

Wed Sept 2 We pray for children moving schools today that they settle quickly to routines, build new friendships & rise to challenges of learning. Haggai 2:10-end, Mark 8:27-9:1.

Thursday Sept 3 We pray for new teachers starting at our local schools that they settle in quickly, develop good relationships with children & teach faithfully truth & goodness. Zechariah 1:1-17, Mark 9:2-13.

Fri Sept 4 We pray for families struggling with emotional & financial issues that they find help in need; for the Basingstoke & Winchester food banks, that they help those in dire need. Zechariah 1:18-end of 2, Mark 9:14-29.

Sat Sept 5 As Harvest Festival season begins, forgive us when we forget to thank you for Your provision for our physical & spiritual needs. Zechariah 3, Mark 9:30-37.

Sun Sept 6 All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above, so we thank you Lord for all Your love. Proverbs 22:1-9,22-23; James 2:1-10,14-17, Mark 7:24-end

Mon Sept 7 We pray for Farleigh PCC's meeting tonight as we grapple with principles of church growth. Zechariah 4, Mark 9:38-end.

Tues Sept 8 We pray for all involved in our local parish, borough & county councils, that they may be scrupulously fair & honest in all their decisions, for the good of all. Zechariah 6:9-end, Mark 10:1-16.

Wed Sept 9 We give thanks today for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who today becomes the longest reigning monarch in British history. We also ask for Your manifest presence at Filling Station tonight with Bishop David speaking. Zechariah 7, Mark 10:17-31.

Thurs Sept 10 Bless those who care for others – those infirm at home with dementia or other debilitating conditions; bless all carers that they may know they are cared for. Zechariah 8:1-8, Mark 10:32-34.

Fri Sept 11 Lord, make me a channel of your peace and healing to someone today. Zechariah 8:9-end, Mark 10:35-45.

Sat Sept 12 We pray for those coming to the end of their lives that they put their trust in you, & families may learn to lean on you in their sorrows. Zechariah 9:1-12, Mark 10:46-end.

Sun Sept 13 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Proverbs 1:20-33, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-end

Prayer & Bible Reading Diary July to September 2015

Wed July 29 As our farmers begin harvest, we ask Your blessing on the process, for prevention of accidents & mechanical breakdowns, for fine weather and good crops. Jeremiah 33:1-13, James 3.

Thursday July 30 We give thanks for prayers answered, for the joys of family life and for Your kindness extended to us in Jesus Christ. Jeremiah 33:14-end, James 4:1-12.

Fri July 31 We pray for all on holiday at this time, that they are kept safe on travelling and activities, find refreshment in a change of scene & routine, & be drawn closer together to their families. Jer.35, James 4:13 to 5:6.

Sat Aug 1 We pray for Joanna Hills and Matthew Bates' wedding at Preston Candover today Jeremiah 36:1-18, James 5:7-end.

Sun Aug 2 We give thanks for today's baptism of twins Ollie & Ella Pink at Dummer. 2 Samuel 11:29 to 12:13, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35.

Mon Aug 3 We pray for all involved in the emergency services today, that they are kept safe when travelling to accidents, given patience & wisdom in dealing with situations & people, particularly praying for our local police officer Andy Reid. Jeremiah 36:19-end, Mark 1:1-13.

Tues Aug 4 Lord in this holiday season, grant we may make time to draw closer to you, with time to reflect away from the usual pressures of life. Jeremiah 37, Mark 1:14-20.

Wed Aug 5 We pray today for You Lord to help us know You better – to recognise your voice, to be more prayerful & to set time aside to pray & seek you. Jeremiah 38:1-13, Mark 1:21-28.

Thursday Aug 6 We pray for families in our benefice with children & adults with learning difficulties; we ask for Your kindness & support for them from neighbours, especially when some benefits are being denied in the current austerity cuts. Jeremiah 38:14-end, Mark 1:29-end.

Fri Aug 7 We pray for your blessing on all our musicians, choirs, organists across the benefice, giving thanks for the gift of music that touches our hearts & draws us closer to You. Jeremiah 39, Mark 2:1-12.

Sat Aug 8 Bless the weddings around the benefice today- Rebecca Bean & Alistair Pearson at Dummer, Francesca Skillett & Ben Kebby at Cliddesden & service of blessing for Joanna Axford & Michael Williams at Preston Candover. Jeremiah 40, Mark 2:13-22.

Sun Aug 9 We pray for Johnathan & Harry Krauklis-Gould at their baptism at Ellisfield today. Who can cheer the heart like Jesus, by his presence all divine; true and tender pure and precious O how great to call Him mine. 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15, 31-33;Eph. 4:25 to 5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

Mon Aug 10 We give thanks O Lord for all who serve on Church Councils, - secretaries, treasurers, wardens & sidespeople, lesson readers, & who pray; grant us all an impartation of Your renewing Holy Spirit to empower us more with your presence. Jeremiah 41, Mark 2:23-3:6.

Tues Aug 11 We pray for our local funeral directors so that in their ministry of compassion in our bereavements, that You may use them to be a help and support. Jeremiah 42, Mark 3:7-19.

Wed Aug 12 Lord use me today to bring a blessing to someone in need close to me. Jeremiah 43, Mark 3:20-end.

Thursday Aug 13 We pray for those receiving exam results today that they have peace, hope & relief; for those whose results are a disappointment, grant new direction, & for others vision as they move on to the next stage of their lives. Jeremiah 44:1-14, Mark 4:1-20.

Fri Aug 14 Jesus, King of kings & Lord of lords, I choose today to follow you despite the cost of upsetting others who reject your ways. Jeremiah 44:15-end, Mark 4:21-34.

Sat Aug 15 Lord bless those preparing to lead us in worship tomorrow, that we are informed, inspired & encouraged. Isaiah 7:10-15, Luke 11:27-28.

Sun Aug 16 All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is all in all to me. 1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

Mon Aug 17 Lord keep safe families travelling today that their journeys may be without delays or troubles. Micah 1:1-9, Mark 5:1-20.

Tues Aug 18 Jesus, be the centre of all we think & do today, that we may see your hand at work in where we are & all we do. Micah 2. Mark 5:21-34.

Wed Aug 19 Rejoice & again I say rejoice. Lord we give you thanks for all things today - the gift of life itself, food on the table, clothes on our backs & a roof over our heads. Forgive us when we take these for granted, when all things come from you. Micah 3, Mark 5:35-end.

Thursday Aug 20 We pray for those in need of your guidance, that they may recognise Your voice & mercy working through others. Micah 4:1-5:1, Mark 6:1-13.

Fri Aug 21 We pray for those depressed & despairing of life itself, when circumstances overwhelm them. Lift their spirits Lord, prevent them from foolish actions that have terrible consequences & help us all to be more aware of those troubled. Micah 5:2-end, Mark 6:14-29.

Sat Aug 22 Lord Your Word gives us so much help; forgive us when we neglect to read the scriptures daily & bring us to repentance for our careless attitudes. Micah 6, Mark 6:30-44.

Sun Aug 23 Sing praise to God who reigns above the God of all creation. 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

Mon Aug 24 We pray for youngsters expecting GCSE results that they may have peace whatever the outcome, & faith to trust You for their future. Micah 7:1-7, Mark 6:45-end.

Tues Aug 25 We pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith in you; we pray particularly for Christians under siege in Nigeria, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Micah 7:8-end Mark 7:1-13.

Wed Aug 26 Jesus, be the centre, source, & my light for the work today. Habakkuk 1:1-11, Mark 7:14-23.

Thursday Aug 27 We give thanks for men and women getting married this year before God; bless Steven Finnis and Dawn Sowerbutts as they marry at Cliddesden today. Habakkuk 1:12-2:5, Mark 7:24-30.

Fri Aug 28 I choose today to surrender to Jesus my faults, weaknesses & wilfulness, & surrender all to the way of the cross, which brings joy, relief, hope and life. Habakkuk 2:6-end, Mark 7:31-end.

Sat Aug 29 As the football season begins, we pray for sense & sensibility to reign in the minds & hearts of our national game, & grant a return to playing with honesty & fairness. Bless Ed Lines and Lucy Gibbs as they marry today at Northington. Habakkuk 3:2-19, Mark 8:1-10.

Sun Aug 30 Living under the shadow of His wing we find security. Song of Solomon 2:8-13,James 1:17-end, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.

Mon Aug 31 "Love one another as Christ has loved you" – help us to understand what love in action looks like. Haggai 1:1-11, Mark 8:11-21.

Tues Sept 1 As schools return, bless teachers as they prepare for new classes, pupils for new teachers or schools, & for good working with staff & governors. Haggai 1:12-2:9, Mark 8:22-26.