

**Sun 8 Oct** *Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity.* Exodus 20:1-20, Philippians 3:4-24, Matthew 21:33-end.

**Mon 9 Oct** Bless and guide Bradley PCC's meeting tonight that joy and hope may abound. Jonah 1:1 to 2-10, Luke 10:25-37

**Tues 10 Oct** We ask Your help for Brown Candover PCC as they face change & challenge. Jonah 3, Luke 10:38-end

**Wed 11 Oct Lord** You are all powerful, yet with such humility, Your grace comes in ways we least expect. Give us eyes to see your workings today. Jonah 4, Luke 11:1-4

**Thurs 12 Oct** We pray today for mission partners who serve the cause of Christ around the world: bless Lynn Trenary working for CMS in South Sudan & northern Uganda today. Malachi 3:13-4:2, Luke 11:5-13

**Fri 13 Oct** We pray for Lango diocese in northern Uganda, thanking you for the new bishop consecrated in August, & for the staff who love & serve you. Bless our fund raising endeavours for the diocese. Joel 1:13 to 2:2, Luke 11:15-26

**Sat 14 Oct** bless we pray the wedding of Jennifer Sturgess and Craig Lawson Dummer this afternoon. Joel 3:12-end, Luke 11:27-28

**Sun 15 Oct** *What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.* Ex. 32:1-14, Phil.4:1-9, Matt 22:1-14

**Mon 16 Oct Lord** We worship you, the living Lord with not only our voices but in the way we live, so that others may see Christ in us, the hope of glory. Romans 1:1-7, Luke 11:29-32

**Tues 17 Oct** Lord come and heal your church, bring repentance for sin, healing and forgiveness for injury, and joy in releasing from spiritual imprisonment. Romans 1:8-25, Luke 11:33-41

**Wed 18 Oct** We trust You Lord for the financial provision needed to meet our obligations in our churches; help us all to be realistic in our giving to your work, in obedience to your Word. Romans 1:26-end, Luke 11:42-46

**Thurs 19 Oct** Have you own way Lord with me today, that my lips may speak your name and honour you, and my thoughts be submitted to you. Romans 3:21-30, Luke 11:47-end

**Fri 20 Oct** We ask your blessing on the wedding of Marc Thompson & Emma Chamberlain at Ellisfield today. Romans 4:1-8, Luke 12:1-7

**Sat 21 Oct** Bless the work of David and Stephen in the school assemblies week by week Romans 4:13-18, Luke 12:8-12

## *Benefice Bible Reading and Prayer Diary*

### *September 5 to October 22 2017*

**Tuesday 5 Sept** As schools restart for the new academic year, bless we pray staff, pupils, parents & governors as adjustments are made, as new pupils & staff settle in to their classes. 1 Thess.5:1-11, Luke 4:31-37

**Wed 6 Sept** We pray today for families settling back into the autumn routines that blessings and encouragement received during summer holidays are not forgotten. Colossians 1:1-8, Luke 4:38-end

**Thurs 7 Sept** Lord we ask Your blessing today for all who care for those in need in our communities – housebound, sick, lonely, that Your love and encouragement will shine through. Colossians 1:9-14, Luke 5:1-11

**Fri 8 Sept** We pray for our nation in its' many faults – especially where Your ways are scorned & dismissed without consideration of truth and righteousness: turn the hearts of those in authority to realise Your ways of old cannot be defied without bringing serious problems to our communities.

Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 5:12-end

**Sat 9 Sept** Father, who gives to us life in all its' fullness, help us today to live a life of faith & hope so others around us see You in us. Col. 1:21-23, Luke 6:1-5

**Sun 10 Sept** *Rejoice the Lord is King Your Lord and king adore.* We pray for the baptisms of cousins Freddie Read & Archibald Prince at Dummer this afternoon- that Christ may draw their families into Your kingdom. Exodus 12:1-14, Romans 13:8-end, Matthew 18:15-20

**Mon 11 Sept** Guide we ask, Farleigh PCC as we meet tonight. Colossians 1:24-2v3, Luke 6:6-11

**Tues 12 Sept** We pray today for those involved in law enforcement in our locality & county, especially PC Andy Reid; grant him & his colleagues wisdom, insight & guidance that they may always be in the right place at the right time.

Colossians 2:4-15, Luke 6:12-19

**Wed 13 Sept** Bless we ask the Alresford Clergy chapter meeting today, especially Rev Julia Myles, the new priest in charge of Alresford parish. Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 6:20-26

**Thurs 14 Sept** Father, giver of all good things, help us to be thankful today for all things. Colossians 3:12-end, Luke 6:27-38.

**Fri 15 Sept** We pray for those struggling with identity crises in an increasingly confusing & degenerate world: help each one to know you & by so doing find themselves & the truth about who we really are. 1 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 6:39-42

**Sat 16 Sept** We give thanks for our regular organists across the benefice – Richard Morgans, Hazel Russell, Peter Rowe, Caroline Cazenove, Christina Veasey, Alex Holden & other musicians who enable us to worship in song. 1 Timothy 1:15-17, Luke 6:43-end

**Sun 17 Sept** *In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song* Bless the baptism of Barnaby Nunn at Cliddesden during the harvest service today we pray. Ex. 14:19-end, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

**Mon 18 Sept** Father, You enable us to know you & your voice: speak to me today in terms I can understand, & give me an obedient heart to say Yes. 1 Tim 2:1-8, Luke 7:1-10

**Tues 19 Sept** We pray for all approaching the end of their lives – some after long lives, some as a result of accident or serious illness: grant them salvation, peace as they pass into your fuller presence & comfort & courage for those left behind. Bless Preston Candover PCC as they pray tonight. 1 Tim 2:9-3:13, Luke 7:11-17

**Wed 20 Sept** We pray for our bishops Tim, Jonathan & David that their ministries may flourish in leading & encouraging us 1 Tim 3:14-end, Luke 7:18-35

**Thurs 21 Sept** Bless all who serve as school governors across our benefice & beyond, for wisdom & insight. 1 Tim 4, Luke 7:36-end

**Fri 22 Sept** Lord we give thanks for answering prayer: help us learn the conditions for knowing how to pray powerfully. 1 Tim 6:1-12, Luke 8:1-3

**Sat 23 Sept** We pray for mothers with small children today, that they may know Your help when overtired; grant peace, support from others, & we ask that our children may grow to know you through us. 1 Tim 6:13-16, Luke 8:4-15

**Sun 24 Sept** *Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.* Bless today all harvest services, especially at Ellisfield, Preston & Brown Candovers with + harvest lunches & teas Ex. 16:2-15, Phil. 1:21-end, Matt. 20:1-16

**Mon 25 Sept** We ask Your blessing on all who serve in the NHS – for doctors, nurses, ancillary staff, cleaners, administrators, ambulance drivers, paramedics that they may know peace & be given grace to cope with the traumas they deal with. Ezra 1:1-6, Luke 8:16-18

**Tues 26 Sept** We give thanks for all who serve on our local parish councils, that they may be guided by Your Spirit, & make decisions that are right & true. Ezra 6:7-20, Luke 8:19-21

**Wed 27 Sept** We give thanks for new initiatives, new home groups springing up where faith is talked about, prayer is learned, & experience of the Holy Spirit grows. Ezra 9:5-9, Luke 9:1-6

**Thurs 28 Sept** Lord guide my thinking, decision making & way of life today that You may be seen in all I do. Haggai 1:1-8, Luke 9:7-9

**Fri 29 Sept** As harvest ends, grant encouragement to our farming community that the poor weather many experienced during the season may not diminish faith and trust in Your unfailing love. Haggai 1:9-end, Luke 9:10-42

**Sat 30 Sept** We ask for your help today for families struggling with disability that we may play our part as Christians in supporting, giving of our time & abilities to help them. Zechariah 2:1-11, Luke 9:43-45

**Sun 1 Oct** *Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes, In the radiance of Your purity.* Exodus 17:1-7, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

**Mon 2 Oct** Lord help those who are seeking after you, exploring faith & wanting to know the true meaning of life: help us to give answers that speak into real needs & questions. Zechariah 8:1-8, Luke 9:46-50

**Tues 3 Oct** We ask Your blessing on Northington PCC as the repair programme draws to a close. Zechariah 8:20-end, Luke 9:57-end

**Wed 4 Oct** We dare to call you Father as You make yourself known in Jesus Christ; we pray for those lost in the darkness of other false religions, that the truth of Jesus Christ, Saviour, Lord & king may reach & change them to follow You. Nehemiah 2:1-8, Luke 9:57-end

**Thurs 5 Oct** We also pray for those in our nation caught up in sin in all its' ugliness – stealing, cheating, lying, being unfaithful & dissolute. Give us courage to proclaim more fully a Saviour who can turn us from the destructive power of sin to the hope & joy of Christ. Nehemiah 8:1-12, Luke 10:1-12

**Fri 6 Oct** We pray for those caught in slavery in our nation & community: grant us eyes to see where it happens, courage to challenge evil, & strength to support those damaged by it. Deuteronomy 31:7-13, Luke 10:13-16

**Sat 7 Oct** Bless we pray the wedding of Megen Ansell and Robert Hunt at Cliddesden Joshua 22:1-6, Luke 10:17-24