



We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wilder seas  
Where storms will show Your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.  
We ask you to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push back the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain,  
Who is Jesus Christ.

Amen!

**Could I please have details of anything relevant to the December issue by 24th January to allow for publication in time for the start of the December: . Events, Prayer requests, Prayers Comment**

## January 2018

*Greetings and God's blessings to you all.  
Margaret  
Wishing you joy and blessings in 2018.*

## *Happy New Year*

*The following is prayer is one I revisited recently, quoted by Rev. Andrew Roberts in "Holy Habits". This is recommended reading for the URC Walking the way initiative this year.*

Let this be our prayer for 2018 and beyond:

## Prayer of Sir Francis Drake 1577

Disturb us, Lord, when  
We are too pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when  
with the abundance of things we possess ,

Circuit Prayer Diary (please keep this to use each month)

**1st Rev. Bonni-Belle Pickard**

**2nd Rev, Gary Watt**

**3rd Rev. Tony Graff**

**4th Rev. Velma Campbell**

**5th Rev Noreen Daley-Lee**

**6th Rev Robin Selmes**

**7th Rev. Kan Yu**

**8th Deacon Pru Cahill**

**9th Deacon Jane Paine**

**10th Rev. Ken George and the Sheppey Prison Cluster**

**11th Revs Elaine Cranmer and David Kichenside**

**12th Our supernumeraries: Revs Peter Daone, Gareth West, Bill Prince, Alan Thorpe, Bryan Tolhurst and Deacon Vic Downs,**

**13th Our Circuit office staff**

**14th Our Circuit lay workers**

**15th Our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders**

**16th Our Circuit Stewards**

**17th Hartlip Church and Retreat Centre**

**Members and congregations in:**

**18th Newington and Sittingbourne Churches**

**19th Hope Street Church and Centre**

**20th Gillingham Church and the Chinese Congregation**

**21st St Luke's Church and Community Centre**

**22nd St Alban's, St. David's and St. Williams Churches**

**23rd Peninsula (Stoke and Strood) and Tonbridge Road Churches**

**24th Bearsted and Union Street Churches , Kingswood Church**

**25th Burham, Eccles, and Larkfield Churches**

**26th Gravesend Church and Community Centre**

**27th Dene Holm, Swanscombe, and Sutton at Hone Churches**

**28th Spital Street and Hextable Churches**

**29th The Brent Church, the Beacon Project and Ebbsfleet**

**30th Rev. Lynda Cooke and the Chaplaincy Teams at all our hospitals**

**31st Rev. John Hellyer, Dr Philip Luscombe, and the District Staff**