

Tues 27 Feb We pray for school governors across our benefice; bless their work, their understanding of your love, responsibility in helping the staff to educate wisely, to bring knowledge of God & His ways to our children that they may grow up nurtured in godliness, righteousness & truth. **Isaiah 1:10-20, Matthew 23:1-12**

Wed 28 Feb LENT COURSE Meet with us as we consider "Jesus in the House" – to heal, teach & disciple us. **Jeremiah 18:18-20, Matthew 20:17-28**

Thurs 1 Mar Lord speak to me today as I listen; I choose to obey Your prompting and do what you tell me. **Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 16:19-end.**

Fri 2 Mar Bless the work of missionaries across the world who have been called to make Jesus Christ known to all who are in the darkness of sin & blindness to truth; give them perseverance, patience & Christ likeness, that those to whom they witness may see Jesus living in them in action, attitude & words.

Genesis 37:3-13, 17-28, Matthew 21:33-46.

Sat 3 Mar As we minister to families across the villages bless, we pray, those undergoing Safeguarding Training from the benefice today.

Micah 7:14-20, Luke 15.

Sun 4 Mar *I'll go in the strength of the Lord, in paths He has marked for my feet, I'll follow the light of His Word, nor shrinks from the dangers I meet.*

Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-23, John 2:13-22

Mon 5 Mar Lord bless Farleigh PCC as we meet tonight that glory is brought to Your name. **2 Kings 5:1-15, Luke 4:24-30.**

Tues 6 Mar Bless we ask today's Winchester Lent Lecture with Nick Spencer, & as Northington PCC meets to agree their accounts, grant encouragement as the church repair costs are evaluated. **Daniel 2:20-23, Matthew 18:21-end.**

Wed 7 Mar LENT COURSE Speak Lord as we worship tonight, that our spiritual horizons may be broadened, and our faith rise up in new ways.

Deut.4:1-9, Matthew 5:17-19

Thurs 8 Mar We pray for your blessing on all our musicians, choirs, organists across the benefice, giving thanks for the gift of music that touches our hearts & draws us closer to You. **Jeremiah 7:23-28, Luke 11:14-23.**

Fri 9 Mar I choose today to surrender to Jesus my faults, weaknesses & wilfulness, & surrender all to the way of the cross, which brings joy, relief, hope & life.

Hosea 14, Mark 12:28-34

Sat 10 Mar Lord we ask Your blessing on Stella Beatrice Grace, daughter of Viscount and Lady Lymington, being baptised this weekend.

Hosea 5:15-6:6, Luke 18:9-14.

Benefice Prayer and Bible reading diary from January 2018 to February 2018

Mon 22 Jan We pray for all involved in national, regional local & parochial government that they may act wisely, do justly, be trustworthy, faithful, honest & impartial for the good of all. Bless the funeral today of John Toyn, father of Julia Mourant. **2 Samuel 5:1-7,10, John 2:1-11**

Tues 23 Jan We pray for Wield PCC as they meet to plan today; bless we pray the funeral of Trevor Pride in Ellisfield today. **2 Samuel 6:12-19, Mark 3:31-end.**

Wed 24 Jan Lord make us instruments of your peace this week; where there is injury, give us grace to forgive & pardon; where there is discord, grant us to be bringers of harmony; where there is hatred, grant we are instruments of love. **2 Samuel 7:4-17, Mark 4:1-20.**

Thurs 25 Jan We give thanks today for Paul the apostle, whose conversion to Christ we celebrate today; help us reflect on our own conversions when we came to know you as Lord, & lead us into the fullness of the Holy Spirit just as Paul was a couple of days after his meeting with you on the Damascus Road. Bless we pray the funeral of Mick Lunn in Ellisfield today. **Acts 9:1-22, Matthew 19:27-end.**

Fri 26 Jan Grant peace and hope at the Thanksgiving service at Aldershot this morning of Lieut. Gen. Sir Richard Swinburn KCB.

2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17, Mark 4:26-34

Sat 27 Jan Lord, bless those preparing to lead worship and speak in your name tomorrow: give me a humble listening heart, help me contribute to worship by being there & praying. **2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17, Mark 4:35-end.**

Sun 28 Jan *Immanuel, O Immanuel, bowed in awe I worship at your feet.* Bless Messy Church at Cliddesden & the Annual Lango Service at St. John's Alresford today. **Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28.**

Mon 29 Jan We pray for families recently bereaved: help them know Your presence, love & the Christian hope of eternal life; give Stephen & David, wisdom & patience as they minister to the dying & take funeral services.

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30;16:5-13, Mark 5:1-20.

Tues 30 Jan We give thanks for the many singers & several choirs around the benefice: help them to sing your praise & encourage others to enjoy Your presence through singing worship to you. **2 Samuel 18:9-14, 30-19v3; Mark 5:21-end.**

Wed 31 Jan We pray for our farming community for safety on the farm, good weather this spring for the crops, & peace in every heart through the uncertainty of future financial grants following Brexit. We thank you that YOU can be trusted.

2 Samuel 24:2-17, Mark 6:1-6.

Thurs 1 Feb We pray for an outpouring of your Holy Spirit among us this year, that we may be renewed, refreshed & drawn into Your presence.

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12, Mark 6:7-13.

Fri 2 Feb Lord I choose to stop today & listen to Your voice & obey.

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

Sat 3 Feb We ask Your blessing on this year's wedding couples as they attend the engaged couples' evening today. **1 Kings 3:4-13, Mark 6:30-34.**

Sun 4 Feb *The Lord is my strength & my song, for He has become my salvation, He is my God, and I will prepare Him my heart. The Lord, He will reign for ever and ever, amen.* **Prov. 8:1,22-31, Col. 1:15-20, John 1:1-14**

Mon 5 Feb As Northington PCC meets, grant wisdom, prayerfulness & fellowship in the Holy Spirit. **1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13**

Tues 6 Feb Guide we pray Brown PCC tonight as plans move forward for combining 3 parishes into one. **1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30, Mark 7:1-13.**

Wed 7 Feb As the Wednesday fellowship group meets to pray & plan, help us encounter your Power in new ways. **1 Kings 10:1-10, Mark 7:14-23.**

Thurs 8 Feb Lord bless David & Stephen in their funeral ministries, helping those in sadness to find hope in Jesus Christ. **1 Kings 11:4-13, Mark 7:24-30.**

Fri 9 Feb We pray for missionaries working to extend the kingdom of God across the world cross-culturally, cross-language & continent, communicating Christ in word & deed. We pray for Lynn Trenary working with CMS in Uganda & South Sudan for Your blessing in her life. **1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19, Mark 7:31-end.**

Sat 10 Feb Lord bless our social services, so that where there is a need, they may help with humility, mercy and love. **1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-end, Mark 8:1-10.**

Sun 11 Feb *Living under the shadow of his wing we find security. Standing in his presence we will sing, our worship, worship, worship to the king.*

2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9.

Mon 12 Feb We ask Your blessing on the staff, children, parents & governors of Preston Candover C of E & Cliddesden Country Primary school this half term week.

James 1:1-11, Mark 8:11-13

Tues 13 Feb Lord bless our churchwardens, musicians, bible readers, those leading prayers, sides-people, cleaners, flower arrangers, bell ringers & all who serve in different capacities weekly. **James 1:12-18, Mark 8:14-21.**

Wed 14 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY Lord give us courage to rid ourselves of sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race of faith marked out for us. Bless our benefice service at Preston Candover tonight.

Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 6:1-6,16-21.

Thurs 15 Feb Lord bless families who have new babies or who are about to give birth; grant peace in the pressures of parenthood, & joy in the times of exhaustion of new routines. **Deuteronomy 30:15-end, Luke 9:22-25.**

Fri 16 Feb We pray for those approaching the end of their lives that they may know You, the only giver of life beyond death. **Isaiah 58:1-9, Matthew 9:14-15.**

Sat 17 Feb As we prepare for worship tomorrow, speak to us when we come to worship, & remind us that it is what we bring & expect rather than what we try to get out of worship that counts. **Isaiah 58:9-end, Luke 5:27-32.**

Sun 18 Feb *Out of my bondage sorrow and night, Jesus I come, into your freedom gladness and light Jesus I come to you.* **Gen. 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-end, Mark 1:9-15**

Mon 19 Feb Lord we pray for those who seek to destroy your Church with false teaching about human sexuality: bring them out of their darkness, confusion & delusion into the truth of humanity. **Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18, Matthew 25:31-end.**

Tues 20 Feb We pray for those who preach good news across our country – that many may turn to You, the only true God & Jesus Christ who makes Him known.

Isaiah 55:10-11, Matthew 6:7-15.

Wed 21 Feb Deanery Synod & LENT COURSE Bless both these meetings, that your Holy Spirit may work in power to encourage in our journey of discipleship.

Jonah 3, Luke 11:29-32

Thurs 22 Feb Lord we pray for our bishops Tim, Jonathan & David that they may be empowered more to speak the good news of Jesus Christ today without fear or favour. **Esther 14:1-14, Matthew 7:7-12.**

Fri 23 Feb As David & Stephen get a rest day each week, help us all to obey the commandment to have one day off weekly to worship, be refreshed & recreated.

Ezekiel 18:21-28, Matthew 5:20-26.

Sat 24 Feb Marriage preparation day- Bless the 2018 wedding couples as they engage in preparation for this momentous step in their lives.

Deuteronomy 26:16-end, Matthew 5:43-end.

Sun 25 Feb *Praise the Lord He never changes, I come to Him, He's always there. He comforts me on every level, takes the burden that I bear.* Lord bless Messy Church today as we look at the story of the unjust judge

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 4:13-end, Mark 8:31-end

Mon 26 Feb Today we pray for those who are sick in mind or body; deliver them from fear & depression; bring them hope in their troubles, help them to see your love being worked out in their lives, bring healing, wholeness, & fullness of life.

Daniel 9:4-10, Luke 6:36-38.