

**Farleigh Candover and Wield
Prayer and Bible reading diary December 2015
to January 2016**

Fri Jan 8 As we prepare for worship on Sunday, bless Stephen, David & anyone else taking part – reading lessons, leading prayers, cleaning, sides-people, musical input in voice or instrument that our worship may sparkle with your presence. Jeremiah 30:1-17, Matt 20:17-28

Sat Jan 9 We ask your help for all sharing the gospel around the world in different language, culture or climate, for Christ to be heard, seen and received. Jeremiah 30:18-31:9, Matt 20:29-end

Sun Jan 10 I worship you almighty God, there is none like you. Isaiah 43:1-7, Ephesians 4:17-25, Matthew 5:33-37

Mon Jan 11 Bless Bradley PCC as we meet tonight. Genesis 1:1-19, Matt 21:1-17

Tues Jan 12 We ask your blessing on the Leading Prayers in church training evening tonight at Dummer with an outpouring of confidence & new anointing. Gen. 1:20-2:3, Matt 21:18-32

Wed Jan 13. Bless we pray the “i-witness” training event at Chineham today. Gen 2:4-end, Matt 21:33-end

Thurs Jan 14 We pray for the clergy chapter meeting today, for unity, encouragement & prayerful support Gen 3, Matt 22:1-14

Fri Jan 15 We pray your blessing today on all families seeking to have their children baptised; & David & Stephen in the time they spend with couples to help them find you in your fullness. Gen 4:1-16,25-26, Matt 22:15-33

Sat Jan 16 As couples prepare for next week’s engaged couples’ evening, help David and Stephen as they prepare material. Gen. 6:1-10, Matt 22:34-end

Sun Jan 17 Come down O love divine; bless the baptisms of Maya & Lily Trodd at Cliddesden today. Malachi 3:6-10, Ephesians 4:26-28, John 12:1-8

Mon Jan 18 Guide Farleigh PCC as we pray and talk together. Gen. 6:11-7:10, Matt 24:1-14

Tues Jan 19 Guide Preston Candover PCC in our deliberations tonight. Gen 7:11-end, Matt 24:15-28

Wed Jan 20 Lord as we prepare for our Lent course, make us willing to intentionally grow in our lives in faith & trust in you. Gen. 8: 1-14, Matt 24:29-end

Mon Dec 7 As the Christmas season gathers momentum, help us Lord to be still, not be drawn into the frenetic rush, and reflect on Jesus being the reason for the season. Isaiah 30:1-18, Matt 14:1-12

Tues Dec 8 We pray for the schools in our benefice, Cliddesden Primary & Preston Candover Primary that Your presence may pervade the education of our children, so that they see the wonder of Your world in all its’ complexities and beauty. Isaiah 30:19-end, Matt 14:13-end.

Wed Dec 9 We pray for choirs rehearsing for our celebrations of the birth of Jesus, that their offerings may bring joy to every heart. Isaiah 31, Matt 15:1-20

Thurs Dec 10 We pray for those preparing to travel across the world to be with their families this Christmas, that their journeys may be kept safe & not delayed for any reason. Isaiah 32, Matt 15:21-28

Fri Dec 11 Thank you Lord for coming to us, making yourself known to us in human form. Isaiah 33:1-22, Matt 15:29-end

Sat Dec 12 We pray for your presence upon all who suffer through tyranny & hardship this Christmas, that somehow love, grace & healing will prevail. Isaiah 35, Matt 16:1-12

Sun Dec 13 As carol services commence, we ask Lord for Your presence to open our eyes to the wonder of God becoming a baby at Bethlehem. Zephaniah 3:14-end, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

Mon Dec 14 Lord let your light shine in us today, that others may be drawn to You in us. Isaiah 38:1-8, 21-22, Matt 16:13-end

Tues Dec 15 For families under stress this Christmas through financial hardship, unemployment or family illness, grant true peace in every home & faith to trust Christ Isaiah 38:9-20, Matt 17:1-13

Wed Dec 16 We pray for the homeless & those with mental illness or emotional trauma, that somehow the healing power of Jesus may reach and transform. Isaiah 39, Matt 17:14-21

Thurs Dec 17 Joy to the world the Lord has come, let earth receive her king. Zephaniah 1:1-13, Matt 17:22-end

Fri Dec 18 Bless the Carol Service at Cliddesden this evening with love, joy & laughter Zeph. 3:1-13, Matt 18:1-20

Sat Dec 19 We pray for families expecting babies in this season that you will bring peace, hope & deliverance from fear, just as Mary heard the words, "Do not be afraid." Zeph. 3:14-end, Matt 18:21-end

Sun Dec 20 O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant. Bless the many carol services today across the benefice at Cliddesden, Dummer, Ellisfield, Bradley, Wield and Northington.
Micah 5:2-5, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

Mon Dec 21 We ask your blessing on the Carol event at Bradley this evening Malachi 1:1, 6-end, Matt 19:1-12

Tues Dec 22 We pray for the ongoing darkness in the Middle East & across the world to be banished by the light of Jesus Christ; Lord deliver those in the darkness of evil powers, into the light, peace & hope of Christ.
Malachi 2:1-16, Matt 19:13-15

Wed Dec 23 We pray for our police service, especially PC Andy Reid, fire & ambulance crews, NHS doctors & nurses that this Christmas they may be given strength to deliver emergency care to all in need.
Malachi 2:17-3:12, Matt 19:16-end

Thurs Dec 24 As Christmas Day approaches, give us fresh insight to the incarnation, that the wonder of God becoming human may amaze us anew. Bless the Christmas Eve crib services, carol services & midnight communions Malachi 3:13-end of 4, Matt 23:1-12

Fri Dec 25 Christmas Day Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new-born king! Isaiah 62:1-5, Matt 1:18-end

Sat Dec 26 St. Stephen's Day: remembering the first martyr for Christ & all who have been faithful unto death in the cause of the gospel particularly across Iraq & Syria in the last 2 years. Lord increase your intervention in the hearts & minds of aggressors to change their ways. Jer. 26:12-15, Acts 6.

Sun Dec 27 Sing we the king who is coming to reign glory to Jesus the Lamb who was slain. Bless we pray Archie Cooke being baptised today at Farleigh. 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

Mon Dec 28 As clergy rest, we pray for relaxation, peace & renewal for all as we give thanks for our hope in Christ. Genesis 37:13-20, Matt 18:1-10

Tues Dec 29 We pray for all in authority from parish council to national Parliament, that in the imperfections of life & frailty of human ingenuity, guide & enlighten that we may be governed in justice, truth, honesty & wisdom.
Jonah 1, Colossians 1:1-14

Wed Dec 30 Lord we pray for all involved in our farming community; grant them physical strength in the depths of winter weather to persevere, & ask for your encouragement to them as spring brings new life to the fields.
Isaiah 41:21-42:1, 1 John 2:1-11

Thurs Dec 31 We pray for our armed forces wherever they are serving, that Your hand to restrain those arraigned against them may be exposed, & keep them safe in all instances of action. Jonah 2, Colossians 1:15-23

Fri Jan 1 New Year's Day. As we enter 2016, guide our endeavours, reveal our weaknesses & give grace to amend our ways; lead us to make a difference for good in the lives of others: bless those who face sadness, illness & struggle in the year ahead that they may find Your help in their lives. Genesis 17:1-13, Romans 2:17-end

Sat Jan 2 We pray for families with children handicapped in any way, that they may have extra grace to cope, the joy of human support, encouragement & the peace of Christ. Ruth 1, Colossians 2:8-end

Sun Jan 3 Praise my soul the king of heaven, to His feet our tributes bring. Bless the baptism of Kit Cousens at Preston Candover, & "T@5."
Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-14, Luke 12:15-21

Mon Jan 4 We ask for your blessing on a new venture with a small group praying together today, that we may see encouragement & joy.
Ruth 2, Colossians 3:1-11

Tues Jan 5 We pray for our diocese and bishops Tim, Jonathan and David that they may know your guiding hand & grace Ruth 3, Col 3:12-4:1

Wed Jan 6 Epiphany We thank you Lord that you reveal yourself to anyone who has eyes and heart open to your still small voice. Help us to stop & listen today, see Your wonders that sometimes we miss.
Ruth 4:1-17, Colossians 4:2-end

Thurs Jan 7 As we walk with you today, we choose to stop and listen to others and see your work in them. Help us to attract others to Jesus by our attitudes & lifestyle. Jeremiah 23:1-8, Matt 20:1-16