

## Prayer and Bible Reading Plan September 5 to October 12 2016

**Mon Oct 3** Heavenly Father, we pray for families with children who have learning difficulties, or physical or emotional challenges; give them patience, support & hope in their most stressful moments, & make us more aware of them to support & encourage. Galatians 1:6-12, Luke 10:25-37.

**Tues Oct 4** We pray for Northington's PCC as they meet this evening, for encouragement & vision for mission to be the agenda. Galatians 1:13-end, Luke 10:38-end.

**Wed Oct 5** Lord we cry to You for mercy for all struggling to survive in Sudan, south Sudan, DR Congo, & for those in Burundi, that their countries may be governed with security, honesty & truth. Gal. 2:1-14, Luke 11:1-4.

**Thurs Oct 6** We pray for "the God who is there" course tonight, that participants may find the source of truth & hope. Gal. 3:1-5, Luke 11:5-13.

**Fri Oct 7** We pray today for your help to those stuck in "The Jungle" in Calais for whatever reason. Grant to French authorities in particular wisdom & sense that all seeking safety away from war zones & tyranny are given a place to live, be educated, thrive & grow. Gal.3:6-14, Luke11:15-26.

**Sat Oct 8** We pray for the launch of a Northern Hampshire mission called "Who Cares?" tonight, that it may be well organised, and have impact upon the lives of many who come along to local events in the months ahead. Gal 3:22-end, Luke 11:27-28

**Sun Oct 9** "I sought the Lord and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears" (Psalm 34) Bless our worship today in power & hope. Jeremiah 29:4-7, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19.

**Mon Oct 10** We pray for your blessing on Bradley PCC this evening, giving thanks for the recent grant for roof repairs. Gal. 4:21-5:1; Luke 11:29-32.

**Tues Oct 11** We pray for Brown Candover PCC as they meet tonight for Your guiding & presence to surprise, to challenge & direct. Gal. 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

**Wed Oct 12** Lord, help us today to find someone we can encourage by our words or actions. Galatians 5:18-end, Luke 11:42-46.

**Thurs Oct 13** Lord I listen for your prompting, guiding & direction. Lead me to someone for whom to pray and bless. Bless Cliddesden DCC as they meet, reflect on the new installation of PA system & integrated screen, that this may enhance our worship. Ephesians 1:1-10, Luke 11:47-end.

**Mon Sept 5** As schools return this week, help those starting school to feel safe & secure, for those changing school, for hope & expansion of their education, for those moving to higher or further education, grant peace. For those whose exam results were not as good as hoped, that they may see Your hand in their lives guiding them in different directions, & for those whose results surpassed their hopes that the courses they choose may encourage them on to greater achievements. 1 Corinthians 5:1-8, Luke 6:6-11

**Tues Sept 6** We pray for parishes beginning their Christmas service planning, for choirs, musicians & carol choices to be blessed by your presence. 1 Corinthians 6:1-11, Luke 6:12-19.

**Wed Sept 7** We ask your blessing on all who serve as school governors locally & more widely that they serve diligently & wisely. 1 Corinthians 7:25-31, Luke 6:20-26

**Thurs Sept 8** We thank you for the emergency services who are available when we are in need; bless those who lead them, & we pray for Your presence to diminish crime rates in our community. Bless PC Andy Reid as he serves a wide area. 1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-end, Luke 6:27-38.

**Fri Sept 9** As we prepare ourselves for worship on Sunday, help David, Stephen & others who will be leading us in praise, prayer & listening to Your call. 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-end, Luke 6:39-42.

**Sat Sept 10** We ask your blessing on Nigel and Jane Plowright as they have their marriage blessed at Dummer. 1 Cor 10:14-22, Luke 6:43-end.

**Sun Sept 11** *Come let us sing, praise to our king, Jesus our king, this is our song, who to Jesus belong, glory to Jesus, to Jesus our king. We pray your blessing on Hector Park Weir as he is baptised today at Ellisfield.* Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-38, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10.

**Mon Sept 12** We thank you for PCC members, bless them as Farleigh PCC meets this evening. 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33; Luke 7:1-10.

**Tues Sept 13** Lord we pray for those places in the world where to name Jesus Christ as Lord is a death sentence: draw close to those who live in fear of their lives to follow you: give grace, protection & hope; we pray for those who persecute Christians & others that they may see the error of their ways and turn to You. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-end, Luke 7:11-17.

**Wed Sept 14** Thank you for the Alresford Deanery clergy and Licenced Lay Ministers (LLM):bless the chapter meeting today. 1 Cor. 13, Luke 7:18-35.

**Thurs Sept 15** We pray for those who have been recently bereaved; help them in their journey to find You, the only hope beyond death; we give thanks for local funeral directors, whose ministry to the bereaved, alongside the clergy, give hope & help in time of need. 1 Cor 15:1-11, Luke 7:36-end.

**Fri Sept 16** We pray today for families who have had babies locally, or who have adopted children; help them adjust to their new responsibilities; we ask for all homes to be places of love, security & truth. 1 Cor 15:12-20, Luke 8:1-3

**Sat Sept 17** We pray today for Stephen as he takes a service at Twyford school. 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15.

**Sun Sept 18** *Come Ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in 'ere the winter storms begin.* We ask for You to bless Harvest services at Bradley & Northington, Cliddesden's service & lunch, & for Alfie Donovan being baptised at Wield. Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

**Mon Sept 19** We pray today for all involved in the NHS- doctors, nurses, administrative staff, cleaners, ambulance staff and paramedics; we thank You that You are the great Healer, but we can cooperate with you in the process. Bless our hospitals, surgeries & staff who work there. Proverbs 3:27-34, Luke 8:16-18.

**Tues Sept 20** We pray for all who govern our country at national, regional & local level; guide MPs, county & parish councillors in their discussions & decisions, that they always put truth, righteousness & fairness ahead of personal gain & party politics: help the Inland Revenue to get taxes from whom taxes are due, to pursue dishonesty & increase revenue in order that everyone may be taxed correctly. Prov. 21:1-6, 10-13, Luke 8:19-21

**Wed Sept 21** We pray today for Christians & minorities around the world who are oppressed & persecuted for standing up for what is right & true; for Syria, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Northern Nigeria, Iraq, wherever the name of Christ is hated, for Jesus changes lives. Grant grace, perseverance & power to those under tyranny & we ask for the darkness of evil manifesting across the world to be quelled by love, truth & Jesus. Proverbs 3:13-18, Luke 8:22-end.

**Thurs Sept 22** We pray for a new course we are running called "The God who is there" (details from David or Stephen) that starts tonight, that we may encounter Jesus in new ways. Ecclesiastes 1:2-11, Luke 9:7-9.

**Fri Sept 23** We pray for families under pressure financially & emotionally in our benefice; help each one to find hope, peace & resources to help in time of need. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, Luke 9:18-22.

**Sat Sept 24** Raise up Lord lay leaders in our benefice to lead prayers, lead worship & share faith in small groups to revitalise our spiritual life. Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8, Luke 9 :43-45.

**Sun Sept 25** *All shall be well in His kingdom of peace, freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase.* We pray for Your presence at Brown Candover, Preston Candover & Ellisfield as they celebrate harvest; bless also the Hatch Warren runners who are running through the Portsmouth Estate today. Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15, 1 Tim. 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-end.

**Mon Sept 26** We pray for your guiding hand on the diocesan synod as it meets this evening. Job 1:6-end, Luke 9:46-50.

**Tues Sept 27** As our former area dean & rector of Alresford retires, bless Phil & Jan Collins, & we ask for Your power to guide those in authority to find the right person to take on that leadership role swiftly. Job 3:1-23, Luke 9:51-56

**Wed Sept 28** Bless David & Stephen as they take assemblies in the local schools, that their ministry to the children & teachers may have great eternal consequences & give hope, information & truth. Job 9:1-16, Luke 9:57-end.

**Thurs Sept 29** We pray today for a gathering of clergy for fellowship & prayer in the diocese. Revelation 12:7-12. Luke 10:1-12.

**Fri Sept 30** Help David, Stephen & all preparing for worship on Sunday, that ministry may be filled with Your power to heal, save, teach & encourage. Job 38: 1-21, 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16.

**Sat Oct 1** We pray today for organists, musicians, choirs across the benefice for Your Holy Spirit to bring about joy, hope, encouragement & inspiration, particularly in worship this autumn. Job 42, Luke 10:17-24.

**Sun Oct 2** *All things praise thee, Lord most high, heaven and earth and sea and sky.* As the last of Harvest season services take place at Wield, give us thankful hearts for the fullness of this year's harvest. We pray for all running the Basingstoke Half Marathon that they may have good weather, no accidents or incidents. Psalm 1, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10.