

Prayers for March 2022

Lent is a special time for Christians: a time of grace, of conversion, of renewal.

1. We remember **Saint David**, Patron Saint of Wales, and give thanks for his passion for the Gospel which helped to spread Christianity. May we learn from him on this **Shrove Tuesday** and respond to the words that are thought to be his last: "Be steadfast, and do little things". We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Ridsen, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and for the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.
2. **Ash Wednesday.** All powerful and ever-living God, give us grace to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow you through Christ your Son, more closely in this **holy Season of Lent**. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *Holy Spirit, come to us in times of great challenge, to accompany us on the journey through this Lent, to understanding our true selves. Amen.* We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. **World Day of Prayer.** The theme of the service this year is God's promise, 'I Know the Plans I Have for You'. *Jeremiah 29:11 Focusing on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace.* We pray for the ministry in and from the St Laurence Parish Office. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *Let us concentrate our prayers during this season of Lent, for all living in war torn countries, especially for the people and leaders of Ukraine. We pray for peace. We pray for the leaders of Russia. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. **First Sunday of Lent** *Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to walk this path beside us, as you have done before. Help us to be unwavering in our faith, so that we are never tempted from your road. Amen.* We pray for all shops and businesses in the High Street, and in our village. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. *Compassionate Father, help us to see you in all those who need our support and may we continue to do your work, wherever it is needed. Amen.* We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road. Bless and guide the Queen and all members of the Royal family.
8. **International Women's Day.** *Bless all women who daily strive to bring peace to their communities, their homes and their hearts. We pray for all women who face prejudice, inequality and gender disparities. Amen.* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. *Loving Lord, we thank you for forgiving our sins and ask you to give us the peace that comes from being able to forgive others and ourselves. Amen.* We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.

10. *Jesus Christ, we ask you to guide us with love towards a place of repentance. Allow us to trust your signs as which lead us to the Father. Amen.* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
11. *Dear Lord, Please help us to surrender our sins to you, so that we, like your Son, feel worthy of your love. Help us to seek, to ask, to knock and to receive your loving embrace with trust. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.
12. *Dear Jesus, show us the way to being free from judgement in our heart and in our actions. Sustain us in our practice of forgiveness, so that we may be ever closer to you and the Father. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of St Dunstons, Cranbrook as they begin their interregnum.
13. *Heavenly Father, you show us the way to be free from division and reach deeper in our love. Guide us on this path to loving those we disagree with, letting your light and love do what we struggle with. Amen.* Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road. We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden and the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey.
14. *Lord, help us this Lent to take time to be present with you. Amen.* We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgbury. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.
15. *Lord may we turn humbly to your word, so that we do not lose sight, in our outward display of faith, of your command to be compassionate. Amen.* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for Father Patrice. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.
16. *Lord, may you give us inner strength to serve you in our service to others.* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and the Vicar Rev Ashley Evans.
17. ***St Patrick, Patron of Ireland.*** *St Patrick tells us that he arises "through the strength of heaven". God's might to uphold me; God's wisdom to guide me...God's word to speak to me...God's shield to protect me ...afar and near, alone or in a multitude. Amen.* We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk. We pray for all who worship in the Baptist Church in our village, and for the Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.
18. *Lord, may our trust in you nourish our commitment to fulfil the mission you intend for us. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place
19. *What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Mic 6:8b.* We pray for all the schools in our village, for the Headteachers, Staff and pupils and in particular for the Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. *I wait on the Lord, my soul waits. And in His word I hope.* We pray for all living on Slip-mill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sobers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.

21. *Restore to me the joy of your salvation. And uphold me with a willing spirit.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *Lord give me an open heart to see and appreciate the good in all those I encounter today. Amen.* We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *Lord, if there are people I need to forgive, help me to do it today. Amen.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. *A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn. With You is found forgiveness, for this we revere you. Amen.* We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close. We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silke Tezlaff.
25. ***The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*** *Mary's "yes" encourages us to say our "yes" to Jesus. Lord, help me to say "yes". Amen.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
26. *Man does not live on bread alone, but on every Word that comes from the mouth of God.* We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
27. ***Mothering Sunday.*** *This Mothering Sunday we thank God for the people in our lives who have nurtured, cared and shown us the spirit of mothering.* We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane. We pray for Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.
28. *Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God. Deepen our understanding of your perfect love, and help us to be channels of your healing grace in the world. Amen.* We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.
29. *'Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing'* Joel 2:13b. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
30. We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Stephen, Archdeacon and acting Diocesan Secretary, Andrew, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
31. We pray for our Vicar and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery, Fr Rodney Dreyer and his family. We also pray for our Churchwardens, and all the members of our PCC. We remember all the members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.

***Let us continue to prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" until it does.
Come Holy Spirit: gift us with yourself***