



PRAYER SPACE

DIOCESE	CANTERBURY DEANERY Area Dean: Mark Griffin, Lay Chairs: Janet Bentley, Liz Morrison
MAIDSTONE DEANERY	St Faith's and their new building venture The St Faith's Centre. Giving thanks for all that have supported this venture and for having had planning permission granted. Continue to pray for the final funding to be secured, the sale of the old church building to go ahead as planned, and for all the legal and practical matters to be dealt with smoothly.
RESIDENTS	Birnhem Square, Bower Close, Bunyard Way, Unicomes Lane, Victoria Orchard,
COMMUNITY	Church Administrator for St Nicholas as we consider re-advertising
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, Connie Neaves, Derek Richardson Betty Chantler, Pauline Holbrook, Arthur Pilbeam, Freda Pearce, Grace, Peter & Margaret Bodkin, Fran Callaghan, Sheila Thomas, Amy Delahunty, Shirley Thurgood, Emma, Catherine Burch, Betty Clark
DECEASED	Pauline Breach, Shirley Bray, Charles Baldey, Arthur Alldridge, David Smail, Marian Bossans

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

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them "Peace be with you". (John 20:19).

Lord, we watch the news and sometimes it seems that evil and death always have the last word. There is so much fighting, so much pain, and so many deaths. There seems so little we can do except stand and watch from afar like the disciples. But nothing could stop the power of Jesus' love- even on the cross he forgave his enemies; he broke the power of evil and death, his love had the last word. On Easter Day, the tomb was empty and he is risen. That's the best news of all. Thank you for it. AMEN (By Richard Hughes).

God, our creator, we thank you for the gateway of our senses which open up to us rich and formative experiences. For sight through which we appreciate the beauty of nature and the skills of art and with which we behold those who are dear to us. For hearing through which we can appreciate language, conversation, music and sound. For touch which brings us into contact with the texture of materials and gives us the joys of human closeness and friendship. For taste with which we enjoy newly baked bread or the fruits of the earth- deeply satisfying and a blessing to our lives. For smell which saves us from disasters of fire and smoke, yet beckons us to appreciate the sensation of polished furniture or alluring perfumes. O God, how thoroughly you have designed us. Above all we praise you for the sense of your presence and our spiritual well-being in Christ: keep us ever thankful for your love and ever true to your purpose; for the glory of your name. AMEN

As our country begins to emerge from the barrenness of lock down, we pray for all shops and businesses which will re-open this coming week. We pray for all the owners and employees of these businesses that they may be given a fresh impetus to provide a reliable service. We pray too for all pupils and teachers returning to school this week and especially for those who will be facing important examinations later this term. We pray that these openings may not result in a spread of Covid and we pray for nations of the world where this disease is still rife. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

The Lord who made heaven and earth, watch over you; the Lord be close by your side; the Lord guard your life and keep you from harm; the Lord protect you as you come and go and bless you now and for evermore. AMEN (From Psalm 121)