

# St Paul's Church

Boxley Road • Maidstone

## Prayer Resource

week beginning Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

*'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'* (Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

This week we give thanks for:

- The gift of community - neighbours, friends and colleagues; teach us, Lord, to be generous in the sharing of our time, energy and resources, that together we might make room for all that you want to give.

Please pray for:

- Peace in our world: continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Israel and Palestine.
- An urgent resolution to the situation in Pakistan with the worsening economic situation and impending floods, and for safety and protection as the country faces outbreaks of violence.
- The people of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo as flooding and landslides continue to cause the loss of homes and livelihoods and hundreds of deaths; pray for people to access support and assistance, including essential things like food and clean water.
- The right words to say to people we meet who look to us for reassurance and hope.
- Our Church family, especially for all who are struggling; and for Edith, Pat, Alice, Jill, Trevor, Maureen, Sandra and Brenda; and for Ruth, Helen and Meaghan.
- Our hearts to be strengthened and for a strong resolve to keep praying for peace in our world.

**You may like to use this prayer during the week:**

***Holy God, kindle in my heart the desire to speak of you, and the willingness to go beyond my comfort zones in doing so. By your love, transform me day by day into your likeness. Amen.***