

Wed 18 Apr We pray for the staff, governors, teaching assistants, children & parents of our two benefice schools at Preston Candover & Cliddesden for courage to teach truth and to build good community cohesion.

Acts 8:1-8, John 6:35-40

Thurs 19 Apr Lord we pray for families expecting new babies during this year that in their anticipation, your peace will rule over their fears, & your protection guard them from adversity & harm. Acts 8:26-end, John 6:44-51

Fri 20 Apr We give thanks for our parish magazine editors, Jean Frost (Oxdrove) and Edna Chilton (Hill and Dale), their work & humour. Acts 9:1-20, John 6:52-59

Sat 21 Apr We pray your blessing on the second marriage preparation day for the second tranche of couples getting married during this year. Bless David & Stephen as they lead. Acts 9: 31-42, John 6:60-69

Sun 22 Apr *O what a wonderful, wonderful day - day I will never forget; After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Saviour I met. O what a tender, compassionate friend - He met the need of my heart; Shadows dispelling, With joy I am telling, He made all the darkness depart.*

1 John 3:16-end, Acts 4:5-12, John 10:11-18

Mon 23 Apr Lord we ask your help to those approaching the end of their lives, that they may know You, the only true God, & Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world whom you have sent. Acts 10, John 7:37-end

Tues 24 Apr Bless we pray Preston Candover's APCM tonight.

Acts 11:19-26, John 10:22-30

Wed 25 Apr Bless Farleigh PCC's APCM tonight with joy & encouragement.

Acts 11:27-end, John 13:1-15

Thurs 26 Apr We pray today for renewal of our church people – Lord send upon us Your Holy Spirit; break down the stubborn hearts, proud stiff necks, bring deep repentance & a new refreshment in the Spirit. **Acts 13: 13-25, John 13:16-20**

Fri 27 Apr Lord we ask for renewal of our worship so that our Sundays rise above into the realms of the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:26-33, John 14:1-6

Sat 28 Apr Renew we pray our passion for worship & prayer this weekend; change our hearts O Lord. Acts 13:44-end, John 14:7-14

Sun 29 Apr *Heaven came down & glory filled my soul, When at the cross the Saviour made me whole; My sins were washed away -& my night was turned to day -Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!*

1 John 4:7-end, Acts 8:26-end, John 15:1-8

Prayer and Bible Reading Diary March 11 – end April 2018

Sun 11 Mar Mothering Sunday *Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices.*

Exodus 2:1-10, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:33-35

Mon 12 Mar Lord, teach me Your way today: lead me to someone you want me to help today with love and compassion. Isaiah 65:17-21, John 4:43-end

Tues 13 Mar Open my eyes to see Your work in my neighbour today, & give me courage to speak about your love. Ezekiel 47:1-12, John 5:1-16

Wed 14 Mar LENT COURSE Lord, speak in power tonight at the Lent course as we explore how You heal the broken heart, the troubled mind, the confused identity. Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Thurs 15 Mar Lord help my family to get to know you so that their troubles will be turned into testimony of Your saving grace. Bless the diocesan synod with Your presence tonight. Exodus 32:7-14, John 5:31-end

Fri 16 Mar Thank you for the assurance we have by Your Holy Spirit that we belong to you. Jeremiah 26:8-11, John 7:1-30

Sat 17 Mar We pray for those preparing for marriage in our benefice this year that they may also encounter You the creator of human beings, male & female, Jeremiah 11:18-20, John 7:40-52

Sun 18 Mar PASSION SUNDAY *At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light and the burden of my sins rolled away, it was there by faith I received my sight & now I am happy all the day.* Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Mon 19 Mar Lord I pray for those known to me with troubled families: help them to find true hope & help in you, & provide for their immediate needs through us. 2 Samuel 7:4-16, Romans 4:13-18

Tues 20 Mar Lord we ask for you to call more younger men & women to serve Your church in the power of the Holy Spirit so that our nation will be turned from its' darkness to Your light. Numbers 21:4-19, John 8:21-30

Wed 21 Mar LENT COURSE Thank you Lord for teaching us new things in this year's series of Lent sessions – change us Lord from complacency to passion for the good news Daniel 3:14-28, John 8:31-42

Thurs 22 Mar Lord bless the diocesan clergy briefing today as clergy meet with senior staff that we may have good exchange of information. Bless too Northington's APCM. Genesis 17:3-9, John 8:51-end

Fri 23 Mar Lord your presence in our hearts brings hope, peace & joy; help us to let it overflow to others who can find peace with God through Christ today. Jeremiah 20:10-13, John 10:31-end

Sat 24 Mar we pray today for persecuted Christians in Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, North Korea, India, China, & other countries where naming Jesus is Lord can lead to death; grant courage & grace today. Ezekiel 37:21-end, John 11:45-end.

Sun 25 Mar PALM SUNDAY *Make way, make way for Christ the king in splendour arrives, fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.* Zechariah 9:9-12, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Mark 11:1-11

Mon 26 Mar Holy Week: we pray for our bishops Tim, Jonathan & David that their ministries will be characterised by grace, love, inspiration & truth. Isaiah 42:1-9, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11.

Tues 27 Mar As we journey to the cross and on to Easter Day, remind us again what it meant to you to take away my sin. Is. 49:1-7, 1 Cor. 1:18-31, John 12:20-36

Wed 28 Mar As schools break up for Easter, grant the children to know why we celebrate your death & resurrection. Isaiah 50:4-9, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32

Thurs 29 Mar MAUNDY THURSDAY Lord we reflect on the Last Supper tonight – speak Lord into our lives. Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Cor. 11:23-26, John 13:1-35

Fri 30 Mar GOOD FRIDAY *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.* Isaiah 52:13-end 53, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-end of 19

Sat 31 Mar *Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.* Job 14:1-14, 1 Peter 4:1-8, John 19:38-end

Sun 1 April EASTER DAY *Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain and he lives for ever with His saints to reign. He arose, He arose, Alleluia, Christ arose!*

Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18

Mon 2 Apr bless clergy who are resting this week after busy times leading up to Easter that they may have time to be refreshed in the Holy Spirit away from the pressures of ministry. Acts 2:14-32, Matthew 28:8-15

Tues 3 Apr Lord we pray for families in need during these Easter holidays, that where there is tension there may be peace; where there is sadness, new joy may come. Acts 2:36-41, John 20:11-18

Wed 4 Apr We give thanks for the emergency services – police (Especially PC Reid), fire & rescue, ambulance & NHS, coastguard & lifeboats, that all who serve may know Your presence in their ministry of saving lives. Acts 3:1-10, Luke 24:13-35

Thurs 5 Apr Lord thank you that prayer is not a ritual but a relationship: help me to pray more effectively for others so that they discover the power of prayer.

Acts 3:11-end, Luke 24:35-48

Fri 6 Apr Heavenly Father, I ask today for children without a father at home; meet their emotional & practical needs so that they know You, the true Father of us all. Acts 4:1-12, John 21:1-14

Sat 7 Apr Jesus king of kings, whose reign in our lives is what brings peace to the world, send Your Holy Spirit to renew Your church in power & repentance so that the world may see you living in us. Acts 4:13-21, Mark 16:9-15

Sun 8 Apr *Christ is risen hallelujah, risen our victorious Head; sing His praises Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the dead.* Exodus 14:10-end, 15:20-21, Acts 4:32-35, John 20:19-end

Mon 9 Apr As APCMs meet across the benefice bless Bradley's tonight in Jesus name. Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke 1:26-38

Tues 10 Apr As Wield's APCM meets, grant joy and anticipation for all you have for us in the year ahead. Acts 4:32-end, John 3:7-15

Wed 11 Apr We pray for the clergy chapter meeting today for lunch and prayer: and for David away for a trip to Sri Lanka with one of his sons. We pray Your blessing on Sri Lankan pastors and churches, especially those persecuted by Buddhist extremists, Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-30

Thurs 12 We thank you Lord for spring, & ask Your blessing on the farming community across our benefice that you will send the right weather – rain, sunshine, & humidity despite climate change that crops may flourish & ripen with good crops. Apr Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-end

Fri 13 Apr We pray for all who work in our community in small business parks & factory units that they may prosper from their godly labours & contribute to the local economy with increased employment. Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15

Sat 14 Apr We give thanks for healing grace for bodies, minds & spirits that flow from your hand: Acts 6:1-7, John 6:16-21

Sun 15 Apr *He has risen, He has risen, He has risen, Jesus is alive!* Zephaniah 3:14-end, Acts 3:12-19, Luke 24:36-48

Mon 16 Apr We pray for those in our farming community whose livelihood depends on the health of their livestock. Grant them peace to trust you in times of adversity. Acts 6:8-15, John 6:22-29

Tues 17 Apr We ask Your blessing in Brown Candover APCM tonight for Your grace and encouragement. Acts 7:51 – 8:1, John 6:30-35