

## Prayer and Bible Reading Diary January 12 to 5 March 2017

**Wed 22 Feb** As part of Winchester diocese and Alresford Deanery, we pray for the deanery synod tonight that your Holy Spirit will enable us to see more clearly Your purposes for us. **Ecclesiastes 8, John 19:31-end.**

**Thurs 23 Feb** Lord we thank you for volunteers in our community who visit the housebound cut the grass, clean the roads, & look out for one another. **Ecclesiastes 9, John 20:1-10.**

**Fri 24 Feb** We pray for families wanting their children baptised, that they may grow into the fullness of faith and discover the real meaning of baptism by water and the Holy Spirit. **Ecclesiastes 10- 11:8, John 20:11-18.**

**Sat 25 Feb** We ask your blessing on the wedding couples gathering today at Cliddesden MVH for marriage preparation – help them in this important step of their lives. **Ecclesiastes 11:9-end 12, John 20:19-end.**

**Sun 26 Feb** *Holy Spirit we welcome you, breathe Your presence and change our hearts' desires.* We give thanks for Messy Church – bless the team & youngsters as we learn another Bible story.

**Exodus 24:12-18, Ephesians 5:1-14, John 3:17-21, Psalm 99**

**Mon 27 Feb** Bless our churchwardens who serve so diligently and faithfully, working for the good of the kingdom of God. **James 3:13-end, Mark 10:17-27.**

**Tues 28 Feb Shrove Tuesday** Lord we give thanks for the approaching time of reflection in Lent that in our fasting, praying denying ourselves, we may find joy, healing & new depths of Your goodness. **James 4:1-10, Mark 10:28-31.**

**Wed 1 Mar ASH WEDNESDAY** We enter into repentance for our indulgences, asking for forgiveness for our lack of love, the poverty of our worship, the forgetfulness of Your commandments. **Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.**

**Thurs 2 Mar** Have mercy Lord for our frequent prayerlessness, carelessness and greed; break their power over us that we may be purified & renewed, better fitted to serve you. **Jeremiah 2:14-32, John 4:1-26.**

**Fri 3 Mar** Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. **Jeremiah 3:6-22, John 4:27-42.**

**Sat 4 Mar** As we approach worship tomorrow, grant new humility, new healing, new hope as we face our shallowness. **Jeremiah 4:1-18, John 4:43-end.**

**Sun 5 Mar** When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

**Genesis 2:15-17, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11, Psalm 32.**

**Mon 16 Jan** We pray for Farleigh PCC as we meet to plan and make decisions for the good of the kingdom. Bless Stephen as he recovers from his trip to Uganda. **Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 2:18-22.**

**Tues 17 Jan** As Preston Candover PCC meets to pray & plan, help us to know your guiding voice. **Hebrews 6:1-10, Mark 2:23-end.**

**Wed 18 Jan** We pray for your help for families in need in our benefice – support in stressful moments, help in time of illness, mercy in times of trouble. **Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17, Mark 3:1-6.**

**Thurs 19 Jan** We give thanks for all involved in local small businesses, whose talents provide employment & growth in the local economy. **Hebrews 7:25-8:6, Mark 3:7-12.**

**Fri 20 Jan Bless** David & Stephen as they have their weekly day off, that they may be refreshed in doing something different. **Hebrews 8:6-end, Mark 3:13-19.**

**Sat 21 Jan** We ask for all preparing to lead, pray, serve in church tomorrow that we may do so in the power of Your Holy Spirit. **Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14, Mark 3:20-21.**

**Sun 22 Jan Sing to God new songs of worship all His deeds are marvellous.** Bless Rufus Fellows being baptised today at Ellisfield, and Messy Church this afternoon. **Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Cor 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23.**

**Mon 23 Jan** We pray for our bishops Tim, Jonathan & David that their lives may show the fruit of the Spirit, & their ministry be in demonstration of the Spirit & of power. **Hebrews 9: 15, 24-end, Mark 3:22-30.**

**Tues 24 Jan** Bless Wield PCC as they meet to pray & plan. **Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-end.**

**Wed 25 Jan conversion of Paul.** We pray for school governors across the benefice that they may fulfil their roles with integrity & care. **Jeremiah 1:4-10, Acts 9:1-22, Matt. 19:27-end.**

**Thurs 26 Jan** We pray for parish councillors, & all who serve in regional councils, members of Parliament & further afield that they may not be tempted to misuse their office, or dishonour themselves through wrong decision. **Hebrews 10:19-25, Mark 4:21-25.**

**Fri 27 Jan** We give thanks for those who encourage us & help us relax & be ourselves. We pray for all parish treasurers as they prepare end of year accounts, that Your peace will rest on them, that books balance and show positive results, for the sake of the gospel. **Hebrews 10:32-end; Mark 4:26-34.**

**Sat 28 Jan** Lord we thank you that Your presence with us brings assurance in doubt, hope in despair, peace in turmoil & joy in sorrow. **Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19, Mark 4:35-end.**

**Sun 29 Jan** *How great is our God, how great is His name, How great is His love, forever the same.* We pray for tonight's Lango service at 6.30 St. John's Alresford when Stephen & team share about their trip to Uganda. **1 Kings 17:8-16, 1 Corinthians 1:1, 18-end, John 2:1-11, Psalm 36:5-10.**

**Mon 30 Jan** We pray for David and Stephen as they take school assemblies, that their contribution to the education of children locally may be in excess to the time spent. **Hebrews 11:32-end; Mark 5:1-20.**

**Tues 31 Jan** Lord we pray for families with new babies; help new mums in the emotional highs & lows of motherhood, & dads to be active in their important role as husbands & fathers. Bless confirmation courses beginning today in afternoon and evening. **Hebrews 12:1-4, Mark 5:21-43.**

**Wed 1 Feb** We pray for the forthcoming Lent Course that we may be inspired & encouraged to learn. **Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15, Mark 6:1-6.**

**Thurs 2 Feb** As David & Stephen prepare for the engaged couples' evening on Saturday, grant freshness as they deliver important information.

**Malachi 3:1-5, Hebrews 2:1-14, Luke 2:22-40.**

**Fri 3 Feb** Lord we dare to ask for more of You & less of us, that those who have yet to surrender to you may know Your presence powerfully. **Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29.**

**Sat 4 Feb** Lord bless the engaged couples as they gather tonight for the start of the marriage preparation programme. **Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21, Mark 6:30-34.**

**Sun 5 Feb** *Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.*

**Isaiah 58:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20, Psalm 112:1-9.**

**Mon 6 Feb** Father in heaven, whose will on earth is done when we say Yes to You, help us today to so walk in Your will that we may experience heaven and enable others to enter the kingdom today. **Joel 1:1-14, John 15:1-11.**

**Tues 7 Feb** Help Brown PCC tonight as we meet, that prayer, knowing You & submitting to Your way be the heart of all we do. **Joel 1:15-end, John 15:12-17.**

**Wed 8 Feb** We pray for those in our benefice caught in sin – breaking Your law & diminishing themselves; help them confess & admit their wrongdoing, & help their families damaged by their actions. Help us to support, not judge.

**Joel 2:1-17, John 15:18-end.**

**Thurs 9 Feb** We pray for all involved in law enforcement, particularly PC Andy Reid, that they may catch those doing wrong, that we may be kept safe.

**Joel 2:18-27, John 16:1-15.**

**Fri 10 Feb** We pray for all working in the NHS, that they may be given sufficient resources to deliver medical care for all taken ill or injured.

**Joel 2:28-end, John 16:16-22.**

**Sat 11 Feb** We give thanks for those planning evangelistic events that Jesus may be made known in appropriate ways that reach the sceptical, the defiant and those in despair. **Joel 3:1-3, 9-end, John 16:23-end.**

**Sun 12 Feb** *I lift my eyes to the quiet hills, in the press of a busy day, as green hills stand, in a dusty land, so God is my strength and stay.*

**Deuteronomy 30:15-end, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, John 14:25-31 Psalm 34:1-14**

**Mon 13 Feb** We give thanks today for Your provision of food, clothing & families; forgive us when we take these things for granted as we know all things come from You. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, John 17:1-5.**

**Tues 14 Feb St. Valentine's Day:** As we remember the real story of St. Valentine, help our world to understand the meaning of real true love.

**Ecclesiastes 2, John 17:6-19.**

**Wed 15 Feb** We pray for our National Parliament as it negotiates out of the political European Union but remains part of the family of European nations, that urgent necessary reformation will come. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, John 17:20-end.**

**Thurs 16 Feb** Lord Your light gives me sufficient to see one step ahead; I trust you for that step, knowing You will give enough light for tomorrow.

**Ecclesiastes 3:16-end of 4, John 18:1-11.**

**Fri 17 Feb Bless** David and Stephen as they try to relax on their days off this week, so that they are fresh & renewed to lead us all in worship. **Ecclesiastes 5, John 18:12-27.**

**Sat 18 Feb** We give thanks for those in our benefice who serve you in public life & office; help them to be steadfast in resisting evil in all its' forms, & help them to serve You above politics & favour. **Ecclesiastes 6, John 18:28-end.**

**Sun 19 Feb** *Who can cheer the heart like Jesus, by His presence all divine? True and tender, pure and precious, O how blest to call Him mine.* **Deuteronomy 30:1-10, 1 Peter 4:12-19, Matthew 5:10-12, Psalm 9:1-13**

**Mon 20 Feb** Lord, thank you for Your presence with us wherever we are; forgive us when we forget that we cannot flee anywhere without you.

**Ecclesiastes 7:1-14, John 19:1-16.**

**Tues 21 Feb** We pray today for all teachers, school pupils and parents that they may all work together to learn, to grow in knowledge & hope.

**Ecclesiastes 7:15-end, John 19:17-30.**