

Prayers for July 2023

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

1. *We pray for strength and steadfastness in the work of repairing the world. In all things may we honour you and the dignity of each person. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Risdén, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.
2. *Healing God, May we look to You in uncertain times. Let us take the words of your Son to heart: "Do not fear, only believe".* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *Let us remember the life and works of St Thomas the Apostle. May we cast aside our scepticism and choose the way that Jesus taught us.* We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.
4. *Almighty God. You are the source of all wisdom and truth. Nourish us by your Living Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may love and serve you faithfully this day, and always.* 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. *Let us pray for our theological institutions, teachers and scholars and for the work of theological education and churches together.* 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. *We give thanks to all who have answered your call to ministry and all who educate and support them to shape them for your service.* May you challenge and nurture them with your Word. 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. *Proverbs 3:19-22: By wisdom, the Lord laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place; by his knowledge the watery depths were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew. My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.* 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. *We pray for all who have a desire and passion for theology that they may be given the opportunities to study and learn more and that they are able to share their knowledge with the wider communion.* We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.

9. *“The Earth is the Lord’s and everything in it”. O God, We have profoundly damaged Creation. Give us the strength to recover what we h* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
10. *We pray for South India, an area which continues to battle extreme weather and droughts leaving lasting impacts on their communities.* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road.
11. **St Benedict.** *Glory to you our God and Father for the example and teaching of your servant Benedict. He has shown us the way of life, a straight course to our creator.* 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. *We pray for the Earth, for nature, for all that surrounds us.* Help us care for it and protect it. 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. *We bring before you our world leaders and governments as they make decisions around the environment and climate. May they work together with the understanding that all must be involved to create change.* 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. *Today we reflect that we cannot leave the care of the planet to the young. May we all do our bit to protect our environment and God’s precious creation.* 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. *(World Youth Skills Day) Let us pray for young people. As they enter a world filled with uncertainty, may You guide them. We pray for skills programmes such as eco-learning that encourage young people to become ambassadors for the environment, protecting our precious world.* 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 we secure justice and equality for every human being, an end to all division, and a human society built on love and peace.* 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. *Loving God we pray for the Filipino Church – for all their important work alongside Indigenous communities.* 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. *(Nelson Mandela Day) We thank God for the life of Nelson Mandela. For all he did to fight against injustice and bring equality to all to live in peace.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place

19. *We pray for the people of the Philippines as they face uncertainty and unrest in their country. Lord bring peace and stability.* 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. *Help us remember Lord, in all that we do, that we are all your children. We are all equal.* 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 peace, pour your love on this fractured world and heal the divisions that grow wider day by day. Guide our leaders, so that they might respect the right of all human beings to live in peace.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *Let us reflect today that all human life belongs to God. We have been created in the image of God, crowned with dignity and honour.* We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *Heavenly Father Thank you that we can forge new paths Help us learn from the past and seek your will in the present And lay our plans before you. Amen.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. *Let us pray for the Province of the West Indies, for their service in the mission of 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. *We thank God that we are able to meet in person now following Covid-19 so that relationships can strengthen, and important conversations take place.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
26. *Help us Lord, that by understanding our past, we can help tackle modern-day slavery and human trafficking.* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
27. *We thank you Lord for all Primates, Church leaders and representatives from across the Anglican Communion. By the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit, may they be given a right judgement in all things.* 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. *We pray for all the staff, trustees and volunteers for all they do to bring the mission and objectives of their organisations to fruition.* 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. *Give us grace Lord to truly listen with open hearts and minds, even when conversations are difficult.* 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. *(World Day Against Trafficking in Persons) Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9.* 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.
- 31 *Help us Lord to speak up for modern-day slavery around the world. To be vigilant and aware in our communities. We pray that through our actions we can help bring an end to human trafficking*

Let us continue to prayer “Thy Kingdom Come” until it does.

Come Holy Spirit: gift us with yourself.