

Prayers for June 2025

Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire; thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

[John Cosin (1594-1672) after Rabanus Maurus (c.776-856)]

1. ***Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day.*** *Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy. [Ps 99:9].* We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Risden, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons during their interregnum.
2. *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music. [Ps 98:4].* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. [Ps 106:1].* We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. *Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century. Almighty God, by whose grace Petroc, kindled with the fire of your love, became a burning and shining light in our nation: inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love, that we may ever walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..* We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754. Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and for evermore. [Ps 113:1-2].* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for their Minister Father Ethelbert Ukpabi. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. *Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand when I awake, I am still with you. [Ps:139:17-18].* Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. *The Lord will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. [Ps 121:7-8].* We pray today for all the schools in our village, in particular for Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School, the Headteacher Jodi Hacker, the staff, governors, volunteers, and parents. We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.
8. ***Pentecost.*** *'And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting....all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' [Acts 2: 2-4].* We pray today for all those being confirmed in the Deanery Confirmation service at Staplehurst Church today. We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silke Tezlaff. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. *Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. [Ps 126:3].* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Community Hospital. We pray and give thanks for all who work in the emergency services. We remember the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.

10. *How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! [Ps 133:1].* We pray for all who work in and own shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses in the High Street, in our village, especially during the period of the road closures. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road.
11. ***Barnabas the Apostle.*** *He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. [Acts 11:24].* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane.
12. *Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. [Ps 146:1-2].* We remember today the Food 4 Families food bank in Hawkhurst, for the volunteers and for all those who need its services. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and their Vicar Revd. Richard King.
13. *I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. [Ps 145:1-2].* 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. *Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! [Ps 147:1].* 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. ***Trinity Sunday.*** *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. [Matt 28:19-20].* We pray today for all ordinands and those in training for Licensed Lay Ministry. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.
16. *Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell during their interregnum.
17. *Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936. Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favour as with a shield. [Ps 5:12].* 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 their Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.
18. *Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. [Ps 119:10].* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill.
19. ***Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi).*** *For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. [1 Cor 11:26].* We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.[Ps 19:1].* We pray for all living on Slipmill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sopers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam during their interregnum.
21. *Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. [Ps 23:6].* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.

22. **First Sunday after Trinity.** *Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250. 'I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things.'* [St Alban]. We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678. Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.* [Ps 30:4]. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. **Birth of John the Baptist.** *And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,* [Lk 1:76]. We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.
25. *Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.* [Ps 34:3]. We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
26. *The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.* [Ps 37:39]. We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
27. *Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444. How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you.* [Ps 31:19]. 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 Area Dean of the Weald Deanery and also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
28. *Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200. "The glory of God is the human person fully alive."* [Irenaeus of Lyons]. We remember today all those in care in the village. We pray for the staff and residents of Bowles Lodge and Hawkhurst House. We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.
29. **Peter and Paul, Apostles.** *"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."* [1 Pet 2:24]. We pray for the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Iain Blythe the Diocesan Secretary. We pray for Revd. Sharon Copestake and Revd. Richard Braddy, Associate Archdeacons of Maidstone Deanery. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council and for all involved in the selection of a new Archbishop of Canterbury.
30. *Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.* [Ps 47:1-2]. We pray for our Vicar, Canon Fr Rodney Dreyer and for his family. We pray for our churchwarden, all members of our PCC and also for those members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control' [Gal 5: 22-23]