

Tues 30 Oct Ephesians 5:9-end, Luke 13:18-21 Lord you knew us before we were born: we pray for our nation in its sin of the destruction of millions of unborn babies: bring a change of culture & attitude & stir hearts to realize it is wrong.

Wed 31 Oct Ephesians 6:1-9, Luke 13:22-30 Lord we thank you that on the cross You triumphed over the powers of evil & hell; this night we pray for light to expose darkness, truth to dispel lies, good to triumph over sin.

Thurs 1 Nov ALL SAINTS DAY Ephesians 6:10—end, Luke 13:31-end For the joys of eternal life, your presence with us now & living hope in Christ we thank you.

Fri 2 Nov Philippians 1:1-11, Luke 14:1-6 We thank you, that you comfort the broken hearted: help those bereaved in our benefice this year, that they have the assurance of your love.

Sat 3 Nov Philippians 1:18-26, Luke 14:7-11 Your Word reminds us of the use of our tongues: set a guard over our lips and restrain our tongues to only speak what is true, uplifting & that which brings life to others.

Sun 4 Nov Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34 *Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing your praises, I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.* Bless Fleur Lawton at her baptism this morning at Dummer, & meet us at the Bereavement Remembering Service at Preston Candover this afternoon.

Mon 5 Nov Philippians 2:1-4, Luke 14:12-14 As we remember the Gunpowder Plot against Protestant King James, thank you for the salvation that brought about the commissioning of the Authorised Version of the Bible published 6 years later.

Tues 6 Nov Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 14:15-24 Lord speak to me today.

Wed 7 Nov Philippians 2:12-18, Luke 14:25-end Bless those who work in factory units, offices, on the land across the benefice today with peace & protection, especially on the farms.

Thurs 8 Nov Philippians 3:1-8, Luke 15:1-10 Renew Your church today with Your Holy Spirit as you promised.

Fri 9 Nov Philippians 3:9-4:1, Luke 16:1-8 We ask Your blessing on families with new babies – for peace & patience.

Sat 10 Nov Philippians 4:1-19, Luke 16:9-15 Lord we give thanks for the events remembering the end of the Great War. Forgive us for not learning the lessons of the past.

Sun 11 Nov Remembrance Sunday *All my hope on God is founded, all my trust He shall renew, me through change & chance He guideth, only good, and only true. God unknown, He alone, calls my heart to be his own.*

Benefice Prayer and Bible Reading diary Sept 23 to Nov 11 2018

Sun 23 Sept Proverbs 31:10-end, James 3:13-4v3, 7-8, Mark 9:30-37 *All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.*

Mon 24 Sept Proverbs 3:27-34, Luke 8:16-18 Lord we give thanks for the many good things with which we have been blessed; remind us to ever be thankful, knowing that all we have is temporary except our relationship with You, the only thing that lasts into eternity.

Tues 25 Sept Proverbs 21:1-13, Luke 8: 19-21 As the Exploring Faith course gets under way, reveal Yourself to all participants that they may come to a full saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Wed 26 Sept Proverbs 30:5-9, Luke 9:1-6 As the fellowship group continues, help each one to grow into maturity in Christ.

Thurs 27 Sept Ecclesiastes 1:2-11, Luke 9:7-9 We pray for all school governors, teachers, parents & children that in full partnership the children may flourish & learn together.

Fri 28 Sept Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, Luke 9:18-22 Lord we pray for all in authority over us, particularly our Parliament, that somehow, Your purposes will be fulfilled despite posturing & pride, arrogance & incompetence, foolishness & mistakes.

Sat 29 Sept Revelation 12:7-12, Luke 9:23-45 bless we ask the wedding of Laura Stevens & Matthew Hayhurst at St. John's Northington today, with joy, good weather & Your presence.

Sun 30 Sept Esther 7:1-6,9-10; James 5:13-end, Mark 9:38-end *I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from my enemies. The Lord liveth, and blessed be my rock and may the God of my salvation be exalted.*

Mon 1 Oct Job 1:6-end, Luke 9:46-50 As the Messy Church planning team meet today, inspire their thinking and delivery for this autumn's programme.

Tues 2 Oct Job 3:1-23, Luke 9:51-56 We ask Your blessing on families with children with special needs that they have patience, hope & support from community, neighbours & your love.

Wed 3 Oct Job 9:1-16, Luke 9:57-end Lord thank you that you see my failures & weaknesses, but have mercy. Grant today new power to live victoriously.

Thurs 4 Oct Job 19:21-27, Luke 10:1-12 We give thanks for those who clear our rubbish weekly & those who keep our roads in good repair.

Fri 5 Oct Job 38:1-21, Luke 10:13-16 Lord I surrender to Your ways today that everything I say will be seasoned with love, grace & truth.

Sat 6 Oct Job 42, Luke 10:17-24 Bless we ask with Your presence, joy, hope & sunshine Aurea Baring & Peter Eckersley at Northington as they marry today.

Sun 7 Oct Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:1-16 *All Hail the lamb, enthroned on High, His praise shall be our battle cry. He reigns victorious, forever glorious, His name is Jesus, He is the Lord.* Bless the runners in the Half Marathon.

Mon 8 Oct Galatians 1:6-12, Luke 10:25-37 We give thanks that You are in control when we are not; give us peace when we fear the worst, knowing all things work together for good for those who love you & are called according to your purposes.

Tues 9 Oct Galatians 1:13-end, Luke 10:38-end Lord today I take to heart Your Word which says, "Do not worry about tomorrow": I choose to trust You today.

Wed 10 Oct Galatians 2:1-14, Luke 11: 11:1-4 Remembering before God all who have served You and have entered into glory, we ask Your blessing today on the Memorial Service for Peter Wilmot-Sitwell at the Guards' Chapel, London.

Thurs 11 Oct Galatians 3:1-5, Luke 11:5-13 You promise the Holy Spirit to all who ask: fill me today with Your renewing power for me to walk in love, & truth.

Fri 12 Oct Galatians 3:7-14, Luke 11:15-26 Thank You Lord that you are a light to our feet & a lamp to our paths: help me to see the way ahead, one step at a time.

Sat 13 Oct Galatians 3:22-end, Luke 11:27-28 Thank you Lord for Your promise that when we obey you we will be blessed: I choose today to obey your command to pray continually.

Sun 14 Oct Job 23:1-9, 16-end, Hebrews 4:12-end, Mark 10:17-31

I will worship with all of my heart, I will praise you with all my strength. I will seek you, all of my days, I will follow all of Your ways. Bless Messy church's restart & changed format today, & the visit of Bishop David to Candover Valley this morning.

Mon 15 Oct Galatians 4:21-end, Luke 11:29-32 Thank you that you are always with us, in joy, sorrow, sin & repentance: I choose today to live in Your presence.

Tues 16 Oct Galatians 5:1-6, Luke 11:37-41 As Wield PCC meets today, manifest your Holy Spirit as we meet that we may "have the mind of Christ."

Wed 17 Oct Galatians 5:18-end, Luke 11:42-46 We know Lord you came not to abolish the law but fulfil it, bless all whose job is to enforce the law & punish wrongdoers – especially our local beat officer PC Andy Reid & all who serve with him.

Thurs 18 Oct Galatians 6, Luke 11:46-end We thank you Lord you came as our saviour & rescuer: bless all in the Fire & Rescue Services, keeping them safe as they serve us.

Fri 19 Oct Ephesians 1:1-14, Luke 12:1-7 We thank you that you are the great Healer; bless all in the NHS; help them to remember that they treat, Jesus heals.

Sat 20 Oct Ephesians 1:15-end, Luke 12:8-12 We thank you that we are all called to worship You; bless our organists, musicians, choirs, readers, prayer leaders, that our worship is the highlight of the week.

Sun 21 Oct Job 38:1-7, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45 *Jesus is the name we honour, Jesus is the name we praise. Majestic Name above all other names. The highest Heaven and earth proclaim, That Jesus is our God.*

Mon 22 Oct Ephesians 2:1-10, Luke 12:13-21 Lord you remind us that we are blessed when we are persecuted for Christ's sake: help those experiencing severe persecution across the world, especially in Moslem – majority countries, not forgetting here where Christians are maligned for standing up for truth.

Tues 23 Oct Ephesians 2:11-end, Luke 12:22-38 Lord You tell us It is more blessed to give than to receive: open our eyes to the futility of riches, our pockets to give sacrificially for the sake of Your kingdom to grow & to be wise in the use of what you have given us. Bless our treasurers across the benefice as they manage our giving.

Wed 24 Oct Ephesians 3:1-12, Luke 12:39-48 Lord you tell us to pray for those in authority, bless we ask David & Stephen as they seek to minister to us all.

Thurs 25 Oct Ephesians 3:14-end, Luke 12:49-53 As You created marriage between a man & a woman to show the relationship between Christ and His church, bless the wedding at Cliddesden of Faustina Bayo and Thomas Bowcutt.

Fri 26 Oct Ephesians 4:1-6, Luke 12:54-end We pray for Cliddesden & Preston Candover primary schools, for humility, truth, godliness & hope to reign & for the staff to work for the good of children & families.

Sat 27 Oct Ephesians 4:7-16, Luke 13:1-9 Lord Your Word reminds us that prayer lies at the heart of all we do. Forgive us for the poverty of our personal prayer lives, & drive us to our knees so we find new hope & Your presence.

Sun 28 Oct Bible Sunday Isaiah 55:1-11, Ephesians 2:19-end, John 15:17-end *Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord to me, as thou didst break the bread beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee Lord; My spirit longs for Thee Thou Living Word.*

Mon 29 Oct Ephesians 4:17-5:8, Luke 13:10-17 We know that we will all die one day: thank you for the promise of eternal life for those who know you; help us to live each day honouring you & not neglecting eternity.