

Prayer Gathering for March 2026



Psalm 67

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

- ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us –¹
- ²so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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 a path to peace.
- Pray for the persecuted churches especially in countries where church gatherings are illegal.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for all world leaders.

Praying for the Christian Mission Agencies in our Town

- Please pray for CAP and especially for Gill Knox and Nick Warren (the Debt Coaches) as they lead the ministry.
- Pray for the work of Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) as they seek to mentor children in our local schools. Pray especially for Ruth Hine in her role as a mentor at St Leonards CE Primary Academy.
- Pray for the Foodbank as they seek to provide basic provisions for those in need.
- Pray for the work of Hope Kitchen providing meals for those on the streets.
- Pray for the Transom Trust providing supported accommodation for homeless people in Hastings, St Leonards and Bexhill.
- Pray for the local street pastors providing a Christian presence in our town centres.
- Pray for a new initiative between Church in the Wood and Ashburnham to provide a lunchtime space with hospitality once a week in Hollington.

Praying for St Ethelburga's Church

- Give thanks for an enjoyable to newcomers' tea on 1 March. Please pray for new people to settle into church life.
- Give thanks for positive meetings for Messy Church and Ignite in February.
- Pray for Messy Church on Sunday 8 March looking at the story of the women at the well.

- Pray for an enjoyable church family quiz on 21 March.
- Pray for the St Leonards CE Primary Easter Service on 23 March and year 2 visit on 24 March.
- Pray for their Easter Family Fun Event on Sunday 29 March.
- Pray for the Lord to provide the right people to be Churchwardens from the APCM.
- Please pray for ongoing negotiations with the diocese about the sale of the St Leonard's Church site.

Praying for St Matthew's Church

- Give thanks for a successful Holiday Club over February half term and please pray for our ongoing witness to local families.
- Give thanks for the large turnout at The Hub Pancake Party on 17 February.
- Give thanks for all the Lord has been teaching is on our current sermon series in Mark's Gospel. Please pray for our Lent series on the Cross.
- Pray for St Pauls CE Academy year 2 visit on 17 March and Easter Service on 27 March.
- Pray for the PCC away morning on Saturday 28 March.
- Pray for the staff as they prepare for all our Easter Services. Pray for a good time of fellowship at the Maundy Thursday meal.
- Pray for all those completing the 321 course and considering baptism in May.
- Pray for all the contractors who will be on-site in March/April.
- Pray for the Lord to send the right person to be a training post curate here in July 2027.
- Pray for our staff: Pauline Blythe, Fran Wratten and Mike Dunmil.

Praying for People

- Give thanks and please pray for Joe Wengraf and Luke Davenport following their baptisms on Sunday 1 March.
- Give thanks for the safe arrival of Noah Roe, please pray for Simon and Charley as they settle into new patterns of family life together.
- Give thanks for the life of Diana Aidam. Please pray Vinyo and the family mourning at this time.
- Pray for 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.