

Tues Mar 3 Bless Stephen as he takes school assemblies at Preston Candover and Cliddesden Schools, and help Northington PCC as we meet to reflect on financial and other issues. Jeremiah 8:1-15, John 6:52-59.

Wed Mar 4 Bless those exploring faith and seeking for Jesus tonight. Jeremiah 9:12-24, John 7:1-13.

Thurs Mar 5 As we meet at the second Lent session, open our understanding to being real disciples of Jesus. Jer. 9:12-24, John 7:1-13.

Fri Mar 6 We ask Your help for all coming to the end of their lives; help them to make their peace with you before they die, & bless the ministry of David, Stephen & funeral directors who assist with bereavement. Jeremiah 10:1-16, John 7:14-24.

Sat Mar 7 Renew Your Church by filling us with Your Holy Spirit anew today; we pray that we may be properly and prayerfully prepared for worship tomorrow. Jeremiah 10:17-24, John 7:25-36.

Sun Mar 8 Speak O Lord as we come to You, to receive the food of your holy word, Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the light of Christ may be seen today. Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, Mark 8:21-38.

Mon Mar 9 We pray for our churchwardens, sides-people across the benefice, lesson readers, & prayer leaders giving thanks for their faithful ministries. Jeremiah 11:1-17, John 7:37-52.

Tues Mar 10 Bless the Lent Lectures today in Winchester that we may learn at the feet of others. Jeremiah 11:18-12:6, John 7:53-8:11.

Wed Mar 11 We pray for those struggling with family life; grant patient faith, recognition of tiredness & reconciliation. Jeremiah 13:1-11, John 8:12-30

Thurs Mar 12 Meet us as we journey on session 3 of the Lent course tonight. Jeremiah 14, John 8:31-47.

Fri Mar 13 we bring our own shallowness to you, asking you deepen our trust in You today. Jeremiah 15:10-end, John 8:48-end.

Sat Mar 14 We pray for couples at the Marriage Preparation day at Cliddesden, that David, Stephen & others will inspire & encourage as we prepare them for marriage. Jeremiah 16:10-16:4, John 9:1-17.

Sun Mar 15 *Mothering Sunday* Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility, Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Exodus 2:1-10, 2 Cor. 1:3-7, Luke 2:33-35

Benefice Prayer and Bible Reading Diary

Jan 28 to March 15 2015

Wed 28 Jan We give thanks to day for Your help in our times of need, Your presence even when we thought we were alone, and Your invisible hand guarding us. Hosea 5:1-7, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.

Thurs 29 Jan We pray for the Alresford Deanery Chapter Meeting (clergy) today as they have lunch with Bishop Tim, that their conversation and encouragement will bring increasing cohesiveness to mission in the diocese. Hosea 5:8- 6:6, 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1.

Fri 30 Jan As David & Stephen prepare themselves & material for the engaged couples' evening tomorrow, grant them peace, & bless the couples as they look towards their wedding days. Hosea 6:7-7:2, 1 Cor. 11:17-end.

Sat 31 Jan We pray for Stephen and David as they prepare themselves for worship tomorrow, that they may be energised, relaxed, and bring some word from the Lord which will bless us all. Hosea 8, 1 Cor. 12:1-11.

Sun 1 Feb Sing we the king who is coming to reign, glory to Jesus the lamb who was slain! Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Revelation 12:1-5, Mark 1:21-28

Mon 2 Feb We pray for all parishioners involved in the caring professions – medical, carers at home, district nurses, those in hospitals & surgeries that Your healing touch may be manifested through their work. Hosea 9, 1 Cor. 12:12-end.

Tues 3 Feb As David & Stephen take assemblies in schools today, bless their preparation & delivery, & grant the children & staff blessing. Hosea 10, 1 Corinthians 13.

Wed 4 Feb We pray for those exploring faith at the moment that they may find God's love & presence, & be refreshed & empowered. Hosea 11:1-11, 1 Corinthians 14:1-19.

Thurs 5 Feb As we approach Lent, help & inspire all those who will be running and participating in courses to help us grow up, Hosea 11:12-end of 12, 1 Corinthians 14:1-19.

Fri 6 Feb As clergy have a rest day, help us respect their need for stillness and quiet. Hosea 13:1-14, 1 Corinthians 16:1-9.

Sat 7 Feb We pray for God's rich blessings for George Swithinbank and Philippa Christian as they marry at Northington today.
Hosea 14, 1 Corinthians 16:10-end.

Sun 8 Feb Holy Spirit hear us, help us as we sing, breathe into the music of the praise we bring. Proverbs 8:1,22-31, Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:1-14.

Mon 9 Feb We pray for Brown Candover PCC as they decide an action plan following damage to the church roof. 2 Chronicles 9:1-12, John 19:1-16.

Tues 10 Feb We pray for Mrs Simrit Otway and Mr. Ken Davies, head-teachers of our primary schools that they & their staff may know God's presence & guidance. 2 Chronicles 10:1-11:4, John 19:31-end.

Wed 11 Feb We thank You that Filling Station is beginning to fill a need of more contemporary worship and outside speakers: bless Bishop David as he speaks tonight. 2 Chronicles 12, Jon 19:31-end.

Thurs 12 Feb As Stephen continues to lead an exploring faith group, grant growing depth in the lives of participants. 2 Chron. 13:1-14:1, John 20:1-10.

Fri 13 Feb We give thanks for the work of the Police & Security Services, and especially P.C. Reid, whose work for us has been such a help.
2 Chronicles 14:2-end, John 20:11-18.

Sat 14 Feb St. Valentine's Day: as love has been so distorted in our society, grant that we may see the joy of holy love, & boundaries of behaviour. 2 Chronicles 15:1-15, John 20:19-end.

Sun 15 Feb Come let us sing praise to our king, Jesus our king. We pray for God's blessing on Bishop David's visit to Ellisfield, Dummer and Cliddesden today. 2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Mon 16 Feb As schools have half term, grant teachers, pupils & parents rest, relaxation, protection from harm, & peace. Jeremiah 1, John 3:1-21

Tues 17 Feb Alresford Deanery Synod meets tonight – bless our deliberations with Your guiding Spirit. Jeremiah 2:1-13, John 3:22-end.

Wed 18 Feb Ash Wednesday as we worship at Cliddesden, bless our moments of repentance & renewal. Daniel 9:3-6,17-19, 1 Tim.6:6-19.

Thurs 19 Feb Refresh us Lord today with Your love and hope.
Jeremiah 2:14-32, John 4:1-26.

Fri 20 Feb We pray for families wanting baptism for their children that as they are prepared, they may know you as Saviour and Lord.
Jeremiah 3:6-22, John 4:27-42.

Sat 21 Feb We ask for your help with difficult relationships, for peace to reign between those in dispute. Jeremiah 4:1-18, John 4:43-end.

Sun 22 Feb Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art. Bless Rob Hughes, who is helping us around the benefice with services. Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-end, Mark 1:9-15

Mon 23 Feb Lord your presence is everywhere, but we often miss it: grant today we realise You are with us in whatever easy or difficult place we are.
Jeremiah 4:19-end, John 5:1-18.

Tues 24 Feb Bless the ministry of our choirs, organists & musicians – Candover Valley Choir, Preston Candover Choir, Maidenthorne Singers, the Belles of St Martin's & the Cliddesden Community Choir, who sing & enhance our worship. Jeremiah 5:1-19, John 5:19-29.

Wed Feb 25 Lord, When we are hard hearted, soften us; when obstinate, bend us; when wilful, break us, when broken, heal us.
Jeremiah 5:20-end, John 5:30-end.

Thurs Feb 26 As the Lent Course begins, stir us to desire to learn & grow up in emotional and spiritual maturity. Jeremiah 6:9-21, John 6:1-15.

Fri Feb 27 In the rush of the day, speak in the moments of silence we have; help us to rid ourselves of unnecessary noise & distraction to hear You speaking. Jeremiah 6:22-end, John 6:16-27.

Sat Feb 28 Show your power O Lord, demonstrate the justice of your kingdom in an unjust & unfair society. We pray for all involved in the judicial system, for police officers, legal representatives & juries, that justice may be seen to be done in our courts. Jeremiah 7:1-20, John 6:27-40.

Sun Mar 1 Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the king? Who will be his helpers, other lives to bring? Meet with us today in worship & in our homes. Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 3:13-end, Mark 1:9-15

Mon March 2 Bless David as he is on a course on leading churches into growth. Jeremiah 7:21-end, John 6:41-51.