

## Prayer & Bible Reading Diary 8 April to 26 May 2019

**Wed 15 May Acts 12:24-13:5, John 12:44-end** We give thanks for the NHS, emergency services & First Responders in our communities that Your presence will continue to encourage & help staff when faced with traumatic situations.

**Thurs 16 May Acts 13:13-25, John 13:16-20** We give thanks for the Farleigh Playgroup meeting at Cliddesden Village Hall: bless Melanie, Claire, Annie & other volunteers that their work may bless families in particular.

**Fri 17 May Acts 13:26-33, John 14:1-6** Lord Jesus, who is the only way to God, reveal Yourself to those who don't know you in our benefice & revive us by Your Holy Spirit to be living witnesses to Your power to change lives.

**Sat 18 May Acts 13: 44-end, John 14:7-14** We ask for You to raise up more people with a concern & passion for children and young people to meet & know You, that they may find you early in life, in order to follow the ways of truth and godly living.

**Sun 19 May Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35** *When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word what a glory He sheds on our way. While we do His good will He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.* Bless we pray the baptism of Savanna Civardi at Brown Candover.

**Mon 20 May Acts 14:5-18, John 14:21-26.** We ask your blessing on all who run small businesses across the benefice, that they may prosper & continue to provide employment for hundreds of people.

**Tues 21 May Acts 14:19-end, John 14:27- end.** Lord, speak to me today and surprise me, & make that lesson of listening become a blessing for someone else.

**Wed 22 May Acts 15:1-6, John 15:1-8** I choose to obey you today Lord.

**Thurs 23 May Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11** Lord who made all things richly for us to enjoy, make us ever thankful for your provision of what we need, & generous to give away the rest to others in need.

**Fri 24 May Acts 15:22-31, John 15:12-17** We pray for Preston Candover and Cliddesden schools – that staff may blossom & flourish under good leadership, children kept safe & grow in security, truth & learning, & parents & governors guided to do what is right for all.

**Sat 25 May Acts 16: 1-10, John 15:18-21** Lord, make me a blessing to someone today.

**Sun 26 May Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-ch 22:5, John 14:23-29** *Reign in me, Sovereign in me, captivate my heart, Let your kingdom come, establish there your throne, let your will be done* bless the wedding of Neil Murphy & Eve Patti at Preston Candover.

**Mon 8 Apr Joshua 2:1-14, John 8:1-11** We ask for Your strength for families with disabled or challenging children, that they find hope.

**Tues 9 Apr Numbers 21:4-9, John 8:21-30** We ask for Your help for families under great stress or relationship breakdown – give peace & hope. Bless we pray Wield's APCM tonight.

**Wed 10 Apr Daniel 3:14-28, John 8:31-42** As we learn about support for Christians abroad imprisoned for faith in Jesus, teach us through our Lent Course speaker tonight, Mervyn Thomas MBE, from Christian Solidarity International, & meet with those in Winchester during the day at the Lent lectures with Lucy Peppiatt.

**Thurs 11 Apr Genesis 17:3-9, John 8:51-end** We pray for grace to serve others who are difficult around us.

**Fri 12 Apr Jeremiah 20:10-13, John 10: 31-end** We give thanks for the springtime life surrounding us; bless all who work on the land locally that their work of producing food for us to eat may be blessed by your almighty hand, with good weather, the right rainfall and sunshine through this season.

**Sat 13 Apr Ezekiel 37:21-end, Jon 11:45-end** As school holidays continue, keep safe all who travel, grant peace & hope for those who stay at home, refresh teachers, classroom assistants & ancillary staff, & grant renewal & Your risen presence to all.

**Sun 14 Apr PALM SUNDAY Zechariah 9:9-12, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40** *Make way, make way, for Christ the King, In splendour arrives. Fling wide the gates and welcome Him into your lives. Make way! Make way! For the King of kings. Make way! Make way! And let His kingdom in.*

**Mon 15 Apr Psalm 42:1-9, John 12:1-11** Lord in our own frailty & weakness, give us grace to bring the fragrance of your love to someone else today.

**Tues 16 Apr Isaiah 49:1-7, John 12:12-36** As the Candovers with Bradley hold their APCM tonight, bless plans for new heating, lighting & PA.

**Wed 17 Apr Isaiah 50:4-9, John 13:21-32** We pray Your glory – Your presence, healing power, mercy, hope, light – will shine in each of us today.

**Thurs 18 Apr Maundy Thursday Exodus 12:1-14, I Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:2-35** Meet with us at Cliddesden as we celebrate the Last Supper.

**Fri 19 Apr Good Friday Isaiah 52:13-end 53, Hebrews 10:16-25** *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.*

**Sat 20 Apr Job 14:1-14, 1 Peter 4:1-8, John 19:38-end** Watching, waiting, in the darkness of loss, yet a faint glimmer of hope springs into life...

**Sun 21 Apr Easter Day Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18** *Christ is risen, Alleluia, risen our victorious head, sing His praises alleluia, Christ is risen from the dead. Gratefully our hearts adore Him, as His light once more appears, bowing down in joy before Him rising up from grief and tears.*

**Mon 22 Apr Acts 2:14-32, Matthew 28:8-15** As sorrow turns to joy, grant us the vision to live the risen life promised us in Jesus' resurrection that we don't miss out on all He has for us.

**Tues 23 Apr Acts 2:36-41, John 20:11-18** Give us courage, with Mary Magdelene, to go & tell others of our experience of You, our risen Lord.

**Wed 24 Apr Acts 3:1-10, Luke 24:13-35** As You walked as an unknown stranger with Cleopas & his companion to Emmaus, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, minds & hearts to be open to recognise Your coming to us.

**Thurs 25 Apr Acts 3:11-end, Luke 24:35-48** Thank you Lord that Your healing power is the same as when you walked this earth; increase our faith levels to step out in prayer for others.

**Fri 26 Apr Acts 4:1-12, John 21:1-14** Lord you provided food for your disciples by the seashore: help us to be your instruments of help to others in practical need: bless the Basingstoke Food Bank ministry locally.

**Sat 27 Apr Acts 4:13-21, Mark 16:9-15** Bless weddings of Leonora De Ferranti & Charles Sichel at Northington & Elizabeth Cole & Daniel Podesta at Preston Candover.

**Sun 28 Apr Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-18, John 20:19-end** *Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won.*

**Mon 29 Apr 2 Timothy 2:3-13, John 15:18-21.** As Farleigh APCM meets tonight, bless we ask the conversations, news sharing & elections.

**Tues 30 Apr Ephesians 4:7-16, Mark 13:5-13** Every Christian has a ministry - Lord open our eyes to recognise your call to us, that we may do what you call us to do.

**Wed 1 May Ephesians 1:3-10, John 14:1-14** We pray for our nation, increasingly hostile to Your Word, truth & holy living, where those who hold to Your Word are arrested for speaking about You: we recognise the signs of the times- & ask for courage to speak out & not fear for "blessed are you who are persecuted for righteousness' sake."

**Thurs 2 May Act 5:27-33, John 3:31-end** As local elections occur, give us wisdom to elect those whose lives, morals, honesty, high standards & humility, that we may be governed with integrity & truth.

**Fri 3 May Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15** Bless we ask the wedding of Mark Waddington and Polly-Anna Hewetson at Preston Candover today.

**Sat 4 May Acts 6:1-7, John 6:16-21** As we consider who should take leadership responsibilities, raise up new leaders who are gifted & called to serve.

**Sun 5 May Acts 9:1-19, Revelation 5:1-11, John 21:1-19** Bless we pray the dedication of new facilities at Cliddesden by the Bishop of Basingstoke this afternoon: we give thanks for those who have worked so hard to enable it to happen.

**Mon 6 May Acts 6:8-15, John 6:22-29** We give thanks for opportunities for exercise, & we ask Your blessing on the "Off the beaten track" Bank Holiday walk in Farleigh Parish today.

**Tues 7 May Acts 7:51-8:2, John 6:30-35** As the Exploring faith course continues, reveal yourself to those coming that they may find You in all Your fullness.

**Wed 8 May Acts 8:1-8, John 6:35-40** Lord we pray for evangelists across our nation & world who share the good news of Christ, being born anew & finding hope & forgiveness, that their ministries will quadruple new disciples.

**Thurs 9 May Acts 8:26-end, John 6:44-51** we pray for our nation's leaders today: Lord, in whose hands are the nations of the world, guide we ask those in authority over us, that their decisions may be directed by Your Holy Spirit: help them to do what is right, just & honest, & when they make wrong decisions give them humility to admit it.

**Fri 10 May Acts 9:1-20, John 6:52-59** We give thanks for those who uphold the law & arrest wrongdoers: help them in their God-given role, especially PC Andy Reid & his colleagues, guarding them from harm & guiding them to catch criminals easily.

**Sat 11 May Act 9:31-42, John 6:60-69** We give thanks for all PCC members, churchwardens, treasurers, sidespeople, musicians, bell-ringers that their ministries may bless all who come to meet with You.

**Sun 12 May Acts 9:36-end; Revelation 7:9-end, John 10:22-30** *Praise Him on the trumpet, the psaltery & harp, praise him on the timbrel & dance praise Him with stringed instruments too. Praise with loud cymbals, let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

**Mon 13 May Acts 11:1-18, John 10:1-18** Help me today Lord to care for someone else whose needs I can meet, & give me courage to pray with them.

**Tues 14 May 1 Corinthians 4:1-7, John 15:9-17** I pray today for my neighbours, that their homes are filled with Your love, & where there is discord, bring peace & harmony.