

Prayer & Bible Reading Diary January to Mothering Sunday 2016

Thurs Feb 25 We pray for families expecting or recently had babies – help them to be good, loving parents, & grant patience & rest so that in the early days they may not get exhausted. Gen. 45:16-end, Hebrews 3:7-end.

Fri Feb 26 We pray for David & Stephen as they prepare for tomorrow's marriage preparation day- grant wisdom, humour, joy & sensitivity in their teaching. Genesis 45:16-end Hebrews 4:1-13.

Sat Feb 27 Bless couples getting married later this year across our churches that they may grow into all you intend. Gen.46:1-7, 28-end, Heb. 4:1-13

Sun Feb 28 What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear; bless Messy Church today at Cliddesden. Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Matthew 19:16-28.

Mon Feb 29 We pray for all involved in the emergency services – local police, especially P.C Andy Reid, fire-fighters, ambulance personnel, & all involved in the accidents of life, victims of crime & sadness; bless their ministries & lives, making them a blessing for those in need. Genesis 47:1-27, Hebrews 4:14-5:10.

Tues Mar 1 Bless the ministry of choirs & musicians – the Candover Valley Choir, Preston Candover Choir, Maidenthorne Singers, the Belles of St Martin's & Cliddesden Community Choir, who sing & enhance our worship. Genesis 47:28-end 48, Hebrews 5:11-6:12.

Wed Mar 2 We ask Your blessing on Lent session 3 with "Being a Christian in Education: Trudie Cawthru, School Headteacher." 7.30 Preston Candover. Genesis 49:1-32, Hebrews 6:13-end.

Thurs Mar 3 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 - police officers, legal representatives & juries, that justice may be seen to be done in our courts. Genesis 49:33-end of 50, Hebrews 7:1-10.

Fri Mar 4 We pray for families under pressure- single parents, those with disabled children, or under severe financial strain, for them to find Your help in time of need. Exodus 1:1-14, Hebrews 7:22-end.

Sat Mar 5 We pray for Bishop Tim as he calls an Episcopal Synod at the Cathedral today, for wisdom, a listening ear & hope & encouragement to be given. Exodus 1:22-2:10, Hebrews 8.

Sun Mar 6 Mothering Sunday Bless our worship today as we celebrate this special day. Exodus 2:1-10, 1 Corinthians 1:3-7, John 19:25-27

Thurs Jan 21 We pray for the teaching staff of our schools locally & further afield attended by children from our parishes, that they may inspire our children to seek & find truth & hope. Gen.8:15-9:7, Matt.25:1-13.

Fri Jan 22 We ask Your blessing on the new archdeacon, Richard Brand, and new Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Rev. Dr Marcus Throup as they take up their new roles. Gen. 9:8-19, Matt. 25:14-30

Sat Jan 23 Thank You Lord we live as forgiven people, free from sin, guilt & condemnation, free to rejoice and be glad. Gen. 11:1-9, Mat 25:31-end.

Sun Jan 24 Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; let every voice praise His name. We pray for blessing at Messy Church today at Cliddesden. Nehemiah 8:1-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Matthew 5:21-26

Mon Jan 25 We give thanks for Your presence in worship yesterday – bless those who face difficult decisions or unexpected crises today that Your love will embolden their faith and trust. Acts 9:1-22, Matthew 19:27-end.

Tues Jan 26 Bless Wield PCC tonight as we meet to pray, & bless the diocesan day on Giving in Bursledon, that all who attend may catch the vision for giving for Your kingdom more generously. Genesis 13:2-end, Matthew 26:17-35.

Wed Jan 27 We thank you for the schools in our benefice: bless the staff, pupils, governors and parents of Preston Candover C of E and Cliddesden Primary Schools. Genesis 14, Matthew 26:36-46.

Thurs Jan 28 We pray for parishes in vacancy, that You will give lay leaders boldness to pray together, and work for Your kingdom, finding new gifts of the Holy Spirit amongst unlikely people. Genesis 15, Matthew 26:47-56.

Fri Jan 29 As we prepare for worship, we pray for all taking part: musicians, readers, wardens, sidespeople, & others that we may serve with joy, enthusiasm & love. Genesis 16, Matthew 26:57-end.

Sat Jan 30 Bless we ask the engaged couples' evening tonight at Cliddesden MVH, for David and Stephen guiding the couples carefully through the process. Genesis 17:1-22, Matthew 27:1-10.

Sun Jan 31 We pray for Your blessing on the meeting with Bishop Tim in Alresford this afternoon. Ezekiel 43:27- 44:4, 1 Cor. 13, Matt. 5:27-32.

Mon Feb 1 We pray for our farming community, who work in field & dairy: protect them from accidents, prosper the crops as they grow; grant good growing conditions, less rain & abundant yields. Gen 18:1-15, Matt 27:11-26.

Tues Feb 2 Bless Brown Candover PCC as we meet tonight. Gen. 18:16-end, Matthew 27:27-44.

Wed Feb 3 We pray for our village populations, giving thanks for the privilege of living in such surroundings, but also ask for those in trouble, in despair, in turmoil & brokenness, that Your mercy & healing will reach them. Genesis 19:1-3,12-29, Matthew 27:45-56.

Thurs Feb 4 We give thanks for the link we have with the diocese of Lango in Uganda; guide the committee today as they meet, to know your presence & ways forward to encourage the exchange of information. Genesis 21:1-21, Matthew 27:57-end.

Fri Feb 5 Lord, have your way today with me; forgive my laziness, carelessness & unwillingness to pray, & bring me to a new place of surrender to Your ways. Genesis 22:1-19, Matthew 28:1-15.

Sat Feb 6 We pray for Your blessing on T@5 tomorrow, For new families to come, & others commit themselves to the team. Genesis 23, Matt 28:16-end.

Sun Feb 7 Who can cheer the heart like Jesus, by His presence all divine, true & tender, pure and precious, O how blest to call Him mine. Exodus 34:29-end, 2 Corinthians 3:12- 4:2, Mark 7:9-13.

Mon Feb 8 We pray for David and Stephen meeting to pray & reflect on worship & planning for Lent. Genesis 37:1-11, Galatians 1.

Tues Feb 9 Shrove Tuesday Lord, come amongst us as we meet at Northington PCC today. Genesis 37:12-end, Galatians 2:1-10.

Wed Feb 10 Ash Wednesday, as we begin Lent, help us to grow in knowledge & maturity as we journey to Easter: Service 7.30 p.m. at Bradley. Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19, 1 Timothy 6:6-19.

Thurs Feb 11 Bless those meeting at David's tonight as we pray & be renewed by your Spirit. Genesis 39, Galatians 2:11-end.

Fri Feb 12 We pray for families under pressure today with news of illness, disability, struggle that they may know Your strength to keep going. Genesis 40, Galatians 3:1-14.

Sat Feb 13 We pray for those suffering acutely under wicked tyranny, especially Christians from Iraq, Syria, N. Nigeria: give grace to cope under pressure, & change the hearts of evil people perpetrating pain, suffering & torture on the innocent. Genesis 41:1-24, Gal. 3:15-22

Sun Feb 14 St. Valentine's Day Jesus lover of my soul let me to your bosom fly. Deut. 26:1-11, Romans 10:8-13, Mark 2:23-28

Mon Feb 15 As schools have half term break, bless, we pray, children, parents & teachers as they draw breath & rest. Gen. 41:25-45, Gal. 3:23-4:7

Tues Feb 16 for all in the NHS, we give thanks for the great caring curing work that is done; we ask for more to offer to train & serve as doctors & nurses. Genesis 41:46-42:5, Galatians 4:8-20.

Wed Feb 17 Bless our LENT Course beginning tonight with consultant Roland Guy, "Being a Christian in the NHS." Genesis 42:6-17, Gal. 4:21-5:1.

Thurs Feb 18 We pray for all in the Armed services that they may serve diligently, honestly, & justly. Genesis 42:18-28, Galatians 5:2-15.

Fri Feb 19 We pray for all our security services, that they may use all just means to protect us from evil & we ask You to reveal those in secret who want to do harm. Genesis 42:29-end, Galatians 5:16-end.

Sat Feb 20 We give thanks for upcoming baptisms of cousins William Cazenove & Olivia Peters –bless their families as they are given the sign of belonging to your family. Genesis 43:1-15, Galatians 6.

Sun Feb 21 Praise O praise our God and King – meet us as we worship today we ask- help Stephen & David to be inspired afresh. Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Matthew 1:18-25.

Mon Feb 22 Bless new prayer groups that fresh empowerment will spill over into our worship & witness. Genesis 43:16-end, Hebrews 1.

Tues Feb 23 We ask Your inspiration for David & Stephen in their school assemblies, teaching & informing our children of your ways. Gen 44:1-17, Hebrews 2:1-9.

Wed Feb 24 Lent course 2:- Bless session 2 at Preston Candover Village Hall, Being a Christian in.... Genesis 44:18-end, Hebrews 2:10-end.