

Prayers for June 2023

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

1. **Justin, Martyr at Rome c165.** *O God, who through the folly of the Cross wondrously taught Saint Justin the Martyr the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, grant us, through his intercession, that, having rejected deception and error, we may become steadfast in the faith.* We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Ridsen, Fox-hole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.
2. *Gracious God, help us to open our lives to your searching gaze and so open our hearts to your redeeming love.* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Eph 2:17-18* We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. **Trinity Sunday.** *I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three.* We pray for the ministry in and from the St Laurence Parish Office. We give thanks for the loving and faithful ministry of our Churchwardens, Alison and Liz. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *Gracious God, take the little love we have and fan it into a mighty flame so we may love you as you deserve.* We pray for Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery and also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. *Sovereign God, teach us to hear your voice in the cry of the poor, the hungry, the sick and the oppressed, and teach us, in responding to them, to respond to you.* We pray for the work of the Hawkhurst food bank. 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. *Gracious God, teach us the secret of a love that goes on loving, despite all it faces.* We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road. Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family.
8. *He is patient with you, His will being that none should be lost but that all might come to repentance. 2 Pet 3:9.* We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
9. **Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597.** *Be O Lord, a guiding star above me, a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me and a bright flame before me; today, tonight and forever. Amen.* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.

10. *Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen or heard'. Acts 4:19-20.* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
11. **Barnabas the Apostle.** *Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service.* 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. *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil for you are with me. Ps 23:4.* We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and for their search for a new Vicar.
13. *In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? Jn 14:2.* 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. *Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there also. Ps 139:7-8.* 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. *He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered. The Lord is gracious and merciful. Ps 111:4.* 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. *When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Mt 6:7* 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. **King's Official Birthday.** *Almighty God, we give you thanks for Charles your servant and our King, for his devotion to his family, nation and Commonwealth and to the Earth, our fragile home. We thank you for his faith in you and his love for all peoples and for his call to be our sovereign in such a time as this.* 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. *Sovereign God, we owe you everything, yet by your grace we owe you nothing! Great is your name and greatly to be praised!* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place

19. *Living God, teach us that you did not just make some but all people in your likeness, so teach us to value and respect everyone in the family of humankind.* 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. *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'* Jn 8:12 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. *Lord Jesus Christ, help us to grow in you so that something of you may grow in us, for your name's sake. Amen.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.

22. **Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250.** *Saint Alban, you gave us an example of hospitality by opening your home to one in need and, as a result of this encounter, were completely changed. We ask that through your intercession we may be given the courage to offer help to those who are forced to flee their homes in search of safety.* We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.

23. *The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. Prov 16:1.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.

24. **Birth of St John the Baptist.** *Lord God, when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the baby leapt in her womb: may she who believed your promise be blessed among women, and may we proclaim with joy the good news of your Christ.* 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. **St Laurence Rededication Sunday.** *'Locus iste, a Deo factus est.'* *This place was made by God, an inestimably holy place, without blame.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.

26. *Lord Jesus Christ, when we look for God but do not find him, help us to look to you and so recognize that, seen or unseen, He is at work.* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.

27. **(Final day of GCE/GCSE examinations)** *Heavenly Father we thank you for allowing all students to complete their exams. May the examiners extend kindness and generosity to the candidates and may all the results be used for your glory.* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work in our local doctors' surgeries and at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane.

28. **Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200.** *He is the only God, the only Lord, the only Creator, the only Father, alone containing all things, and Himself*

commanding all things into existence. (Against Heresies 2.I.1). 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. **St Peter and St Paul.** *Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover, Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon and Diocesan Secretary and Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
30. *Loving God, help us to see around us the seeds of your kingdom, and to nurture them lovingly until that day dawns when your will is done and you are all in all.* We pray for our Vicar, Fr Rodney Dreyer and his family. We continue to pray for our Churchwardens, and all the members of our PCC. We remember all the members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2.46-47