

Thurs 28 Mar Jeremiah 7:23-28, Luke 11:14-23 As Christian lay and ordained leaders pray, worship & are ministered to in the new, New Wine two-monthly fellowship, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon them so we get blessed too.

Fri 29 Mar Hosea 14, Mark 12:28-34 Lord we ask for Your blessing on the security services especially our local police officer PC Reid for protection, wisdom & revelation to catch criminals before they can cause damage to people & property.

Sat 30 Mar Hosea 5:15-6:6, Luke 18:9-14 We ask for new awareness of Your holiness, that those whose lives are unwholesome & tainted with sin, discover your power to cleanse & deliver from the power of all habits, sins & addictions.

Sun 31 Mar Mothering Sunday Joshua 5:9-12, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:33-35 *At your feet we fall, mighty risen Lord, As we come before Your throne to worship You. By Your Spirit's power You now draw our hearts, And we hear Your voice in triumph ringing clear. I am He that liveth, that liveth and was dead, Behold I am alive forever more.*

Mon 1 Apr Isaiah 65:17-21, John 4:43-end We pray your blessing at St. Leonards as buildings work ends & alterations may transform our spiritual & fellowship life.

Tues 2 Apr Ezekiel 47:1-12, John 5:1-16 We pray for those struggling with long term illness; help them find Your power to change their lives and outlooks.

Wed 3 Apr Isaiah 49:8-15, John 5: 17-30 As we hear about Basingstoke Street Pastors tonight at our Lent course, lead us out of our frozen inabilities to say a word for Jesus into confidence to be real Christians with a testimony to share.

Thurs 4 Apr Exodus 32:1-14, John 5:31-end Forgive us for not reading Your Word daily & applying it – shake Your church in our villages from complacency to confidence.

Fri 5 Apr Jeremiah 26:8-11, John 7:1-30 Lord when You spoke the truth you were accused of being demonised: give us confidence in the face of evil not to fear the power of our adversaries but to give a clear reason for the hope we have.

Sat 6 Apr Jeremiah 11:18-20, John 7:40-52 Jesus as we follow You, make us more like you today.

Sun 7 Apr Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4-14, John 12:1-8 *At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there by faith I received my sight and now I am happy all the day. Bless our worship as we think about the cross today.*

Benefice Prayer and Bible reading diary from 21 February to April 7th 2019

Thurs 21 Feb Gen. 9:1-13, Mark 8:27-33 Lord we thank you that you never change, Your promises always prove true, Your standards remain constant & today You are with me.

Fri 22 Feb Gen. 11:1-9, Mark 8:34-9:1 Father thank you that You speak to us in ways we understand if we make time to listen: help me today to realise what You are saying to me about my life.

Sat 23 Feb Heb.11:1-7, Mark 9:2-13 Bless we pray the marriage preparation day for the 18 couples getting married across the benefice this year that they may be encouraged, challenged & spurred on to love one another, with patience & grace.

Sun 24 Feb Genesis 2:4-9,15-end, Revelation 4, Luke 8:22-25 *Lord I come to you, Let my heart be changed, renewed, Flowing from the grace, That I found in You. And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me, will be stripped away By the power of Your love.*

Mon 25 Feb James 1:1-11, Mark 9:14-29 Thank you when trials come because we know it produces perseverance: Lord whatever trial I face today, thank you that you are teaching me something about trusting you.

Tues 26 Feb James 1:12-18, Mark 9:30-37 Lord we ask You to open the eyes of those deceived by their own sin, by others who have lied to them that they may find in You the truth.

Wed 27 Feb James 1:19-end, Mark 9:38-40 We pray for Alresford Deanery Synod tonight, considering staffing levels for the Deanery and our link with Lango Diocese.

Thurs 28 Feb James 2:1-9, Mark 9:41-end We pray for those in our community who are often overlooked, that they may find true value in Your eyes.

Fri 1 Mar James 2:14-26, Mark 10:1-12 Lord help each of us today to use what we have to help someone else who is in need, that they may see good deeds & recognise it's You behind it.

Sat 2 Mar James 3:1-10, Mark 10:13-16 Lord we ask Your blessing on all the small businesses that operate throughout our community that they may thrive, grow & be a blessing as they create gainful creative employment for locals.

Sun 3 Mar Exodus 34:29-end, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-43 *Lord, unveil my eyes, Let me see You face to face, The knowledge of Your love, As You live in me.*

Lord, renew my mind, As Your will unfolds in my life, in living every day, By the power of Your love.

Mon 4 Mar James 3:13-end, Mark 10:17-27 Farleigh PCC Bless PCC members as we meet tonight that we may recognise Your speaking to us in encouragement as we approve 2018's accounts.

Tues 5 Mar SHROVE TUESDAY James 4:1-10, Mark 1:28-31 We ask for Your truth & power to triumph over the powers of darkness that seek to kill, steal & destroy lives, families & hope.

Wed 6 Mar ASH WEDNESDAY Joel 2:1-2,12-17; John 8:1-11 we pray that Eddie Rapley's funeral at St. Leonard's Cliddesden will proclaim the resurrection hope to all attending; bless also the Ash Wednesday service tonight.

Thurs 7 Mar Deuteronomy 30:15-end, Luke 9:22-25 As the clergy gather for the briefing morning from diocese, grant us to see signs of Your kingdom as people come to know Jesus as Saviour & Lord.

Fri 8 Mar Isaiah 58:1-9, Matthew 9:14-17 Help us during Lent to fast, pray & earnestly seek Your presence.

Sat 9 Mar Isaiah 58: 9-end, Luke 5:27-32 As Stephen & David run a second marriage preparation day for couples unable to attend the first, bless the couples and help them find you as their source of life.

Sun 10 Mar Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13: *I will worship with all of my heart. I will praise You, with all of my strength. I will seek You, all of my days. I will follow, all of Your ways.* Bless Meredith Williams' baptism at Preston Candover today.

Mon 11 Mar Leviticus 19:1-18, Matthew 25:31-end Lord we ask Your presence & blessing on staff in the emergency services that they have grace to cope with trauma, & graciously & freely bring hope to those in need.

Tues 12 Mar Isaiah 55:10-11, Matthew 6:7-15 At the clergy chapter breakfast with Bishop David, bless our conversations & sharing good news.

Wed 13 Mar Jonah 3, Luke 11:29-32 Bless our Lent course starting tonight with much interest, high attendance & challenges to our comfortable ways.

Thurs 14 Mar Isaiah 55:6-9, Matthew 7:7-12 At the clergy training day at Preston Candover with Roger Morgan, bless the group gathering to think, be encouraged & blessed with Your power to refresh us.

Fri 15 Mar Ezekiel 18:21-28, Matthew 5:43-end As Your Word tells us to love our enemies & pray for those who persecute us, help us recognise our enemies – those

within of temptations & evil intents that we repent, & those who oppose the message of Christ, our only Salvation that they may come to repentance.

Sat 16 Mar Deut. 26:16-end, Matthew 5:43-end As Stephen leads the third marriage prep course today, guide his words, bless the couples & help them learn lessons for life.

Sun 17 Mar Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1,Luke13:31-end *"When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "it is well, it is well with my soul."*

Mon 18 Mar Daniel 9:4-10, Luke 6:36-38 Lord teach us the lesson today that when we give away, we will find that you return blessing for blessing in abundance.

Tues 19 Mar 2 Samuel 7:4-16, Romans 4:13-18 Lord we give thanks for the gift of saving faith & extraordinary faith that we may see miracles and bring others to knowing your power to heal & change lives.

Wed 20 Mar Jeremiah 18:18-20, Matthew 20:17-28 We pray for our second Lent session with the Hospice chaplain as he helps the dying to find peace with God & faith in Jesus Christ.

Thurs 21 Mar Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 16:19-end We pray for Preston Candover and Cliddesden Schools that Your rich blessing may create good learning environments for the children, encouragement for staff, governors & parents.

Fri 22 Mar Genesis 37:3-28, Matthew 21:33-46 Forgive us when we fail to take time to learn what following Jesus is really about, and lay upon everyone a burden to pray & read You word to find life & hope.

Sat 23 Mar Micah 7:14-20, Luke 15. We pray for those in our benefice who are lost & far from Jesus Christ, who are careless, complacent faithless & arrogant: create we pray times for them to realise their spiritual destitution without You.

Sun 24 Mar Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9 *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.*

Mon 25 Mar Isaiah 7:1-14, Hebrews 10:4-10 As Northington have their APCM, grant them wisdom to see why they exist – not for a building, but for Jesus Christ.

Tues 26 Mar Daniel 2:20-23, Matthew 18:21-end We pray for those who refuse to forgive, or whose lives have been so damaged they find it difficult. Shine the light of Your truth & hope that repentance & forgiveness will bring new life.

Wed 27 Mar Deut. 4:1-9, Matthew 5:17-19 In our third Lent session, as we hear about those in prison for their sins & how the chaplaincy endeavours to bring them to repentance & faith in Jesus Christ for a changed lifestyle, help us to recognise our own prisons of selfishness, greed & anger.