

## Benefice Prayer and Bible Reading Diary 12 Nov to 31 Dec 2018

**Wed 19 Dec Judges 13, Luke 1:5-25**, Lord we recognise that our culture has fast become opposed to godliness & truth, driven by people who have allowed unclean spirits to drive their agendas. Help us recognise the real battles & stand up to be counted for the name of Christ.

**Thurs 20 Dec Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke 1:39-45** Lord as many folk flock for their annual visit to church, grant our worship services, carols services, and welcome will speak powerfully into their spiritual poverty to awaken their need of you.

**Fri 21 Dec Zephaniah 3:14-18, Luke 1:39-45** bless Cliddesden 9 Lessons & Carols.

**Sat 22 Dec 1 Samuel 1:24-end, Luke 1:46-56**, Lord we pray for families in crisis this Christmas, that tensions built up over months through overwork, tiredness & poor communication may be lovingly resolved.

**Sun 23 Dec Micah 5:2-5, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45** *Who is he in yonder stall, at whose feet the shepherds fall? 'Tis the Lord O wondrous story, 'Tis the Lord, the king of glory, At His feet we humbly fall, Crown him, Crown Him Lord of all.*

**Mon 24 Dec Christmas Eve Acts 13:16-26, Luke 1:67-79**, *O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant come ye O come ye to Bethlehem, Come & behold Him born the king of angels, O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

**Tues 25 Dec Christmas Day Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14** *O come and join the dance that all began so long ago, when Christ the Lord was born in Bethlehem, Through all the tears of darkness still the dance goes on & on, O take my hand & come & join the song: rejoice, rejoice, O lift your voice & sing, and open up your heart to welcome Him.*

**Wed 26 Dec St. Stephen's Day Acts 7:51-end, Matt. 10:17-22** We remember today all who have been martyred this year for Jesus Christ, all over the world.

**Thurs 27 Dec Exodus 33:7-11, John 21:19-end** Grant us Lord courage to face persecution in an increasingly hostile society against you.

**Fri 28 Dec 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, Matt. 2:13-18**, We ask Your rich blessing on the wedding of Cameron Waaler and Caroline Hale at Dummer.

**Sat 29 Dec 1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35**, Speak O Lord in your gentle voice today that we will be changed by your mercy calling us.

**Sun 30 Dec 1 Samuel 2:18-26, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52** *The light of Christ has come into the world: God gave up his only Son out of love for the world, so that who those who believe in him, will live for ever.*

**Mon 31 Dec 2 John 2:18-21, John 1:1-18**, *Tis Jesus the first and the last, whose Spirit will guide us safe home. We'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come.*

**Mon 12 Nov Titus 1:1-end, Luke 17:1-6** We thank You that you give us reminders by which we remember Your cross & resurrection: I choose today to walk in step with You that others may see You in me.

**Tues 13 Nov Titus 2:1-end Luke 17:7-10** We pray Your blessing on all those increasingly housebound through infirmity & old age, and as David and Stephen take home communions, bless these saints in their praying for us.

**Wed 14 Nov Titus 3, Luke 17:11-19** Thank you for the fellowship groups meeting to pray, study & apply Your word to their lives; make us all more effective in ministering to our communities in action & word.

**Thurs 15 Nov Philemon 1-20, Luke 17:20-25**, Lord we thank you that You are the only one who gives us hope beyond death; bless the funeral families of our benefice that in their loss they may find You, the One Living Hope. Bless the funeral of Patsy Knights today.

**Fri 16 Nov 2 John, Luke 17:16-end**, We give thanks for those who serve our community in police, (especially PC Reid,) Fire & Rescue & Ambulance services; grant them your protection in their emergency dashes to those in need & help as they face the traumas of those seriously injured.

**Sat 17 Nov 3 John, Luke 18:1-8** Bless we ask the wedding of Nathan Rimes & Faye Macintosh at Cliddesden today with good weather, Your presence & the good news of true marriage.

**Sun 18 Nov Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25, Mark 13:1-8** *He is able to keep us from falling, and to set us free from sin: so let us each live up to our calling and commit our way to Him.*

**Mon 19 Nov Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-end**. We ask Your revelation & blessing on families preparing for the baptism of their children, that real faith may spark & grow.

**Tues 20 Nov Revelation 3:1-end, Luke 19:1-10**. Continue to bless the exploring faith courses currently running that those who have become finders may grow into effective disciples for Jesus Christ.

**Wed 21 Nov Revelation 4, Luke 19:11-28**, Thank you for calling us to be equipped properly to train others in following You; bless the training day for clergy hosted at Stephen's home today.

**Thurs 22 Nov Revelation 5:1-10, Luke 19: 41-44**, Lord you want children to know you as soon as they are able to: help David, Stephen & all who take school assemblies in our parish & beyond that the truth of following Jesus may help them to decide to follow you.

**Fri 23 Nov Rev. 10:8-end, Luke 19:45-end.** Prayer is the natural exercise of people following You; pour into our hearts a deeper desire to seek after You.

**Sat 24 Nov Rev. 11:4-12, Luke 20: 27-40.** As Christmas fayres occur today, we ask for Your Spirit to help all of us to explain the real meaning of the coming of Jesus away, from the spending frenzy.

**Sun 25 Nov Daniel 7:9-14, Revelation 1:4-8, John 18:33-37** *I do not know what lies ahead, the way I cannot see: but One stands near to be my guide, He'll show the way to me.*

**Mon 26 Nov Rev. 14:1-5, Luke 21:1-4.** Lord we ask for your help to choirs & church members making Christmas service preparations, that Jesus is honoured.

**Tues 27 Nov Rev. 14:14-19, Luke 21:5-11.** We pray for You to pour out your Holy Spirit in revival power upon us to convict of sin, reveal Christ & turn many from the darkness of folly & evil to the light of faith.

**Wed 28 Nov Rev. 15:1-4, Luke 21:12-19,** We thank you for all who give of themselves and of their time for the sake of God's kingdom in our villages; bless their selfless mercy & love as they visit and support others.

**Thurs 29 Nov Rev. 18:1-23, 19:1-9, Luke 21:20-28,** We ask Your blessing on all school governors serving across the benefice, that they may be diligent in their responsibilities & serve the communities with high standards.

**Fri 30 Nov Romans 10:12-18, Matthew 4:18-22** We pray for all who lead Your church in this country regardless of denomination; for those who have erred from truth, bring correction; for those in sin, bring repentance, for those discouraged, bring hope, for those walking in obedience, bring new joy.

**Sat 1 Dec Rev. 22:1-7, Luke 21:34-36** Lord I choose to be still today & listen.

**Sun 2 Dec Jeremiah 33.14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36** Bless we ask the Christingles at Preston Candover and Dummer with joy, hope & your presence this afternoon.

**Mon 3 Dec Isaiah 2:1-5, Matt 8:5-11,** Lord you encourage us to pray for all in authority over us- church, state, parish; Guide them to make decisions for the good of all which are just, true, honest & faithful. Bring to justice those involved in corruption & wickedness.

**Tues 4 Dec Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24.** Your Word encourages us to seek the lost & help them to be found: we ask for our neighbours, people we know who don't know you; make us good witnesses to them by life & word.

**Wed 5 Dec Isaiah 25:6-10, Matt 15:29-37.** Lord make me a channel of your peace today to someone who is not at peace.

**Thurs 6 Dec Isaiah 26:1-6, Matt 7:21-27.** Lord give me boldness to speak to someone today that needs to know you love them.

**Fri 7 Dec Isaiah 29:17-end, Matt 8:27-31** bless we ask the Carol singing around Ellisfield parish this evening that our music making will draw others to you.

**Sat 8 Dec Isaiah 30:19-26, Matt 9:35-10:8.** Lord we pray for our mission partners around the world – those involved in faith sharing cross-culturally: give boldness & humility that others will find you there as here.

**Sun 9 Dec Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6** *From heaven you came helpless babe, entered our world your glory veiled, but to be serves but to serve, and give Your life that we might live.* As Carol services begin, make Yourself known through the Word sung, read & preached this season.

**Mon 10 Dec Isaiah 35, Luke 5:17-26.** Reveal yourself to those this Christmas who need to understand the real meaning of God becoming human in Jesus.

**Tues 11 Dec Isaiah 40:1-11, Matt 18:12-14.** We pray for schools with their Christmas events that Jesus is not pushed out of the plans.

**Wed 12 Dec Isaiah 40:25-end, Matt 11:28-end.** We pray for our churchwardens, PCC & DCC members that their lives may be refreshed with Your Holy Spirit during this busy season.

**Thurs 13 Dec Isaiah 41:13-20, Matt.11:11-15.** Pour out Your Spirit in our benefice on those who do not know Your power & surprise us as we are lifted out of the shallowness of mediocrity in our worship to knowing the reality of Your presence.

**Fri 14 Dec Isaiah 48:17-19, Matt. 11:16-19.** Guard we ask, all who travel long distances this Christmas to get home to family: grant terrorist plots to be foiled, & mechanical failures to be discovered before accidents occur.

**Sat 15 Dec 2 Kings 2:9-12, Matt, 17:10-13.** We pray for our mission partners in Lango diocese, Uganda that as they will know real power as they celebrate Jesus.

**Sun 16 Dec Zephaniah 3:14-end, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18** *Who can cheer the heart like Jesus, by His presence all Divine, true & tender pure & precious, O how blest to call Him mine, All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is all in all to me, & the fairest of ten thousand, in my blessed Lord I see.* Bless Joseph Dale's baptism at Cliddesden.

**Mon 17 Dec Genesis 49:2-10, Matt. 1:1-17,** Lord we pray this Christmas that Your name is uplifted in greater measure, so that those who hate you may be brought to shame & repentance. **Tues 18 Dec Jeremiah 23:5-8, Matt.1:18-24.** We ask your blessing on families with children with special needs that we may all support them fully with our presence, love & care.