

Prayers for October 2023

Eternal God, You have set before us a banquet of beauty and love; Expand our hearts to care for your creation, And extend our tables to all in need of home. Amen

1. **Harvest Sunday.** We pray for all who work in the farming and fishing industries. Help us to be thankful for the labours that go to provide food for our tables. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
2. 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 the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.
3. We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.
4. St Francis of Assisi - *Lord, make us instruments of your peace.* We pray for all members of the Franciscan Order throughout the world. We pray for the Synod starting Rome today. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. Living God, help us not to look at what we are, nor at what we can do, but rather at what you can achieve within us by your grace. 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. William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures. 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. 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 work for the emergency services, Police, the Fire Service, Ambulance workers and the Coastguard. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. We pray for all who work in the shops, pubs and restaurants in the village. We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Peter Deaves.
10. Thomas Traherne, Poet. *'He in our childhood with us walks, And with our thoughts mysteriously he talks.'* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
11. 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 all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and for their new Vicar, Rev. Richard King and his family. We pray for him as he prepares to be instituted on the 25th. October. We pray for the Deanery Roadshow to be held on this evening with Bishop Rose.

13. 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. We pray for all refugees in our parish and throughout the United Kingdom and for their relatives that they left behind in their own countries. 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. Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith. - *Lord, grant that we may always allow ourselves to be guided by You, always follow Your plans, and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will.* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.
16. We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartenokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and the Vicar Rev Ashley Evans.
17. 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 Goths and his family.
18. St Luke the Evangelist. We pray for all Doctors, Nurses and other workers in our NHS. We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place
19. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oak field and Theobalds.
20. 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. We pray for all the schools in our village as they break for the end of term 1, for the Headteachers, Staff, pupils and parents. In particular we pray for Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School and the Headteacher Jodi Hacker. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. Today we pray for all church musicians, particularly our own choir and the Organist and Choirmaster, Charlotte O'Neill. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. 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 pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
26. We pray for all those who are struggling to cope financially during the current cost of living crisis. We pray for the work of the Trussell Trust and for the volunteers at Hawkhurst Food Bank in the Baptist Hall supported by all the churches in Hawkhurst. We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.

27. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane. We pray for Revd. David Commander, Area Dean and Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.
28. Simon and Jude, Apostles. We pray Lord that we should be zealous in our worship of you and that we should never lose hope in your saving grace. We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.
29. We keep in our prayers 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, Stephen, Archdeacon and acting Diocesan Secretary and Andrew, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
31. All Hallows Eve. We also on this day remember Martin Luther, Reformer. We pray for our Vicar 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.

Dearest God and Lord, strengthen and uphold us in your pure, precious Word through Jesus Christ our Lord, and help us to show and live our thanks with our fruits of faith to your praise and thanks forever. – Martin Luther