# 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 16.16-34; 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; Sunday: Acts 2.1-21

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

Thy Kingdom Come, the global prayer movement initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York is now in its fourth year and has spread throughout the worldwide church. From Ascension to Pentecost the Church will be praying for God's kingdom to come, the church to be renewed by God's Spirit and for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. We want to play our part in the benefice. Please may we ask you to commit to pray each day from Thursday 30th May to Sunday 9th June. There are various events for you to join in with, including one in Rochester Cathedral and one in Trafalgar Square. St Martin's will have prayer stations in the side chapel. 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. Please use this leaflet (you can also download it from the church website to use on your phone), the Novena booklet, prayer journal or family prayer map; each available from your church.

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**

#### Monday 27th May

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

# Thursday 30th May (Ascension Day)

Communion in West Kingsdown, 7.30pm

#### Friday 31st May

Communion in St Martin's, 9.30am

#### Sunday 2nd June

8.00am: Holy Communion, Farningham9.30am: All-age communion, Eynsford11.00am: Morning worship, Farningham

11.00am: Matins, Lullingstone

#### Monday 3rd June

9.45am: Thy Kingdom Come morning prayers, Eynsford

#### Wednesday 5th June

9.30am: Morning prayer and litany: Lullingstone

4.30pm: REVIVE Thy Kingdom Come prayer session, in the Rectory

#### Friday 7th June

9.30am: Holy Communion: Eynsford

### Saturday 8th June

12.00 - 4.00pm: Come and See in Rochester Cathedral

Fun activities, singing workshops, labyrinth, prayer ministry, bell ringing, praying with icons, puppets, 'be a monk' tours. Bring a picnic. Closing worship at 3.00pm

# Sunday 9th June

9.30am: All- age Communion: Eynsford11.00am: Communion, Farningham11.00am: Matins, Lullingstone

1.10pm: Train from Orpington to Charing Cross to attend event in Trafalgar Sq

Lots of activities for all the family culminating in an open air service

From Thursday 30th May to Sunday 9th June 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