

## Bible Reading and Prayer Diary April 17 to June 2017

**Thurs 25 May Ascension Day** – ten days of prayer begin today – Lord meet with us as we pray for the evangelisation of the nation, for all to hear & respond to Jesus Christ, turning to Him in repentance & faith. **Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-end.**

**Fri 26 May** Bless churchwardens, sidespeople, lesson readers, those who lead in prayer, church cleaners, flower arrangers, rota planners, for Your touch of power upon all of them. Meet us as we pray today. **Acts 18:9-18, John 16:20-23.**

**Sat 27 May** Lord I surrender myself to you; nothing do I withhold: all my gifts, my faults, all my heart I surrender. Speak to those who gather to pray today.

**Acts 18:22-end, John 16:23-28.**

**Sun 28 May** *Holy Spirit we welcome You, Let the breeze of your presence flow that your children may truly know how to move in the Spirit's flow.* Bless Messy Church this afternoon. **Ezekiel 36:24-28, Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11**

**Mon 29 May** Move by Your Spirit in my heart today, lead me to someone in need I pray, Grant me words to say, compassion to share, power to give.

**Acts 19:1-8, John 16:29-end.**

**Tues 30 May** Jesus surprise us by your voice today that we may encounter your presence in places we do not expect. **Acts 20:17-27, John 17:1-11.**

**Wed 31 May** Father stir us all today in seek for You in prayer; for the careless, the complacent, the cruel, bring them to repentance in tears for their sins that in brokenness they will find mercy. **Acts 20:28-end, John 17:12-19.**

**Thurs 1 June** Lord we pray for our nation in its rebellion against You & Your ways: change lives by using us to shine more brightly drawing all to you in us.

**Acts 22:30, 23:6-11, John 17:20-end.**

**Fri 2 June** As we pray today grant new insight into Your kingdom & heal someone for whom we are praying. **Acts 25:13-21, John 21:5-19.**

**Sat 3 June** Grant inspiration to Stephen, David, Ruth & all ministering tomorrow, the second most important celebration of the Christian Church after Easter, that there may be a manifestation of Your presence to heal, save, & change lives.

**Acts 28:16-20, 30-end, John 21:20-end.**

**Sun 4 June Pentecost:** *Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me, fill me anew, fill me anew, Spirit of the Lord fall afresh on me.*

**1 Cor. 12:3-13, Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23**

**Mon 5 June** Lord we give thanks for Your power that warms our hearts, changes our minds & illuminates the truth. Psalm 15, Mark 12:1-12.

**Tues 6 June** Lord we pray for our neighbours that we may be good witnesses of Christ to them for their salvation. **Psalms 112, Mark 12:13-17.**

**Mon 17 Apr** *Living He loved me, dying he saved me buried he carried my sins far away; rising He justified freely for ever, one day He's coming, O glorious day.*

**Song of Solomon 1:9-2:7, Mark 16:1-end.**

**Tues 18 Apr** *Thine be the glory risen conquering son endless is the victory thou o'er death has won. Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing for Her Lord now liveth, death has lost its' sting.* **Song of Solomon 2:8-end, Luke 24:1-12.**

**Wed 19 Apr** *Jesus is alive today, Jesus is alive today, Jesus is alive, very much alive, Jesus is alive today.* **Song of Solomon 3, Matthew 28:16-end.**

**Thurs 20 Apr** *I live, I live because He is risen, I live, I live, with power over sin. I live, I live, because He is risen, I live, I live, to worship Him.*

**Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3, Luke 7:11-17**

**Fri 21 Apr** *He has risen, he has risen, He has risen, Jesus is alive! If there were no resurrection, we ourselves would not be raised, but the Son of God is living, so our hope is not in vain.* **Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4, Luke 8:41-end.**

**Sat 22 Apr** *He lives, He lives Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me & talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart. You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.* **Song of Sol 8:5-7, John 11:17-44.**

**Sun 23 Apr** *Christ is risen, Death has been conquered, He shall reign for ever!* Bless our Messy Church this afternoon with Your risen power & peace.

**Exodus 14:10-end, 15:20-21; Acts 2:14, 22-32, John 20:19-end.**

**Mon 24 Apr** As schools return from their Easter breaks, grant peace to pupils facing exams, whether SATS, GCSEs, AS or AS2, that they may all perform well.

**2 Timothy 2:3-13, John 15:8-21.**

**Tues 25 Apr** Grant Your presence & power at Brown Candover APCM tonight as important issues are squarely faced. **Ephesians 4:7-16, Mark 13:5-13.**

**Wed 26 Apr** We give thanks for ongoing developments in ministry & fellowship as we hold Farleigh APCM. **Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-21.**

**Thurs 27 Apr** Father we thank you for coming to live in us, giving assurance of mercy, forgiveness & hope daily. **Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-end.**

**Fri 28 Apr** We pray today for all involved in emergency services, NHS, Fire & rescue, Police service – especially PC Andy Reid, & Coastguard that You may guard them as they save lives. **Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15.**

**Sat 29 Apr 6.00 -8.00 p.m.** Bless our Lango, Uganda evening at Ellisfield as the benefice sees the presentation & enjoys fellowship. **Acts 6:1-7, John 6:16-21.**

**Sun 30 Apr** *Tell of that glorious Easter morn, empty the tomb for He was free, he broke the power of death and hell that we might sing His victory.* Bless our worship today in the power of Your Holy Spirit.

**Zephaniah 3:14-end, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35**

**Mon 1 May** As we relax on a bank holiday, bless the Walk around Portsmouth Estates today as we enjoy Your creation. **Ephesians 1:3-10, John 14:1-14.**

**Tues 2 May** Lord thank you that you see my heart today, my failings, weakness, & your mercy which gives me hope to live today & not with yesterday's worries.

**Acts 7:51-8:1, John 6:30-35.**

**Wed 3 May** What can I give to the Lord? "I want your heart & mind captivated by my love." **Acts 8:1-8, John 6:35-40.**

**Thurs 4 May** We pray for Alresford Deanery Synod as we meet this evening with the archdeacon that the goodness of the Living God may pervade our looking out for others. **Acts 8:9-end, John 6:44-51.**

**Fri 5 May** We pray today for all involved in agriculture around our benefice – farm managers, workers, those who maintain machinery: grant peace, safety on the farms, & the right weather for the crops. **Acts 9:1-20, John 6:52-59.**

**Sat 6 May Quiz Night Cliddesden** – bless our fellowship, our conversations & our sharing of lives together. **Acts 9:31-42, John 6:60-69.**

**Sun 7 May** Soften my heart Lord: from all indifference set me apart; to feel your compassion, to weep with your tears, come soften my heart Lord, Soften my heart. **Genesis 7, Acts 2:42-end, John 10:1-10.**

**Mon 8 May** As Bradley PCC meets we give thanks for the completed roof repairs & forming of plans for other improvements. **Acts 11:1-18, John 10:11-18.**

**Tues 9 May** We give thanks for all school governors in the benefice at our 2 primary schools in Preston Candover & Cliddesden; bless their work supporting teaching & ancillary staff, children & parents, ensuring a good education for all.

**Acts 11:9-26, John 10:22-30.**

**Wed 10 May** We pray Your blessing on those drawing to the end of their earthly lives that they may know the assurance of eternal life with You.

**Acts 12:24-13:5, John 12:44-end.**

**Thurs 11 May** We pray for all who keep bees around the benefice, for their skills to enhance the wonder of honey production & plant pollination.

**Acts 13:13-25, John 13:16-20.**

**Fri 12 May** Lord we pray for families seeking the baptism of their children, that as they discover Jesus loves them they may come to know You & be better parents having Your resources. **Acts 13:26-33, John 14:1-6.**

**Sat 13 May** We pray for families under pressure in our benefice: for marriages under strain, for special needs children, & for those where family members are ill. **Acts 13:34-end, John 14:7-14.**

**Sun 14 May** *The Lord is my strength & my song He has become my salvation, & I shall prepare Him my heart; the Lord, He will reign for ever, Amen.*

**Acts 7:55-end, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14.**

**Mon 15 May** Father who cares for those struggling, meet with those in our benefice with emotional health issues that they may find peace through You.

**Acts 14:1-18, John 14:15-26.**

**Tues 16 May** We pray for our nation in its' wickedness of killing the unborn; we ask for your protection upon the voiceless, give us courage to speak out on their behalf. **Acts 14:19-end, John 14:27-end.**

**Wed 17 May** We pray for all local businesses across our benefice, working in small offices, converted farm buildings that as they do what is right and true You may cause them to prosper. **Acts 15:1-6, John 15:1-8.**

**Thurs 18 May** As we prepare for ten days of prayer help us repent of our prayerlessness & drive us to our knees to seek you. **Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11.**

**Fri 19 May** Bless the wedding of Anya Lamb & Stephen Van den Berg at Northington, for good weather & Your presence. **Acts 15:22-31, John 15:12-17.**

**Sat 20 May** Grant unto those who work hard Your rest & recreation today. **Acts 16:1-10, John 15:18-21.**

**Sun 21 May** *For the joys & for the sorrows, for the best and worst of times, for this I have Jesus.* **Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-end, John 14:15-21**

**Mon 22 May** As David and Stephen meet at their weekly prayer & staff time, grant them wisdom, inspiration & courage to be bold in the next stage of development of renewing Your Church. **Acts 16:11-15, John 15:26-16:4.**

**Tues 23 May** We pray for the Cliddesden worship committee as we plan the music for the next 2 months – guide our thinking & choices.

**Acts 16:22-34, John 16:5-11**

**Wed 24 May** Lord we pray today for the teenagers across our benefice at school, for clear minds for their exams today. **Acts 17:15,22-18:1, John 16:12-15.**