

Benefice Prayer and Bible Reading Diary March 7 to April 23 2016

**Mon April 11** We pray for Bradley's APCM tonight as they consider the financial needs to renew the roof. Exodus 19, Luke 1:1-25.

**Tues April 12** What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins & griefs to bear. what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Pour upon us a new deep desire to pray & seek your face. Exodus 20:1-21, Luke 1:26-38.

**Wed April 13** We give thanks for the support given to the diocese of Lango in Uganda; bless the committee meeting today. Exodus 24, Luke 1:39-56.

**Thurs April 14** We pray for the pre-schools in the benefice that their work amongst the youngest gives hope and support. Ex. 25:1-22, Luke 1:57-end.

**Fri April 15** We pray for good weather this spring enabling our farmers to sow, cultivate and reap in abundance. Ex.28:1-4, 29-38, Luke 2:1-20.

**Sat April 16** We pray for all couples getting married in our churches this year, that in their preparation they may discover Your love. Ex.29:1-9, Luke 2:21-40

**Sun April 17** Sing we the king who is coming to reign, glory to Jesus the Lamb who was slain. We ask Your blessing on the concert at St. John's Northington this evening. Psalm 23, Acts 9:36-end, John 10:2-30.

**Mon April 18** We pray for those lost from Christ in our community, the careless, the oppressed, the isolated, the troubled, that You will put into their hearts to seek after You. Exodus 32:1-14, Luke 2:41-end.

**Tues April 19** We pray for Your blessing on Preston Candover's APCM tonight. Exodus 32:15-34, Luke 3:1-14.

**Wed April 20** We give thanks for District church councils; bless Cliddesden DCC meeting tonight. Exodus 33, Luke 3:15-22.

**Thurs April 21** We give thanks for all our churchwardens; we ask You to raise up new wardens to replace those standing down, as they pass on the baton. Exodus 34:1-10, 27-end, Luke 4:1-13.

**Fri Apr 22** We pray for the choirs in the benefice, giving thanks for their willingness to offer their musical talents to bring glory to you. Exodus 35:20-36:7, Luke 4:14-30.

**Sat Apr 23 St. George's Day** Lord, what have you to say to me today? I am listening. Joshua 1:1-9, Ephesians 6:10-20.

**Mon Mar 7** We pray for Farleigh PCC meeting tonight as the next step of Cliddesden's building alterations are voted for. Exodus 2:11-22, Heb. 9:1-14.

**Tues Mar 8** Bless Northington's accounts meeting tonight. Exodus 2:23-3:20, Hebrews 9:15-end.

**Wed Mar 9** We give thanks for opportunities to speak of Christ in our local schools – bless assemblies this week; we ask for your power to touch us in the Lent course with Anthony Bird, chief pilot of the Queen's helicopter flight. Exodus 4:1-23, Hebrews 10:1-18.

**Thurs Mar 10** Lord we ask for your blessing on all who serve in the NHS and emergency health services – First Responders in our benefice, for whom we give thanks for their willingness to serve. Exodus 4:27-6:1, Heb.10:19-25.

**Fri Mar 11** We pray for our fire & police services, especially the work of P.C. Andy Reid; grant them your peace and wisdom in their roles. Exodus 6:2-13, Hebrews 10:26-end.

**Sat Mar 12** We pray for all involved in our farming community- farmers, workers and staff on the land; bless them & their work; we ask for good spring weather, less rain & more warmth to bring on the crops. Exodus 7:8-end, Hebrews 11:1-16.

**Sun Mar 13** We give thanks for William Cazenove & Olivia Peters being welcomed into God's family today at Ellisfield following their baptisms; we pray for the De'ath family being baptised today at Farleigh – Hayley & Richard, Amore, Franco & Hayley's brother James. Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 10 1-2, 8-10, Mark 12:28-34.

**Mon Mar 14** We give thanks for the many village halls across the benefice: bless & guide those who serve on the committees, that they may always have a servant heart. Exodus 8:1-19, Hebrews 11:17-31.

**Tues Mar 15** We pray for Preston Candover PCC tonight for Your blessing & encouragement. Exodus 8:20-end, Hebrews 11:32-12:2.

**Wed Mar 16** We give thanks for the Lent meetings & pray for tonight's speaker James Lees, from Christians in Parliament. Ex.9:1-12, Heb. 12:3-13.

**Thurs Mar 17** We ask your blessing on all who serve as school governors across our benefice, giving thanks for their time, expertise and wisdom. Exodus 9:13-end, Hebrews 12:14-end.

**Fri Mar 18** We pray for all who govern us – local parish councils, boroughs, counties & national parliament, that their decisions may be over-riden by Your will, grace and truth. Help them all to submit to Your ways of justice, truth & mercy, Amen. Exodus 10, Hebrews 13:1-16.

**Sat Mar 19** Lord we pray for diocesan synod open meeting today, for clarity, honesty & transparency. Isaiah 11:1-10, Hebrews 13:17-end.

**Sun Mar 20 Palm Sunday:** Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the king of kings: bless we pray Messy Church this afternoon at CMVH. Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40.

**Mon Mar 21 Holy Week:** help us to journey with Jesus to the cross & beyond in faith & trust. Lamentations 1:1-12, Luke 22:1-23.

**Tues Mar 22** We pray for all who have fled their homes in fear of persecution & violence; help them to find places of hope and peace & justice, & help us to be more aware of their plight. Lamentations 3:1-18, Luke 22:24-53.

**Wed Mar 23** As choirs & musicians prepare for Easter, inspire their singing & draw us closer into your cross & resurrection power. Jeremiah 11:18-20, Luke 22:54-end.

**Thurs Mar 24 Maundy Thursday** Meet with us around your table tonight at Dummer. Leviticus 16:2-24, Luke 23:1-25.

**Fri Mar 25 Good Friday** as we reflect on the Cross, bless the benefice walk, Last Hour at Cliddesden & Vox Lucis choir at Northington this evening. John 19, Hebrews 10:1-10.

**Sat Mar 26** Lord, as we approach Easter day, bless our “New Fire” & Communion at Cliddesden. Hosea 6:1-6, John 2:18-22.

**Sun March 27 Easter Day** Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o’er death has won. Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15 19-26, Luke 24:1-12

**Mon Mar 28** We ask your blessing on schoolteachers & children on holiday this Easter. Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

**Tues Mar 29** We pray today for families in crisis in our benefice – where bereavement, illness or disagreement has struck without warning; we ask for You to provide for all their needs. Exodus 12:14-36, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.

**Wed Mar 30** Lord, draw me closer to you today, work through me to bless others for Jesus sake. Exodus 12:37-end, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28.

**Thurs Mar 31** Lord we pray for refugees from Syria & Iraq, particularly Christians forced to flee for their lives; help us to recognise our responsibility to our brothers & sisters to help them find havens of peace until the war is over. Exodus 13:1-16, 1 Corinthians 15:29-34.

**Fri April 1** Lord we thank you for the many young people in our benefice; help us to get Christian youth work going to feed their souls and guide their lives. Exodus 13:17-14:14, 1 Corinthians 15:35-50.

**Sat April 2** We pray for families being prepared for baptism across the benefice – help each parent to open their lives to You & find hope & salvation. Exodus 14:15-end, 1 Corinthians 15:51-end.

**Sun April 3** He’s alive He’s alive, He has risen, alleluia, alleluia. Bless T@5 at PC VH today with Your risen power. Exodus 14:10-end, 15:20-21, Acts 5:27-32, John 20:19-end.

**Mon April 4** As the APCM season begins, we ask you to bless Northington’s meeting tonight. Exodus 15:1-21, Colossians 1:1-14.

**Tues April 5** Bless Wield’s APCM tonight that joy & encouragement may be the theme. Exodus 15:22-16:10, Colossians 1:15-end.

**Wed April 6** Lord, forgive me for not making time to listen yesterday; I choose to hear your voice & obey it today. Exodus 16:11-end, Col.2:1-15.

**Thurs April 7** Thank you that your voice is heard more easily than we realise: I choose to be still today to hear you speak. Exodus 17, Col. 2:16-3:11

**Fri April 8** Lord, help all those preparing for Sunday worship – those doing practical tasks, musicians, singers, readers, those leading worship & preaching, that as they pray, you will speak & help them so we all encounter you. Exodus 18:1-12, Colossians 3:12-4:1.

**Sat April 9** We pray for You to provide the money to pay for our ministry across the benefice & in the diocese; forgive us when we withhold what is Yours. Exodus 18:13-end, Colossians 4:2-end.

**Sun April 10** Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul, I worship His holy name. Acts 9:1-6, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19.