

## Prayers for April 2022

### *Alleluia Christ, our hope, is risen. Alleluia!*

1. *As we continue on our journey through Lent, we ask, Lord, that you draw us into an ever deepening relationship with you. Open our hearts and eyes to look both inward and outward, to the Spirit within us and to the world around us. Amen. 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. *Lord, help us to see this time of Lent as an opportunity to continue to develop our discipleship and discipline. Hear our prayers and help us to be aware of what we are asking, that our prayers may truly change us. Amen. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.*
3. **Passiontide begins.** *We worship our Loving Saviour, who chose the way of sacrifice to make known to us the path of life. Amen. We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.*
4. *We worship and praise our Risen Lord, who fills us with hope and joy as we journey along the path of life. Amen. 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. *Christ humbled himself for us, and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross. We thank you, our Saviour, that you did not turn back, and that by your sacrificial obedience you brought us reconciliation with the Father. 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. *As the deer pants for streams of water, so our souls thirst for you, our life-giving God. Psalm 42:1. Jesus, may we drink and be refreshed by your living water today. 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. *Father, help us to make our lives an offering to you, through Christ or Lord. 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. *Lord Jesus, you were tried and tempted by the forces of evil. May we never be ashamed of temptation, but save us from the weakness of giving way to it. Amen. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.*
9. *We pray that we will choose the way of faithfulness rather than popularity, service rather fame, sacrifice rather than power. Amen. We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.*

10. **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.** *Heavenly Father, help all Christians to stay close to Christ in his Passion in Holy Week and to remain loyal to him throughout their lives. Amen. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.*
11. *Jesus our Lord, we kneel beside the woman of Bethany as she pours her costly oil of nard. We offer our lives to be poured out in love and service and our possessions to the poor and distressed. Matthew 26:6-13 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. *Jesus our Brother, as we gaze with you at the fig tree, disappointed to find no fruit, we pray that we may never be unable to offer spiritual fruit to you or our neighbour. Mark 11:12-14. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of St Dunstons, Cranbrook in an interregnum.*
13. *Jesus our Friend, we mourn with you as Judas, chosen by you, offers to sell you for thirty pieces of silver. May we never be tempted by any worldly considerations to betray you or our calling. Matt. 27:3-10. 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. **Maundy Thursday.** *Jesus our Servant, we offer our feet to be washed and our hearts to be cleansed. Jesus our Passover Host, we rejoice again in fellowship with all your people to be nourished with your Body and Blood. Amen. We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgebury. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.*
15. **Good Friday.** *Let us dwell with our Lord in the darkness of Good Friday, longing for Easter to arrive. Jesus, Your open hands are stretched out on the cross. You bear our pain. Renew our lives by the blood and water that flows from your side. 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. **Holy Saturday.** *Today the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell, and awaiting the Resurrection. 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. **Easter Sunday.** *“Christ, my hope, is risen! This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not bypass suffering and death, but passes through them” - a quote by Pope Francis. 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. *Risen Lord Jesus, fill us with Your resurrection light and joy. Give new lift those who are struggling. Give hope to those who most need it. Bless us all this Easter. Amen. We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place*

19. *We give thanks for opportunities to celebrate Easter with friends and family. 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. *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 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. **Anselm of Canterbury.** *We give thanks for the life of St Anselm of Canterbury. We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury and Primates across the Anglican Communion. Amen. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.*
22. **International Earth Day.** *Today we pray for the Earth. May we work together to protect and sustain creation, rather than damage and destroy it. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.*
23. **St George, Patron of England.** *Father, your servant Saint George bore witness to your risen Son, and he suffered a Martyr's death - we thank you for the faith and courage of Saint George, and we ask for his prayers for our country, and for all who are persecuted for their Faith. We pray for the Church of England. Amen. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.*
24. *Lord, you are the God of reconciliation and forgiveness, help us to live in harmony with you and with others, that together we may rise up with one voice to glorify Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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. *Loving Lord, give us strength to face this new week and see the many blessings it holds. Guide our thoughts so that we walk in love and peace and with gratitude in our hearts. 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. *Risen Lord, teach us how to do good, let our hearts seek justice, forgive our sins and bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. Amen. We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.*
27. *Every morning is a new beginning, a new blessing, a new hope. We thank you Lord for this new day. Amen. 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. *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17. We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.*

29. We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Stephen, Archdeacon and Diocesan Secretary, Andrew, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
30. 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***