

## Prayers for July 2026

***I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. [Jer 3.15]***

1. *Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873. Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High. [Ps 50.14].* 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 during their interregnum.
2. *The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; [Ps 19.7].* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and Fr Damian Ilodigwe. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. ***Thomas the Apostle.*** *Jesus said to [Thomas], ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ [John 20.29].* 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. *Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps. [Ps 85.13]* We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. **Fifth Sunday after Trinity.** *Loving God, grant wisdom and discernment to those who are to choose a new vicar for our parish, that we may welcome the priest you have prepared for us, to lead us with joy and loving obedience to your Son, Jesus Christ.* We pray today for our PCC as they meet with our patrons. We pray for Canon Peter Moger, sub-dean of Christ Church, Oxford. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. *Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. [Ps 145.3].* 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 is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. [Ps 103.8].* We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.
8. *The Lord has been mindful of us; he will bless us. [Ps 115.12a].* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. *O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. [Ps 105.1].* 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. *Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. [Ps 80.3].* 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 *Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. [Ps 51.6].* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane.
12. **Sixth Sunday after Trinity.** *You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. [Ps 65.11].* 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 *Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. [Ps 50.15].* 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. *John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. [Ps 48.1a].* 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 *Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862. O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures for ever. [Ps 136.26].* 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. *Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099. The nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth your glory. [Ps 102.15].* 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. *Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. [Ps 32.1].* 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. *Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883. Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. [Ps 147.1].* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park, Herschel Place and Highgate Hill.
- 19 **Seventh Sunday of Trinity.** *But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. [Ps 86.15].* We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and their Vicar Revd. Richard King.

20. *Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. [Ps 4.8].* 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. *Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. [Ps 85.7].* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. **Mary Magdalene.** *Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. [John 20.18].* 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. *Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. [Ps 36.7].* We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.
24. *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. [Ps 23.6].* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
25. **James the Apostle.** *As [Jesus] went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. [Mark 1.19-20].* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
26. **Eighth Sunday after Trinity.** *Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways. [Ps 128.1].* 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. *Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901. Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you! [Ps 82.8].* We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
28. *Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. [Ps 78.9].* We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.
29. *Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. [John 12.3].* We remember today all those in care in the village. We pray for the staff and residents of Bowles Lodge and Hawkhurst House.
30. *William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. [Gal 3.28].* 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.

31. *Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me. [Ps 31.3].* 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 clergy ministering to us during our period of vacancy.

***the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart; and the Lord has appointed him to be ruler over his people, [1 Samuel 13.14]***