

Thurs 24 Aug We give thanks today for our churchwardens, sides-people & all who serve You Lord in practical ways, making sure our buildings are kept in good repair, warm & welcoming; we thank you for flower arrangers, cleaners, & those who keep notice boards tidy and up to date with Your good news.

Psalm 145, Matthew 17:21-33.

Fri 25 Aug We give thanks today for Your help to us in time of need, your presence in all situations, Your constant love. Ruth 1, Matthew 22:34-40.

Sat 26 Aug Bless we pray the wedding of Tracey Sibley & Terry Bicknall at St. James, Wield: grant fine weather, joy in worship & encouragement for their future. Ruth 2, Matthew 23:1-12.

Sun 27 Aug *Your kingdom come O Lord, your rule O Christ begin.* Exodus 1:8-2:10, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Mon 28 Aug We pray for your blessing on our local police service, particularly PC Andy Reid as he faithfully serves us across the area, & we also pray for others who assist him in security patrols around the district. 1 Thess. 1, Matthew 23:13-22.

Tues 29 Aug We pray for mission partners who serve abroad the cause of the gospel; we pray today for Lyn Trenary, working with Church Mission Society, in south Sudan & northern Uganda in health care & other ministries. Keep her safe in all she does. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8. Matthew 23:23-26.

Wed 30 Aug We ask Your blessing on those taking the gospel cross-culturally in our nation where there are increasing gatherings of people of other religions and languages; grant a moving of Your Holy Spirit to bring them to knowing You the only True God. 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:27-32.

Thurs 31 Aug We pray today for Your strength for those approaching the end of their lives; grant grace, endurance & mercy. 1 Thess. 3:7-end, Matt.24:42-end

Fri 1 Sept We give thanks for Your help to us today: speak to me today Lord in ways I grasp, help me to know that Your presence is always with me. 1 Thess. 4:1-8, Matthew 25:1-13.

Sat 2 Sept We pray today for your blessing on the wedding of Eliza Ferguson and Harry Cobb at Dummer; bless their day with grace, sunshine, love and hope for Jesus' sake, Amen. 1 Thess. 4:9-12, Matthew 25:14-30.

Sun 3 Sept *Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home.* As harvest festival season begins, bless Dummer's Harvest service today. Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-end, Matthew 16:21-end

Mon 4 Sept As schools return from their summer break, grant peace for children changing classes, schools, & teachers. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end, Luke 4:16-30.

Farleigh Candover and Wield Prayer and Bible Reading Diary for July to September 2017

Fri 21 July As schools come to the end of term, we pray for Your blessing on the leavers assemblies at Cliddesden & Preston Candover, Exodus 11:10-12:14, Matthew 12:1-8

Sat 22 July Bless we pray the wedding of Jenny Ewens & Paul Frost at Preston Candover. Exodus 13, Matthew 12:9-37

Sun 23 July *Joy to the world the Lord has come, let earth receive her king!* Genesis 28:10-19, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Mon 24 July As schools breaking up for summer holidays, refresh the staff, keep children safe, & encourage us all as we rest from the usual daily routines of life. Exodus 14:5-18, Matthew 12:38-42

Tues 25 July Lord we pray for your blessing on families who are not able to have holidays due to financial constraints; help them to be blessed and renewed at home. Exodus 14:19-end, Matthew 12:43-end

Wed 26 July We pray for families in our benefice with children with special needs; grant them Lord your grace and peace in their parental caring roles. Exodus 16:1-15, Matthew 13:1-9

Thurs 27 July Today we pray for all who exercise authority – for our government at national level, for MPs & civil servants, for all who serve in county council, boroughs, & parish councils that their actions will be guided under Your hand to deal justly, honestly & without partiality for the good of all citizens. Exodus 19:1-20, Matthew 13:10-17

Fri 28 July Lord we give thanks for small business units, agriculture, garages, cafes & other enterprises employing many, that their work may prosper & encourage our local economy. Ex. 20:1-17, Matt. 13:18-23

Sat 29 July We pray for all who seek the baptism of their children, that in the preparation they may find You, the living Lord. Exodus 24:3-8, Matthew 13:24-30

Sun 30 July Confirmation service at Farleigh We pray for Lorraine & James being confirmed today that they may be much blessed by your presence. Genesis 29:15-28, Romans 8:26-end, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Mon 31 July bless Rev Julia Myles as she is inducted as Rector at St. John's Alresford this evening. Exodus 32:15-34, Matthew 13:31-35

Tues 1 August As holiday season continues, we ask Lord for protection for all who travel, that their journeys would be as much an enjoyment as the holiday itself. Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43

Wed 2 Aug Lord we pray for all involved in the emergency services, that as they work for our good, their lives may be enriched with Your patience, skill & endurance, & that they may have sufficient resources to fulfil their tasks. Exodus 34:29-end, Matthew 13:44-46.

Thurs 3 Aug We pray for all clergy, many of whom will have holidays this month, for refreshment & renewal for the autumn season. Help us to be faithful in prayer, positive support & encouragement that their ministries may be enhanced. Exodus 40:16-21, 34-end; Matthew 13:47-53.

Fri 4 Aug We pray for our bishops, Tim, David and Jonathan, that their ministries will likewise be renewed with vigour & inspiration this autumn. Leviticus 23:1-11, 15-16,34-37; Matthew 13:54-end.

Sat 5 Aug We pray for all involved in agriculture locally: grant them peace & protection during harvesting; we ask for good weather, & abundant yields. Leviticus 25:1,8-17; Matthew 14:1-12.

Sun 6 Aug We pray for Annabel Robinson-Hanson and her family, being baptised today at Dummer: Praise Him, Praise Him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Peter 1:16-19, Luke 9:28-36

Mon 7 Aug We give thanks for all we received in worship yesterday: help us put into practice what we know is right, & make us a blessing to our neighbours today. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Luke 9:28-36.

Tues 8 Aug We pray for those experiencing turbulence in their relationships, for those with difficulties at home that forgiveness, mercy, truth and love may prevail over sin & bitterness. Numbers 12:1-13, Matthew 14:22-end.

Wed 9 Aug Lord speak to me today: guide me, direct my paths, help me make right decisions. Numbers 13:1-35, Matthew 15:21-28.

Thurs 10 Aug Lord we pray for our country in its turmoils politically & ideologically: grant to our leaders wisdom, common sense, truth, & humility to lead us in ways of justice & goodness. Numbers 20:1-13, Matthew 16:13-23.

Fri 11 Aug We pray for those around the world persecuted for righteousness' sake because they choose to follow You, the only Saviour; grant them deep faith, perseverance under pressure, & hope when they feel beleaguered. Deuteronomy 4:32-40, Matthew 16:24-end.

Sat 12 Aug We give thanks for our regular organists across the benefice – Richard Morgans, Hazel Russell, Peter Rowe, Christina Veasey, Caroline Cazenove, Alex Holden, & other musicians who lead our musical worship. Deut.6:4-13, Matt. 17:14-20

Sun 13 Aug *Lord the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining, Jesus light of the world shine among us.*

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28; Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

Mon 14 Aug We thank you Lord for all we contributed to worship yesterday by our presence, prayers & openness to Your Holy Spirit, & for what we received in return. Deuteronomy 10:12-end, Matthew 17:22-end.

Tues 15 Aug We pray for those who work amongst vulnerable adults with learning difficulties: we give thanks for their patience, kindness & willingness to spend time with those who struggle with life. Isaiah 61:10-end, Matt.18:1-14

Wed 16 Aug Lord we give thanks for those who work in council offices, dealing with the details of life; grant them patience, & ability to solve problems for difficult situations. Deuteronomy 34, Matt. 18:15-20.

Thurs 17 Aug We pray today for those housebound through age or ill health: help us all to be aware of neighbours in need & to give our time & abilities to assist. Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17. Matthew 18:21--19:1.

Fri 18 Aug For those bereaved across the benefice, draw close we pray to them in their time of need, that grace & hope to live again will triumph over their sorrow. Joshua 24:1-13, Matthew 19:3-12.

Sat 19 Aug We pray for all preparing for marriage in our benefice this and next year; grant them peace, hope & patience in their planning, joy & encouragement at the wedding & perseverance in the future. Joshua 24:14-29, Matt.19:13-15.

Sun 20 Aug *Jesus is Lord, creation's voice proclaims it, for by His power each tree and flower was planned and made.* Genesis 45:1-15, Romans 11:1-2,29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

Mon 21 Aug We pray today for Christians in positions of influence in our nation: keep them from falling into sin; grant them godly character, wisdom in their pronouncements & integrity in their lives. Judges 2:11-19, Matthew 19:16-22.

Tues 22 Aug Lord we pray for the diocese of Winchester, in which we live and serve; bless those who work to maintain ministry through financial wisdom, those who carry out Safeguarding training, the property department that makes sure clergy housing is kept in good repair, & those who encourage others to hear God's call to ministry whether lay or ordained. Judges 6:11-24, Matthew 19:23-end.

Wed 23 Aug Lord speak to me today in a way I will hear; correct me if I am in error, restrain my actions should I be set in a direction to do harm to myself or another, guide me to be a blessing to someone else. Judges 9:6-15, Matthew 20:1-16