



## **UKRAINE**

I am sure we are all holding the people of Ukraine in our prayers at this present time.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell have condemned the Russian attack on Ukraine as “an act of great evil”.

They are urging Christians to make this Sunday a special day of prayer for Ukraine, Russia and for peace. They are also supporting a global day of prayer and fasting for peace on Ash Wednesday, as proposed by Pope Francis. It is likely that we will open the church on Ash Wednesday and promote the opportunity for people to come and pray.

Yours, *Nicholas*

## **SHROVE TUESDAY & TODDLERS**

Please mark the morning of Tuesday 1 March, from 10.30am, in your diary for Shrove Tuesday pancakes in the Parish Hall and dust off your running shoes for a pancake race for those who feel fit sporty! Please do come and support it if you can.

Even if you don't want to race this will be an opportunity for us to gather as a church family for some extended fellowship over drinks and refreshments.

It is the start of recommencing some of our church life. Judy Carr is beginning to build a team to restart a café on Tuesday and during March we will focus this on inviting our church family. It will give the new team an opportunity to run things with smaller numbers before re-opening it more widely. All Saints Toddlers will recommence in a new format in the afternoon.



### **Ash Wednesday**

Worship for Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, 2 March 7.30pm at All Saints – a joint service with St Nicholas, Strood. Preacher: The Reverend David Green.

## **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

During Lent we traditionally reflect on our discipleship. Part of that is the stewardship of our time, talents and finance.

In order to be able to face the challenges ahead we are running a short stewardship campaign during the first three weeks of Lent. During this time, we are asking you to consider whether you could give some more time of your time, talents and/or money to help us re-build our church life. We have not held a stewardship campaign since the autumn of 2018, and we have spent a good deal of our reserves in the time since then. It is important we replenish some of these as well as getting back to keeping our income in line with our spending.

As far as finance is concerned, we realise an increase in giving is impossible for some people, faced with rising prices, and we do not ask you to increase your giving if that is not practical. However, some people are in a position to give more, and if you are one of these, please consider an increase that recognises it may be three years since you last changed what you give.

## **DONATIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF THIS PARISH**

Our financial year is coming to a close. It is a year in which we have had to invest a significant sum in the care of our buildings. Unfortunately, our regular giving has dropped and plate offerings at all services have been significantly reduced by not passing the plate around as part of our COVID protection measures. Traditionally, our stewardship campaign is in the autumn but this year will be during March.

Donations can be made at our services by cash or cheque in the collection plate, a stewardship envelope or standing order for regular giving please speak to Nicholas, the Churchwardens, Sue Jones or Alison Mings.



We are now also offering this QR code in our printed materials. Scanning the code with the camera on your smart phone will take you to the Give a Little page for our parish. You can choose how much, whether to Gift Aid, and request a receipt.

## **SAFEGUARDING – VOLUNTEER ROLE AGREEMENTS**

The Church of England Safeguarding Requirements expect all members who have already have a voluntary role in church to complete a Volunteer Agreement. These will start to be sent out to you by email or post. If you need a printed copy, please contact Sue Jones on 01634 296050. Please sign and return within the next week if possible. You will require two referees, and these will be provided by the Church Wardens.

## **FISH AND CHIP SUPPER WITH STRINGS AND THINGS**

Our Fish and Chip Supper with music from Strings and Things has been rescheduled for Friday 11 March, 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Please bring your own drinks; tickets available from Alan Ellis and please let Alan know your order for supper.

## **WITH THANKS....**

to all who donated to the Children's Society for Christingle. We have sent a donation of £99.48.

## **VIRTUAL DROP-IN CAFÉ – 'ZOOMOFFEE'**

This continues to 'meet' on Wednesdays at 10.30am via the Zoom application. Message Sue for more details.



## **PRAYER CHAIN**

Carole Morrad has asked me to remind you that the Prayer Chain are always willing to take prayer requests. If the prayer is not for you then we do ask that you have the permission of the person you are asking us to pray for.

## **DEMENTIA RESOURCES**

At this time, those who live with dementia are understandably disoriented and upset. It has been a difficult and concerning time for their families too. Carole and Annie, our Anna Friends, have gathered some resources which are now available on the website. In particular there are a number of online training and awareness courses available at no cost.

## **SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES**

RELEASE THE PRESSURE - new helpline from Kent County Council

Mental well-being remains a huge concern at this time.

A new phone line is available through Kent County Council, offering 24/7 access to a highly trained and experienced team, to provide expert support no matter what a person is going through.

People are encouraged not to suffer in silence and to text the word Kent to 85258 or call the number 0800 107 0160, for free confidential support.

## **SAFE HAVENS**

Mental Health Matters can help any resident of Kent or Medway aged 16+ by offering a warm, welcoming, safe and comfortable environment. Contact: 07850 901151 or 07808 79503

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## Prayer Diary 27 February – 5 March 2022

“...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

<b>Church's Ministry</b>	<i>Praying for the people, groups and mission and outreach of the churches in our parish, diocese and worldwide Anglican communion</i>
<b>Community</b>	<i>Praying for our community, our parish and Medway</i>
<b>People of the Parish</b>	<i>Praying for those who live in Frindsbury and Wainscott, (FW), Upnor (U), Chattenden (C) and those who work on Medway City Estate (MCE)</i>

<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	<b>Sunday, 27 February</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	<i>Holy God you know the disorder of our sinful lives: Set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory In Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen</b></i>
<b>Community</b>	Give thanks for family life and those we hold dear in our hearts, praying for their health, well-being and hope.
<b>People of the parish</b>	Margetts Place (U), Marden Road (FW)
	<b>Monday, 28 February</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	Pray for the people of Ukraine as conflict with Russia unfolds
<b>Community</b>	Pray for all in education: teachers, support staff and administrators, pupils and students; pray for Chattenden School
<b>People of the parish</b>	Margetts Place (U), Marden Road (FW)
	<b>Tuesday, 1 March</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	Pray for our Pancake Party and Toddler Group – for those leading, helping and taking part
<b>Community</b>	Pray for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable; pray for those who care for them that they would be strengthened and encouraged. Pray for staff and residents of Frindsbury Hall
<b>People of the parish</b>	Gambit Way (FW), Lingley Drive (FW), Admiralty Road (U), Mill Close (FW), Sholden Road (FW)
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Wednesday, 2 March</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	<i>Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord.</i>
<b>Community</b>	Pray for the economic well-being of our country – pray for businesses on Medway City Estate
<b>People of the parish</b>	Songbird Crescent (C) Admiralty Terrace, (U), Mill Close (FW)
	<b>Thursday, 3 March</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	 Give thanks for Fairtrade Fortnight 'Choose the World you Want' continuing to support farmers behind our food on the front line of the climate crisis.
<b>Community</b>	Pray for those in leadership - pray for wisdom and discernment for our world leaders
<b>People of the parish</b>	Albion Place (U), Miller Way (FW), Smeatham Gardens (FW)
	<b>Friday, 4 March</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	 Pray for Service held for Women's Word Day of Prayer today –this year's theme, from the churches of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, is "I know the plans I have for you" (Jeremiah 29.11).
<b>Community</b>	Pray for all NHS and community keyworkers; pray for all working in social care
<b>People of the parish</b>	Anthony's Way (MCE), Millpond Close (FW), Spire Way (FW)
	<b>Saturday, 5 March</b>
<b>Church's Ministry</b>	Pray for clergy and lay ministers preparing Sunday worship
<b>Community</b>	Pray for all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit
<b>People of the parish</b>	Ashcroft Road (FW), Moat Lane (U), Station Road (North West) (FW)