

Prayer Gathering for April 2026



St Matthews

helping local people follow Jesus Christ

Psalm 68v1-10

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. A song.

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.

²May you blow them away like smoke –
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.

³But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him – his name is the LORD.

⁵A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.

⁶God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

⁷When you, God, went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.

⁹You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.

¹⁰Your people settled in it,
and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

A Time of Sharing

How have we seen God at work in our lives and in our church in the last month?

Praying for our County and our World

- Pray all the countries in the middle east and a path to peace in the war with Iran.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine and for negotiations between Russia and Ukraine to re-start.
- Pray for the persecuted churches especially in countries where Christians are forbidden from having certain roles and responsibilities.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for all world leaders.

Praying for All Saints Lindfield

- For the recruitment of a new Music Minister.
- For the recruitment of a new Seniors Pastor.
- For those completing the Alpha courses to come to faith in Christ. For the right next step for each person attending.
- For repair work on the roof of the (medieval) Tiger building next to church. It houses the church office and is the hub of children's, youth and other ministries. The start of the work has faced delays. Please pray it get underway as soon as possible and that it is completed on time without any expensive surprises!

Praying for our Family of Churches

- Give thanks for the funding available for new staff across our churches.
- Give thanks for the partnership with Ashburnham Trust and for the plan to launch the new community café in Hollington later in the summer. Pray for all the practical arrangements to come together.
- Pray for Matthew and the Churchwardens as they work on the structure for our new family of churches including agreement on how clergy will be deployed at Sunday Services.
- Pray for the recruitment of the new Families and Schools Worker based at St Matthews as the job is advertised from mid-April.
- Pray for the team putting together the profile for the new Associate Vicar. Pray for unity between the three churches.
- Pray our current staff: Sara Ainsworth, Pauline Blythe, Fran Wratten and Mike Dunmil.
- Pray for the recruitment of a training post Curate for July 2027.
- Pray for the seven candidates from our churches being confirmed by the Bishop of Lews on 29 April and for the confirmation prep session Matthew and Tracey are running on 15 April.
- Pray for all those considering baptism across our churches.

Praying for our Easter Events and Services

- Give thanks for the year 2 visits from both church schools to learn about Easter.
- Give thanks the Easter Services we were able host and Matthew speak at for both church schools.
- Give thanks for a successful Easter Family Fun Day at St Ethelburga's Church on Sunday 29 March. Pray for the follow up in the weeks ahead.
- Pray for a good time of fellowship between the churches at the Maundy Thursday meal.
- Pray for our Good Friday Services across both churches and our All Age Celebrations on Easter Sunday. Pray for a good number of guests.
- Pray for the Good Friday Walk of Witness and the Hastings Easter Festival in the Old Town on Easter Saturday.
- Pray for a good number of people to sign up to complete the 321 course after Easter.

Praying for People

- Give thanks for the life of Diana Aidam. Please pray for the family with the funeral on Thursday 2 April.
- Pray for the all the members of our church in Residential Care homes, especially Vi Chambers, Frances Ross and Jenny Honeyman Brown in Crest House.
- Pray for all those struggling with their mental and physical health especially with life limiting illnesses.
- Pray for the Lord to stir the right people to join the PCC at the APCM.