brought us into the world- and especially this day for our mothers. We thank you for all mothers who give themselves to the welfare of their children and their homes; for their comforting love and thoughtfulness, for wise training and good examples given to us in early years. For all your gracious family gifts, we praise and thank you now and always, through Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

Ever-loving God, your care for us is greater even than a mother's love for her child; teach us to value a mother's love and see in it an expression of your grace, that we may ever feel more deeply your love for us through Jesus, our Saviour. AMEN.

Heavenly Father, we pray for peace and reconciliation both between and within nations thinking particularly at this time of the people of Myanmar, between and within families thinking at this time of our Queen and members of the Royal Family, those living both in this country and overseas. We pray too for the healing of any rifts which may exist in our own families. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

We give thanks that children in our own country have now been able to return to school. We pray for all teachers as they settle the children back into different regimes. We pray for the children that they may be guided and encouraged in returning to full time education and we pray for all parents especially those who have concern about their children's welfare in the classrooms. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN