



## ***Prayers for August 2022***

### ***“God’s Church for God’s world”***

*The Theme for the Lambeth Conference 2022*

***We pray each day during this summer holiday month for refreshment and rest for all on holiday, for a new spirit and a new energy. Let us offer each day to our Father, praying above all that we may have a clear sense of his presence.***

1. *Let us continue to pray on this 7th Day of the Lambeth Conference for all the Bishops, their spouses and for the churches and communities they represent around the world. We pray for them as they explore church and world affairs, and as they pray for Reconciliation and Peace. Amen. We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Ridsden, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and for the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.*
2. *Lambeth Conference Day 8. The Conference will pray for the Environment today. The church has a vital role to play in the global response to the climate crisis. We recall the prayer of St Francis - ‘Help us, gentle Spirit, to have the ears to hear the cries of creation, the eyes to see the tears of creatures on the brink and the will to act to heal suffering all around us’. Amen. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.*
3. *Lambeth Conference Day 9 - Christian Unity. Today the Bishops will explore Christian unity and inter faith Relations. The bishops will pray ‘that we open our hearts to peoples of other faith traditions: where there is a history of hurt and pain, may we see reconciliation; where there are differences in beliefs and practices, may we engage in respectful dialogue; where we have been divided in our mission and values, may we strive to transcend these differences in our shared responsibility for peace and for stewardship of this precious earth’. Amen. We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.*
4. *Lambeth Conference Day 10. Pray for discipleship. The bishops will explore what it means to grow churches that are intentional about discipleship - developing communities of faith that nurture Christians to follow Jesus and develop their spirituality. ‘Holy and loving God, we thank you for calling us to be disciples of Jesus Christ’ 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. *Lambeth Conference Days 11-14. The conference closes with summaries from the week, giving thanks to God for all that has happened and looking to the future - asking what will it mean to be ‘God’s Church for God’s World’ in the decade ahead?*

*Jesus prayer for His Disciples and for All believers in John chapter 17 - 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through the message, that all of them may be one, Father, as just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe .....'* 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. ***The Transfiguration of our Lord.*** Thank you for giving us a glimpse of your glory on the mountain, and for the hope of eternal life. We pray that we become transfigured in Your presence; we pray that when people see us, they see You; thank You Lord. 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. *Today is the closing service at Canterbury Cathedral for the Lambeth Conference. We pray for the bishops as they return to their churches and communities that they represent around the world. We pray that their time together has been blessed and fruitful. Lord in Your Mercy, hear our prayer. 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. *Heavenly Father, your plans for our salvation were rejected by the rulers at that time, and they crucified the Lord of glory - may your ways be known and understood today, so that people come to seek you and Your Kingdom. Amen.* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. ***Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mother's Union.*** Let us pray today, the prayer written by Mary Sumner - "All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breath, or the life I live". Amen. We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
10. We remember ***St Laurence, our Patron*** today. A loving servant of God's people and a wise steward of the treasures of God's church. May we be inspired by his example to love and walk in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
11. *Ever-living God, Saint Paul states clearly that wrongdoers will not enter your Kingdom - we thank you for offering us the way of salvation through your Son, and for giving us grace to grow in his likeness and love. 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. *Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is without end. Amen.* 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. *Father God, open our hearts to accept the words of your Son, that we may follow in the way of Christ, to discern his truth, and to share in his life, for he is our Lord and our God. 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. *Help us, Lord, to make every effort to add to our faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 2 Peter 1:5-7. (Prayer taken from Mothers' Union Prayer Diary)* 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. ***Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary.*** *Lord of heaven and earth, you gave Mary a vital role in your plan of salvation, and you raised her, body and soul, to eternal glory in heaven - we ask that through your mercy and love, we too may one day come to share with Mary in your eternal glory. 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. *Fill us with your love, that we may rejoice. Amen.* 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. *Heavenly Father, you make us members of the Body of Christ through Baptism, and you give us privileges and awesome responsibilities - Lord, help us to understand what you want us to do, and give us grace to fulfil our share of the work for your Kingdom. 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. *'Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long'. Psalm 25:4-5.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place.
19. *Father, we place our future in your hands. Guide our vision, as we look to the future, helping to build a world where all your people can live with safety, joy and fulfilment. Amen.* 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 am the Light of the world. Anyone who follows me will have the light of life'.* 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. *God of eternal love, help us by the Holy Spirit to understand the greatness of your love, and accept this our offering of praise and thanksgiving. Amen.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *Gracious God, help us to surrender more areas of our lives to the influence of the Holy Spirit, and to grow in your love. Amen.* We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.

24. *Almighty God, you gave your **Apostle Bartholomew** grace to believe and preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same. 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. *Lord God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, who opened a new and living way for us to come into your presence. Amen.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates.
26. *Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty.* We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
27. *Let us love not with words or lips only, but in deed and truth. 1 Jn 3:18* We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
28. *Gracious God, strengthen your Church through the wonderful Sacrament of the Altar, and accept our praise and thanks for your goodness and love in Jesus Christ. 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.
29. *Pray always. Heavenly Father, teach us the value of praying always. Grant that every event be the occasion for praying - with lips, heart or deed. Amen.* 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.
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***