

Prayer & Bible Reading Diary for 8 December 2014 to January 25 2015

Thurs 15 Jan We pray for couples considering marriage, that they may know Your guidance, and help David and Stephen as they lead the engaged couples' evening in 2 weeks' time. Amos 4, 1 Corinthians 3.

Fri 16 Jan May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self-abasing, this is victory Amos 5:1-17, 1 Corinthians 4.

Sat 17 Jan We pray for families expecting babies that they may have your peace as they prepare for parenthood. Amos 5:18-end, 1 Corinthians 5.

Sun 18 Jan May I run the race before me, strong and brace to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
1 Samuel 3:1-10, Revelation 5:1-10, John 1:43-end.

Mon 19 Jan My Jesus, My Saviour, Lord there is none like you; all of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love. Bless Farleigh PCC tonight in our decision-making. Amos 6, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11.

Tues 20 Jan Lord we ask you to lead us to someone in need that we encounter today. Guide Preston Candover PCC tonight. Amos 7, 1 Corinthians 6:12-end.

Wed 21 Jan We ask Lord for you to give courage to those being persecuted for following You, knowing we could soon be in the same situation in our own country. Amos 8, 1 Corinthians 7:1-24.

Thurs 22 Jan We pray for Archbishop Justin Welby, and our bishops Tim, Jonathan and David that at every stage they will know Your guiding hand in their ministries. Amos 9, 1 Corinthians 7:25-end.

Fri 23 Jan Lord, help David and Stephen in their roles in our benefice to lead us to you; grant them wisdom and courage to correct error, confront those who are wayward and defiant, and patience with those who struggle.
Hosea 1:1-2:1, 1 Corinthians 8.

Sat 24 Jan We pray for Your blessing on the Rural Ministries Conference in Winchester today. Hosea 2:2-17, 1 Corinthians 9:1-14.

Sun 25 Jan *Conversion of St. Paul:* as we celebrate the conversion of Paul to Christ, help us to share our own spiritual awakening with others today.
Jeremiah 1:4-10, Acts 9:1-22, Galatians 1:11-16

Mon 26 Jan We pray today for more to encounter you, the risen Lord in the year ahead; bless Ellisfeld DCC's meeting. Hosea 2:18-end 3, 1 Corinthians 9:15-end.

Tues 27 Jan Praise Him, praise Him Jesus our blessed redeemer. Guide Wield's PCC tonight. Hosea 4:1-16, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.

Mon 8 Dec Lord as I start today, guide my footsteps, clear my thinking, and fill me with your Spirit that I may love what You love, and do what you would do.
Isaiah 45:14-end, 1 Thessalonians 1.

Tues 9 Dec Forgive us Lord when we have no concern for those who don't yet know You, the only true God. Isaiah 46; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Wed 10 Dec We pray for all involved in bringing healing for victims of abuse that you may grant patience & insight to help all who suffer in body, emotions and mind. Isaiah 47, 1 Thessalonians 2:13-end.

Thurs 11 Dec As final rehearsals take place for carol services, grant that we may not only sing the words but believe the truth of the Gospel.
Isaiah 48: 1-11, 1 Thessalonians 3.

Fri 12 Dec We pray your blessing on "Carols in the Hall" at Ellisfield with the Salvation Army Band. Isaiah 48:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12.

Sat 13 Dec Where else can I go, for with you alone Lord is eternal life, hope and the one who hears my every prayer. Isaiah 49:1-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end.

Sun 14 Dec. Bless those coming to the Carol services in the benefice today, that Jesus Christ may become real to occasional attenders. We pray for the Bishop of Basingstoke as he speaks at Wield and Northington carol services to make Jesus known. Isaiah 61:1-4, 8 to end, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mon 15 Dec We pray for the housebound, the elderly and for those approaching the end of their lives, that they may look forward with joy and anticipation to all you have for those who love you. Isaiah 49:14-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.

Tues 16 Dec Lord come and heal your church, bring repentance for sin, healing and forgiveness for injury, and joy in releasing from spiritual imprisonment. Isaiah 50, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-end.

Wed 17 Dec We give thanks to you Lord for the joy of this season.
Isaiah 51:1-8, 2 Thessalonians 1.

Thurs 18 Dec We pray for those less fortunate than ourselves that this Christmas may bring them hope. Isaiah 51:9.16, 2 Thessalonians 2.

Fri 19 Dec We pray for Lady Clementine Wallop & Daniel Magnowski as they marry today at St. Andrews' Farleigh Wallop, & for the Cliddesden Nine Lessons & Carols with the Bishop of Basingstoke. Isaiah 51:17-end, 2 Thessalonians 3.

Sat 20 Dec Lord, open our eyes to see the wonder of your incarnation anew, that we may recognise the day of your visitation. Isaiah 52:1-12, Jude.

Sun 21 Dec Bless we pray the carol services across the benefice as we sing the praise of Him who came into this world to save us from our sins.
2 Samuel 7:1-11,16, Romans 16:25-end Luke 1:26-38.

Mon 22 Dec Come O long expected Jesus born to set your people free.
Isaiah 52:13-end of 53, 2 Peter 1:1-15.

Tues 23 Dec In the stillness of the night may I hear your voice and do what you tell me. Isaiah 54, 2 Peter 1:16-2:3.

Wed 24 Dec As we anticipate the holy birth, keep us remembering why you came. Isaiah 55, 2 Peter 2:4-end.

Thurs 25 Dec *Christmas Day* Joy to the world, the Lord has come. Let earth receive her King! Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord.
Isaiah 62:1-5, Matthew 1:18-end.

Fri 26 Dec *St. Stephen's Day*: As Stephen the first martyr laid his life down the cause of truth and the gospel, give us a patient faith with perseverance in the face of opposition to Your good news. Jeremiah 26:12-15, Acts 6.

Sat 27 Dec Bless Keith Adams and Kirsty Turner as they marry at St. John's Northington today. Exodus 33:12-end, 1 John 2:1-11.

Sun 28 Dec As Harriet Park-Weir is baptised today at the benefice service at Ellisfield, grant her and her family the knowledge of your overwhelming grace.
Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21.

Mon 29 Dec Lord we give thanks for families & time to rejoice; meet with those for whom Christmas has been difficult, & for families split by tension & unhappiness. Isaiah 57:15-end, John 1:1-18.

Tues 30 Dec We pray for those involved in the emergency services over Christmas, for patience and strength; we pray for your blessing on PC Andy Reid and his work among us. Isaiah 59:1-15, John 1:19-28.

Wed 31 Dec *New Year's Eve* Lord you give us hope and expectation; You give us light when we are in darkness; as we face a New Year ahead, give us new insight into your mercies, give us courage to do always what is right, and we ask for Your help to be obedient to your every word. Isaiah 59:16-end, John 1:29-34.

Thurs 1 Jan This New Year, I choose to follow You each day; renew my prayer life and help me to see answers to prayer each day. Genesis 17:1-13, Romans 2:1-17.

Fri 2 Jan As the holiday period draws to a close, help us Lord to return to work with fresh energy and joy. Isaiah 60:1-12, John 1:35-42.

Sat 3 Jan Lord bless all those involved in worship tomorrow, leaders, readers, wardens and sides-people, those leading prayers and clergy as they prepare in prayer before you, that we may be inspired & meet You. Isaiah 60:13-end, John 1:43-end.

Sun 4 Jan. Lord renew us, your people, with your Holy Spirit, to fit us for the year ahead. Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12.

Mon 5 Jan As schools prepare to return, grant blessing to the staff, pupils and governors as their new terms begin. Isaiah 62, John 2:1-13.

Tues 6 Jan *Epiphany* As Jesus was revealed to the Gentile world, grant that we so live our lives that others may find you through the way we live and love. Meet with Northington PCC as we plan and discuss ways ahead for Your work.
Jeremiah 31:7-14, John 1:29-34.

Wed 7 Jan May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all do and say. We pray for those starting to explore the faith in the evenings this spring that Your light and revelation will burst on their minds and hearts. Isaiah 63:7-end, 1 John 3.

Thurs 8 Jan May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour so that all may see I triumph only through His power. Isaiah 64, 1 John 4:7-end.

Fri 9 Jan May the peace of God my father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing. Isaiah 65:1-16, 1 John 5:1-12.

Sat 10 Jan As we prepare for worship tomorrow, grant us expectant hearts for what we will receive from you. Isaiah 65:17-end, 1 John 5:13-end.

Sun 11 Jan Bless those who will be taking part in worship today; those leading prayers, reading the Bible, those with practical tasks of setting up and welcoming, and those who lead in worship and speak that we all hear Your voice.
1 Samuel 3:1-10, Revelation 5:1-10, John 1:43-end.

Mon 12 Jan We pray for school governors undergoing training, that they may have minds to learn; bless also Bradley PCC as they meet tonight.
Amos 1, 1 Corinthians 1:1-17.

Tues 13 Jan Lord we pray for all in government that they may have the sense to follow Your commands, to govern with truth, honesty, fairness and equity.
Amos 2, 1 Corinthians 1:18-end.

Wed 14 Jan Filling Station restarts tonight – speak to us through Roy Lewis, our speaker tonight that we may grow up in maturity. Amos 3, 1 Corinthians 2.