

Prayers for June 2026

***For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
[Ecclesiastes 3.1]***

1. ***The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.*** *And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?. [Luke 1.43].* 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. *Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.' For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. [Ps 90.1-4].* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. [Ps123.3].* We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parish of Holy Trinity, Hurst Green during their interregnum.
4. ***The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi).*** *Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. [John 6.54-56].* We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754. Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. [Psalm 119.165].* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and Fr Damian Ilodigwe.. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. *Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945. O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! [Psalm 71.12].* Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. **First Sunday after Trinity.** *Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. [Psalm 33.12].* We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.
8. *Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711. Awake my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run; Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice. [Thomas Ken].* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. *Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597. Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken. [Ephraim of Syria].* We pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds. We remember the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden during their interregnum.

10. *And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. [Matt 15.37].* 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 the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
11. ***Barnabas the Apostle.*** *There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet. [Acts 4.36-37].* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and their Vicar Revd. Richard King.
12. *Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! [Psalm 27.14].* We pray for all who work in and own shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses in the High Street, in our village. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages.
13. *Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one. [Matt 5.37].* 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. Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road.
14. **Second Sunday after Trinity.** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. [Psalm 100.1-2].* We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgebury. We pray for Revd. Nicola Harvey, Vicar of Marden and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery, Curate Rev Vicki Young and all the parishioners of Marden.
15. *Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941. If God were small enough to be understood, He would not be big enough to be worshipped. [Evelyn Underhill].* We pray today for all ordinands and those in training for Licensed Lay Ministry. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and The High Street and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and their 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. [Richard of Chichester].* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and their vicar, the Revd. Canon Dr Jason Radcliff.
17. *Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936. Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord. [Psalm 31.23-24].* 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. The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; [Psalm 97.1a].* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park, Herschel Place and Highgate Hill.
19. *Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929. 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust^[h] consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. [Matt 6.19-21].* 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 those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons.
20. *Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord— be exultant before him. [Psalm 68.4].* 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. **Third Sunday of Trinity.** *There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. [Psalm 86.8-9].* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen. [Psalm 72.18-19].* We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
23. *Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678. Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart. [Psalm 73.1].* We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.
24. **The Birth of John the Baptist.** *Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. [Luke 1.57-58].* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
25. *Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. [Rom 13.10].* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green, Norris Close, Water Lane and Gun Green.
26. *Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. [Psalm 55.22].* 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 also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.

27. *Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. [Psalm 84.1-2].* We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.
28. **Fourth Sunday of Trinity.** *But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me. [Psalm 13.5-6].* We remember today all those in care in the village. We pray for the staff and residents of Bowles Lodge and Hawkhurst House.
29. **Peter and Paul, Apostles.** *But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. [2 Tim 17-18].* We pray for Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover, Estella Last, Archdeacon of Maidstone and Iain Blythe the Diocesan Secretary. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
30. *Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. [Psalm 5.8].* We pray for our churchwardens, lay ministers, members of our PCC and also for those members of our fellowship who live outside the parish. We pray for all those lay and ordained who are ministering to us during our period of vacancy.

*Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
[Psalm 1.1-3]*