

A liturgy for use at home or in small groups

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.evl-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

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

We want to play our part in the benefice.

Please may we ask you to commit to pray each day from Thursday 10th May to Sunday 20th May. There are various events for you to join in with, including prayer stations in St Martin's. We would also encourage you to set aside a few minutes each day to pray on your own and to join with family or friends; for folk to come to faith, the church to grow and God's kingdom to come.

Please use this leaflet (you can also download it from the church website to use on your phone) and/or the lilac "Novena 2018" booklet available from each of our three churches.

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

Prayer events

Saturday 5th May

Prayer walk leaving Eynsford Baptist Church at 2.00pm and arriving back at 5.15pm for a BBQ

Wednesday 9th May

REVIVE Thy Kingdom Come prayer session

Thursday 10th May (Ascension Day)

Trip to Rochester Cathedral

- 1.00pm: Holy Communion in Rochester Cathedral
- 2.00pm: Pray around the prayer stations
- 3.00pm: Depart

Please make your own way to the Cathedral or ask Linda Gwyther about a lift

Sunday 13th May (Christian Aid week begins)

- 9.30am: Christian Aid service: Eynsford
- 10.15am: Christian Aid breakfast: Farningham
- 11.00am: Christian Aid service: Farningham
- 11.00am: Matins, Lullingstone
- 6.30pm: Evensong: St Mary's, Kemsing

Monday 14th May

9.45am: Thy Kingdom Come morning prayers: Farningham

Wednesday 16th May

9.30am: Morning prayer and litany: Lullingstone

Friday 18th May

8.00am-8.00pm at St Martin's: Prayer & Fasting—praying for a churchwarden
Please commit to praying at home and sign up to fill a 30 minute slot in church

9.30am: Holy Communion: Eynsford

Sunday 20th May

- 8.00am: Holy Communion: Farningham
- 9.30am: All-age Communion: Eynsford
- 11.00am: All-age morning worship: Farningham
- 11.00am: Holy Communion: Lullingstone

From Thursday 10th May to Friday 18th May there will be prayer stations in the side chapel in St Martin's Church is open from 9.00am to 4.00pm

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