

Prayer and Bible Reading Diary November 27 2016 to January 2017

Mon 2 Jan We pray for Stephen Mourant, Barbara Griffiths and Hannah Warner who are travelling today to Uganda to visit diocese of Lango; grant them safety, ease of travel, no problems with flight connections & make them a blessing to all whom they meet. **1 John 2:22-28, John 1:19-28.**

Tues 3 Jan Bless O Lord our endeavours as people return to work today, facing a new year of opportunity. **1 John 2:29-3:6, John 1:29-34.**

Wed 4 Jan As the team travel around projects in Lango diocese, grant them Your protection, peace & ability to listen & encourage. **1 John 3:7-10, John 1:35-42.**

Thurs 5 Jan As schools return for spring term, grant staff, governors & pupils fresh heart to serve & learn. **1 John 3:11-21, John 1:43-end.**

Fri 6 Jan EPIPHANY As Jesus was revealed to the Gentile world, we pray for those in our communities who remain outside the community of faith that they may have revelation of their need of Jesus. **Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12.**

Sat 7 Jan Bless the Lango team as they prepare for worship tomorrow, that they may contribute grace, hope, & encouragement. **1 John 3:22-4:6, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-end.**

Sun 8 Jan *As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold: so may we evermore be lead to Thee.* **Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-end.**

Mon 9 Jan Lord we pray for those housebound due to age or infirmity: grant them the sure knowledge of their salvation & hope of eternal life. Bless Bradley PCC tonight as we meet to plan & pray. **Hebrews 1:1-6, Mark 1:14-20.**

Tues 10 Jan Lord I ask today for your help to understand Your way more fully, & see new things in Your Word as I read it. **Hebrews 2:5-12, Mark 1:21-28.**

Wed 11 Jan Thank you Father for Your mercy to me today; I forgive those who have wronged me recently & choose the way of life by being free from bitterness. **Hebrews 2:13-end, Mark 1:29-39.**

Thurs 12 Jan We pray for Stephen, Barbara and Hannah as they return from Uganda to the UK tonight- grant safety in travel, and help them rest on their flights overnight. **Hebrews 3:7-14, Mark 1:40-end.**

Fri 13 Jan Lord Your light in my life helps me understand what I right; grant me the will to choose to do what is right every day. **Hebrews 4:1-5.**

Sat 14 Jan Speak to me by name today Lord – surprise me as I listen to Your voice of correction & love. **Hebrews 4:6-end, Mark 2:13-17, Psalm 19:7-end.**

Sun 15 Jan *O Praise ye the Lord praise him in the height, rejoice in His Word, ye angels of light.* **Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9. John 1:29-42, Psalm 40:1-12.**

Sun 27 Nov ADVENT SUNDAY *“Come, now is the time to worship, come now is the time to give Your heart; come just as you are to worship: come, just as you are before Your God, come.”* We give thanks for the Messy Church team – help us this afternoon as we worship & think about the Big Bible Stories.

Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-end, Matthew 24:36-44.

Mon 28 Nov We pray for the Anglican Communion, in danger of splitting because of heresy & refusal to follow your Word; we pray for repentance to come as human beings are convicted by Your Holy Spirit of sin & rebellion, & for true unity to be experienced at the cross of Christ. **Isaiah 4:2-end, Matthew 8:5-11.**

Tues 29 Nov We give thanks for scientists making new discoveries about life in our world; thank you for revealing Your creator secrets as they seek for truth.

Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24.

Wed 30 Nov We pray for every Christian engaged in work today, in offices, factories, schools, medical centres, hospitals, travelling by car, lorry, flying, boat or train; help each one to be living witnesses of grace-filled living.

Isaiah 52:7-10, Matthew 4:18-22.

Thurs 1 Dec Lord I choose today to walk in step with You, to listen to Your voice & obey. **Isaiah 26:1-6, Matthew 7:21, 24-27.**

Fri 2 Dec Lord Jesus, You walk beside us every day; help us remember your presence, peace, patience & power so that in all we are & do You are seen.

Isaiah 29:17-end, Matthew 9:27-31.

Sat 3 Dec Lord of the harvest, as winter draws near, bless all who work on the land or who are employed indirectly, that they may be kept safe as essential maintenance is undertaken on ditches, hedges, fields & equipment.

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26, Matthew 9:35-10:1-8.

Sun 4 Dec As Christingle services take place at both ends of the benefice, meet with us as we give thanks for Your world.

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12.

Mon 5 Dec As we anticipate Your coming, prepare our hearts for receiving Your love anew, **Isaiah 35, Luke 5:17-26.**

Tues 6 Dec We ask Your help for families in distress this Christmas – those relying on Food banks for daily sustenance that their needs will be met; make us more generous as we know we could be one of them. **Isaiah 40:1-11, Matthew 18:12.**

Wed 7 Dec Lord we ask You to act in the Middle East, particularly in Syria & Iraq, that the suffering of millions will be over, peace & hope restored.

Isaiah 40:25-end, Matthew 11:28-end.

Thurs 8 Dec As we complete "The God who is there" Course, grant for all who come, a new touch from you, and a new desire to seek & know You.

Isaiah 41:13-20, Matthew 11:11-15.

Fri 9 Dec As choirs & musicians have final rehearsals for Carol services, we ask Lord for Your Holy Spirit and love to impact those who come to church once a year, that they may realise what a difference you make to our daily living.

Isaiah 48:17-19, Matthew 11:16-19.

Sat 10 Dec We pray Your blessing on Sacha McAuley & Andrew Gofton-Salmond getting married today at Cliddesden. **2 Kings 2:9-12, Matthew 17:10-13.**

Sun 11 Dec *Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth, receive her king.*

Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11.

Mon 12 Dec We pray for schools preparing for Christmas, that children may hear the real message of Jesus coming to save us.

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17, Matthew 21:23-27.

Tues 13 Dec We ask Your presence in each home as parents prepare, that they may give appropriate gifts to reflect that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32.

Wed 14 Dec We pray for Christians displaced by war and tyranny across the world, that Christmas may mean more to them as we give thanks for the Saviour come to rescue us. **Isaiah 45:6-8, 18-end; Luke 7:18-23.**

Thurs 15 Dec We pray for David and Stephen as they go to carol events around the benefice, that they may be kept fresh & inspired to share the Christmas story in new ways. **Isaiah 54:1-10, Luke 7:24-30.**

Fri 16 Dec We give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the coming of Jesus, making God known to us: we pray Your blessing on all Carol Services taking place across the benefice, tonight at Cliddesden. **Isaiah 56:1-3, 6-8, John 5:33-36.**

Sat 17 Dec As schools break up for Christmas, grant to staff & pupils rest & joy over the Christmas break. **Gen. 49:2,8-10, Matthew 1:1-17.**

Sun 18 Dec *Who is he in yonder stall, at whose feet the shepherds fall? 'Tis the Lord O wondrous story, 'Tis the Lord, the king of glory.* Bless Carol services across the benefice today we pray. **Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-end.**

Mon 19 Dec We pray for those who serve in the emergency services over Christmas that they may be kept safe in their ministries, & not inundated with injuries caused through foolishness. **Judges 13:2-7, 24-end, Luke 1:5-25.**

Tues 20 Dec We pray for families & their travel plans that all may be kept safe on short and long journeys. **Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke 1:26-38.**

Wed 21 Dec As we prepare ourselves to celebrate Jesus, grant we may not be diverted from the heart of love coming down into the world, in Jesus.

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-45.

Thurs 22 Dec We pray for those who have lost loved one since last Christmas that they may be comforted by grace & hope. **1 Samuel 1:24-end, Luke 1:46-56.**

Fri 23 Dec We pray for every Christian church across the world as we begin to gather for worshipping the Saviour, that many may enter into new experiences of Your presence. **Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-end, Luke 1:57-66.**

Sat 24 Dec Christmas Eve: *Silent Night, Holy night, all is calm, all is bright.* Bless carol, crib and midnight communion services as we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus. **2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16, Luke 1:67-79.**

Sun 25 Dec Christmas Day: *O come let us adore, Him O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.* Meet us as we celebrate Your birth.

Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14.

Mon 26 Dec St. Stephen's Day As we remember the first Christian martyr, we give thanks for many more who have given their lives in recent days not denying Jesus in Syria, Iraq, Nigeria & around the world. **Acts 7:51-end, Matthew 1:17-22.**

Tues 27 Dec See him lying on a bed of straw, a draughty stable with an open door. **Exodus 33:7-11, 1 John 1, John 21:19-end.**

Wed 28 Dec For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government will be upon His shoulder and His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Almighty God. **1 Corinthians 1:26-29, Matthew 2:13-18.**

Thurs 29 Dec As we approach the end of the year, we give You thanks for what is past & ask forgiveness for what has not honoured Christ in our words & actions.

1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:36-40.

Fri 30 Dec Father we come to you, change our hearts and make them more like Your heart of love, generosity and truth. **1 John 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40.**

Sat 31 Dec *Now this is the God we adore, our faithful unchanging friend, we praise you for all that is past and trust you for all that's to come.*

1 John 2:18-21, John 1:1-18.

Sun 1 Jan Lord for ourselves, in living power remake us, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives to live for Christ alone. **Numbers 6:22-end, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21.**