

All Saints Prayer 24

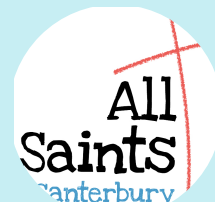
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THINGS TO PRAY FOR



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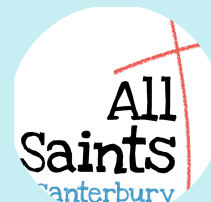
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Our community and its needs

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Think of the people living in our parish and give thanks for them; bring the needs of them to God. Pray for the Community Centre, the Early Years Project, the students, and people who work here.



12noon to 1pm

ASDA Supermarket



Write in the space below anything you feel God is saying to you, or need to share with people at church.

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Come on the 'prayer walk' around our community. Meet at Asda at midday on 17th February and pray as we walk around the community.

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Exodus 15.22-27



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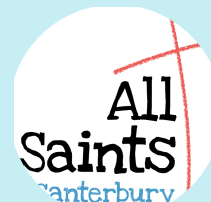
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Our church's mission

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for God's help on our mission: to love God, love one another and to make disciples.



1pm to 2pm



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MORE IDEAS

Write or draw 3 ways you love God, 3 ways you love people at church or in the community, and 3 ways you show God's love to others. Once you've done this, prayerfully reflect on it.

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Matthew 28.16-20



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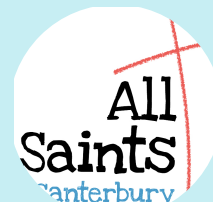
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Our community:
vulnerable people

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for people living in poverty in our community, the elderly, lonely, poorly, struggling parents, struggling children, those addicted to alcohol, drugs, gambling, those who need our love.



2pm to 3pm



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MORE IDEAS

Draw a map of our parish (go to: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11918 if you need some help) using a pencil, write or draw on the map all the reasons somebody might be vulnerable or unhappy. Then, one by one, rub them out again, praying as you do so that God's love might rain down on our community and bring healing and happiness to it.

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Matthew 25.31-46

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Our church: vulnerable people

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for people who come to our church who have hidden worries, who are poorly, lonely, troubled, broken-hearted, anxious, unhappy, stressed.

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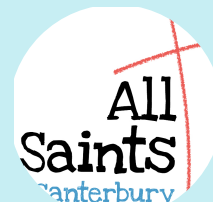
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Listen to a piece of worship music (there's lots on YouTube) and while you listen to it imagine the church full of people and imagine God's healing coming to all the people in the church, making them whole, binding up their broken hearts and melting away their worries.

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Psalm 34



3pm to 4pm



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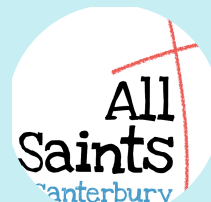
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God's plan for me

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for yourself—for everything that has brought you to this moment and for everything that God has in store for you.



4pm to 5pm



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MORE IDEAS

Spend some time in silence. Try not to think about anything, just feel God's presence within you, let any worries melt away and put yourself and your future into God's loving hands.

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Jeremiah 29.11-14



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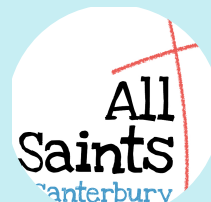
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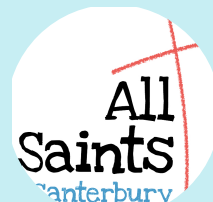
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Local Schools

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for the schools in this parish: St John's, Parkside and St Thomas' and for other schools nearby. Pray for every pupil and pray for all the people who work in them. Give thanks for a teacher who made a difference to your life and pray for teachers and staff locally who try and do the same for others.



6pm to 7pm



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MORE IDEAS

Draw around your hand and in each finger write something about your schooling and education that you are grateful for and made you who you are today.

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1 Thessalonians 5.11-15

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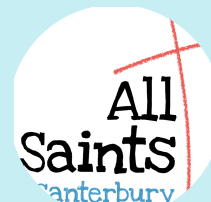
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Our community leaders

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for Local Government, the City Council, the emergency services in Canterbury, local Headteachers, local charities. Pray for all people who serve our community as leaders.



7pm to 8pm



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Look at a local newspaper or on a local news website. Find examples of local leaders and pray into the issue that is in the paper.

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1 Timothy 2.1-4



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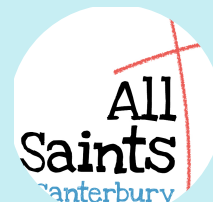
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Our church leaders

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for Phil; Bee and Lin our Churchwardens, Mim our Children and Families' Minister, the members of the PCC, and all those leading this church.



8pm to 9pm



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MORE IDEAS

Every one of us is a vital part of this church family and we all bring our own gifts. Prayerfully make a card for someone who is a leader of our church to say thank you for their ministry. Give it to them at church tomorrow.

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Ephesians 4.2-16

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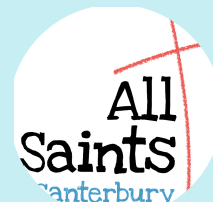
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Future leadership of our church

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray that God's will be done in our church and that when the Mission Priest role comes to an end there will be a clear way forward and leadership will flourish.



9pm to 10pm



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MORE IDEAS

Think of the people in the Bible who were leaders, decision makers, game-changers e.g. Noah, Moses, Esther, David, Mary, Paul. What made them good leaders? What kind of leaders will this church need in five years, ten years, fifty years?

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Exodus 17.8-16

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Our dreams for our church

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray that our church might be a beacon of hope in this community... and other dreams you have for our church!

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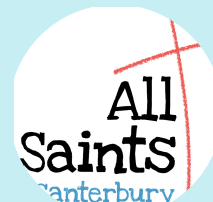
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Draw a picture of our church, but add onto it all the things you dream it might have or be (this could be serious or silly, up to you!) pray into those dreams as you draw.

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Nehemiah 4:6-14



10pm to 11pm



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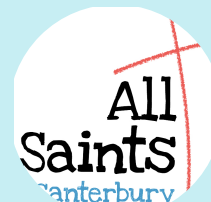
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The wider church

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for other churches across Canterbury and the work they do, the Church of England, the worldwide church, Christians that are persecuted around the world.



11pm to
Midnight



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MORE IDEAS

The worldwide church is the body of Christ which we are all part of.

Make a sign of a cross on your head with water and think what it means to be united with Christians all over the world. What is it that unites us?

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1 Corinthians 12:12-27

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Our church history

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray with gratefulness for our church history, the role it's played in the community, the people who have worshipped here over the years and their faithfulness, the leaders who've had vision in leading this church to what it is today.

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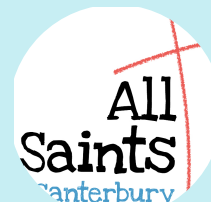
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How is what we have a gift from God? How do we honour the disciples who have come before us? How are we all part of God's story? Reflect on these questions creatively: draw a picture, paint, craft or collage. Don't worry about it being 'good', simply have a go with an open heart and meet God

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Psalm 8



Midnight to 1am



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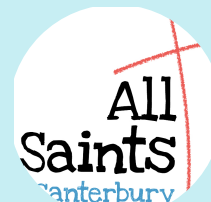
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Our wider community

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for Canterbury and the problems the city faces, Kent, the UK, it's government and leaders, the world and all those living in fear and conflict.



1am to 2am



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MORE IDEAS

See if you can write a poem expressing your prayers for the county, country and world. Again, don't worry about it being 'good', simply have a go with an open heart and meet God in the process.

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Psalms 24.1-6

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God's plan for our world

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Thank God that He has a plan for our world and that He holds it in His hands.

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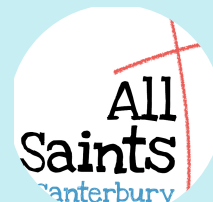
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Light a candle and meditate on it: Jesus is the light of our world, and his light will shine in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

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Job 38.4-18



2am to 3am



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Our church: what we do

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray with thankfulness for all that we do (e.g. the weekly worship and prayer, Street Klub, Home Groups, Connors House, school visits, film club, street pastors, Kids Club etc.)

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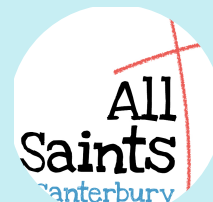
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Think of the last time you did something at church that wasn't a usual Sunday service e.g. weekday prayer, a Bring and Share lunch, Youth Group etc. and write down all the things you are grateful for about that experience.

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Galatians 6.7-10



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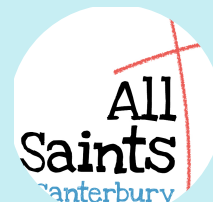
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God's plan for our church

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for the future of this church—let go of any worries or plans you have and give it all to God.



4am to 5am



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MORE IDEAS

Think back to the first time you ever came to All Saints. Try to remember how you felt, what happened, who you met. Pray for people who will come to our church in the future.

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Isaiah 62.3-7



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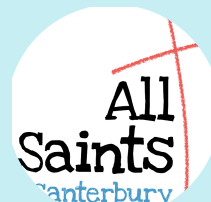
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Our future: how can we better serve our community?

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray that God might guide us in what ways we can serve our community and that he might show us the way.



5am to 6am



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MORE IDEAS

Find something that feels prickly (maybe something thorny if you have a garden) remember how Jesus wore a crown of thorns on the cross and died for us. What does that mean to you? As you touch it, consider how we can be more like Jesus in and to our community.

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John 13.1-17



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God's plans for our community

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Give thanks that God loves everyone who lives in our community. Pray that his will be done here and give thanks that his love reigns.

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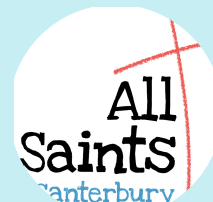
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Listen to a song about God's love (e.g. How Deep the Father's Love for Us, or Forever... there are lots on YouTube) and just feel yourself all up with God's love. Imagine it over flowing from you into the world.

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Romans 8.35-39



6am to 7am



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Our church: the building

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for our church building, for all the bits that need work, for it's future, for God's guidance in our decisions about it.

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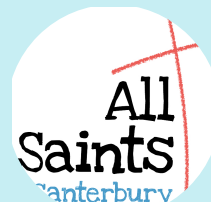
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As the sun rises on our church building, imagine you're seeing it as God sees it. Just meditate on what it might look like to God.

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Psalm 84



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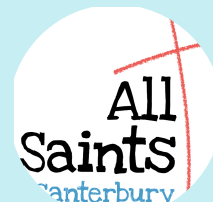
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Our church: the people

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Pray for all the people who are part of the All Saints family with love and thankfulness.



8am to 9am



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MORE IDEAS

Bake or make something for the Bring and Share lunch. Consider each ingredient: how is it different to the others? Reflect on how everyone in our church is different and yet each person is an essential ingredient in the All Saints family and the Kingdom

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1 Peter 4.7-11



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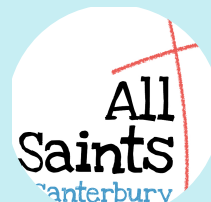
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God's church

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THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Bring all these topics (church and community, past and future, me and us) and thank God that we are all his and for his glory. May all we are and do be in his name.



9am to 10am
Church



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MORE IDEAS

Walk around our church building, inside or out and offer prayer for the people, the ministry, the initiatives, the care, the fellowship, the worship and the mission. Ask God for his Kingdom to come and his will to be done here.

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Revelation 21.1-8



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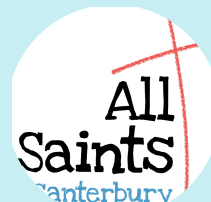
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