

A liturgy for use at home

Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart, and kindle in me the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In a moment of silence call to mind your failings.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord have mercy.

The Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bible reading *(starting on Thursday 25th May - Ascension Day)*

Thursday: Acts 1.1-11; Friday: Acts 18.9-18; Saturday: Acts 18.22-end; Sunday: Acts 1.6-14; Monday: Acts 19.1-8; Tuesday: Acts 20.17-27; Wednesday: Acts 20.28-end; Thursday: Acts 22.30 & 23.6-11; Friday: Acts 25.13-21; Saturday: Acts 28.16-20 & 30-end.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord, pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit, *and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

The Lord's Prayer

Pray each line of the Lord's Prayer, using it as a prompt to your own prayers.

This liturgy is available at www.efl-churches.org
Why not download it to your phone to use at any time, anywhere.

Benefice of Eynsford with Farningham & Lullingstone

Thy Kingdom Come

Joining the Archbishops call for a great wave of prayer for evangelism



An introduction from our clergy

Last year the archbishops of Canterbury and York invited every parish in the Church of England to spend the days between Ascension and Pentecost in prayer. This year Christians of many different denominations from across the globe have joined this initiative. We want to play our part.

With the Archbishops and our brothers and sisters around the world we will be praying:

- for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- for all of us to have confidence to share the Gospel
- for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples, to live out the Gospel and to seek God's Kingdom from day to day

Please may we encourage all members of our churches to join in; at home or at the events we will run as a Benefice and in the deanery.

This is too good an opportunity to miss out on! *Gary and Dorothy*

Praying the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven

Express your thanks that Almighty God is your loving Father

Hallowed be Thy name

Praise God for all he is. Pray that others might acknowledge this

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Pray for the whole world to be brought in line with God's purposes

Give us this day our daily bread

Pray for your own needs, your family, the needs of the church and wider world

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

Confess your sins, and the sins of the church and world. Forgive those who've hurt you

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

Pray for strength to live God's way

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Look forward to the day when Jesus will return and take you 'home' to Glory

Prayer events

Deanery Ascension Service—Thursday 25th May, Otford Parish Church, 7.30pm

Prayers at Wrotham—Friday 26th May, 10.30am

Prayers at Ightham—Saturday 27th May, 9.30am

Lectio Divina at Shipbourne—Saturday 27th May, 7.30pm

Sunday services—Sundays 28th May and 4th June

Prayer room

Thursday 25th May to Sunday 4th June, St Martin's, 8.00am to 5.00pm

Interactive prayer stations will be available in the side chapel for private and corporate prayer.

St Botolph's and St Peter & St Paul's are also open during daylight hours.

Iona Morning Prayer at Shoreham—Monday 29th May, 9.00am

Evening Prayer at Kemsing—Monday 29th May, 5.00pm

Prayers at Ightham—Tuesday 30th May, 9.30am

Institution at St Mary, Platt—Tuesday 30th May, 7.30pm

Morning Prayer at West Kingsdown—Wednesday 31st May, 9.00am

Morning Prayer at Borough Green—Wednesday 31st May, 9.30am

Evening Prayer at Kemsing/Woodlands—Wednesday 31st May, 5.00pm

Service of Prayer & Prayer Stations—Thursday 1st June, 9.30am in St Martin's

A short service followed by space to use the prayer stations

Taize service—Thursday 1st June, 7.00pm in St Peter & St Paul

Prayers at St Mary, Platt—Saturday 3rd June, 10.00am

Pentecost Picnic Praise—Sunday 4th June, Lullingstone Castle

4.15pm: Gates open

4.30pm: Activities: prayer walk around the world garden, guided tour of St Botolph's church, 'scratch' choir practice, workshop on healing on the streets, children's activity tent

5.15pm: Bring your own picnic, accompanied by music from the New Follies Singers

6.15pm: Open air service

For more details and ideas please see www.thykingdom.co.uk

Pray for Five

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do; persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. Consistently praying for others takes discipline, and there are many ways that we can build up habits that will help us to pray for our friends and family.



Choose five people you would regularly like to pray for and write their names down onto a list. If you're not sure who to pray for, ask God to guide you as you choose. Once you have settled on 5 names, commit to praying for them regularly.

Ideas to help you remember to pray:

1. Tie five knots in a piece of string. Carry it around in your pocket
2. Write the names of 5 people on five pebbles. Place on your desk, table etc.
3. Write the name of 5 people on a small card and place in your purse
4. Add alerts to pray for your five people on your phone
5. Stick named post-it notes on your bedroom mirror

Prayers to use when praying for others:

Loving Father, send your Holy Spirit so I can share your love, life and message with... Reveal Jesus to them, that they might know, follow and love him, For Your Glory, Amen.

Lord, I pray that you will lead... to you. Thank you that you love them and I pray that you would break into their life and show them your love, grace and peace. For Your Glory, Amen .

Using the BLESS acrostic can help us to focus on all of the felt needs of those we are praying for:

Body – health, protection, energy

Labour – employment/unemployment, retirement, adequate income

Emotional – inner peace, joy, wisdom, insight, patience

Social – healthy relationships between spouses, parents, children, friends;

Spiritual – repentance, salvation, obedience, faith