

**FRI 14 MAR Jer 6:22-end, John 6:16-27, Psalm 22** *We give thanks for the success of the Candover Valley Stores and for all who work or volunteer there. May visitors receive a warm welcome.*

**SAT 15 MAR Jer 7:1-20, John 6:27-40, Psalm 63** *"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." We pray for Christians who are persecuted or marginalised for their faith that they would remain steadfast and full of hope.*

**SUN 16 MAR Gen 15:1-12 & 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-end, Psalm 27** *"The Lord is our light and our salvation." Let us shine our light for him in the world around us.*

**MON 17 MAR Jer 7:21-end, John 6:41-51, Psalm 32** *We give thanks for the work of St Patrick in Ireland and pray for stability and renewal in both Eire and Northern Ireland.*

**TUES 18 MAR Jer 8:1-15, John 6:52-59, Psalm 50** *We pray for the Prime Minister and members of the cabinet to work with honesty, fairness and integrity.*

**WED 19 MAR Joseph of Nazareth, 2 Sam 7:4-16, Matt 1:18-end, Psalm 89:26-36** *Joseph heard God speak to him in dreams. May we be open to hearing and recognising the voice of God, in whatever way he speaks to us.*

**THURS 20 MAR Jer 9:12-24, John 7:1-13, Psalm 34** *We pray for our MPs that they would be diligent and discerning in working for the common good.*

**FRI 21 MAR Jer 10:1-16, John 7:14-24, Psalm 41** *We pray for protection for our servicemen and women stationed abroad. May they know your peace, love, and protection, Lord.*

**SAT 22 MAR Jer 10:17-24, John 7:25-36, Psalm 25** *We give thanks for our local police officers, particularly Andy and Ross, and pray for protection for them and insight into the best way to handle situations.*

**SUN 23 MAR Isa 55:1-9, 1 Cor 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9, Psalm 63** *We pray for the future of our benefice, for wisdom for our church wardens and for all involved in the selection of a new rector, that the post would be filled by someone with inspiration and God's vision for our village communities.*

**MON 24 MAR Jer 11:1-17, John 7:37-52, Psalm 5** *We give thanks for and pray for all our local amenities: doctors surgeries, hospitals, pharmacists, refuse collectors, post deliverers, local shops and cafes etc.*

**TUES 25 MAR The Annunciation, Isa 7:10-14, Luke 1:26-38, Psalm 40** *May we follow Mary's example of joyful obedience, even when we feel fearful or not good enough.*

**WED 26 MAR Jer 13:1-11, John 8:12-30, Psalm 38** *We remember in prayer all who are homeless and the agencies who support them. May we know the best way to help.*

## **PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY**

**6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY TO 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**

**THURS 6 FEB Mal 3:13-4 end, John 13:31-end, Psalm 15** *We pray for members of the committee scrutinising the assisted suicide bill, to conduct their business without bias. May the dangers be brought to light and the inadequacy of safeguards realised.*

**FRI 7 FEB Nahum 1, John 14:1-14, Psalm 19** *We ask for comfort for the family and friends of Evelyn Lucas as they attend her funeral at St Martin's today.*

**SAT 8 FEB Obadiah, John 14:15-end, Psalm 23** *We pray for all those we know who are ill and having to process a difficult or life-threatening diagnosis. May they know that you are with them, Lord, to guide, comfort and provide for them.*

**SUN 9 FEB Isa 6:1-8, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 138** *We pray for guidance and wisdom for our church wardens as they meet with the archdeacon online this month to consider the way forward with the vacancy.*

**MON 10 FEB Joel 1:1-14, John 15:1-11, Psalm 30** *We pray for humility and sensitivity for all members of General Synod as they meet over the next few days. May there be openness and unity about the way forward as significant issues are discussed. We pray that the credibility of the church can begin to be restored.*

**TUES 11 FEB Joel 1:15-end, John 15:12-17, Psalm 36** *We pray for wisdom for the committee scrutinising The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill so that Christian parents who wish to educate their children at home will still have the freedom to do so.*

**WED 12 FEB Joel 2:1-17, John 15:18-end, Psalm 34** *Today's psalm encourages that God hears our prayers and answers. Let us remember before him, those people and issues that are on our hearts today.*

**THURS 13 FEB Joel 2:18-27, John 16:1-15, Psalm 37** *We pray for wisdom for our bishops and for our archdeacon, Richard Brand, as he guides us through the interregnum.*

**FRI 14 FEB Joel 2:28-end, John 16:16-22, Psalm 31** *We pray for marriages in our benefice and for all those planning to be married in our churches this year. May these relationships be loving, strong and enduring.*

**SAT 15 FEB Joel 3:1-3 & 9-end, John 16:23-end, Psalm 42** *We pray for those suffering with their mental health that you, Lord, would meet their deepest longing and that they might be able to put their trust in you.*

**SUN 16 FEB Jer 17:5-10, 1 Cor 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26, Psalm 1** *We pray for Ian Thacker as he continues to minister across the benefice. May he know God's leading, guidance and support from clergy in the diocese.*

**MON 17 FEB Eccl 1, John 17:1-5, Psalm 44** *We pray for all organising and attending the Pancake Party at St Leonard's tomorrow, that we would all learn more about the Lord's unbounded love for us.*

**TUES 18 FEB Eccl 2, John 17:6-19, Psalm 48** *We pray for the business of the Farleigh Parish PCC meeting tonight that the Holy Spirit will guide all discussion and decision making.*

**WED 19 FEB Eccl 3:1-15, John 17:20-end, Psalm 119:57-80** *We thank the Lord for giving us a plumb line against which to measure our lives. May we seek to live wholeheartedly according to his laws and precepts.*

**THURS 20 FEB Eccl 3:16-4 end, John 18:1-11, Psalm 57** *We give thanks for the ceasefire in the Middle East and pray that it will hold. We pray for all the hostages to be released and for comfort, medical attention and relief aid for all those who are suffering as a result of the war. May there be a workable solution for the future.*

**FRI 21 FEB Eccl 5, John 18:12-27, Psalm 51** *We give thanks for the half term family concert at St John's today. May it be a well-attended and joyful occasion.*

**SAT 22 FEB Eccl 6, John 18:28-end, Psalm 68** *We pray for those we know who are bereaved that they would know the Lord's comfort and healing.*

**SUN 23 FEB Gen 2:4b-9 & 15-end, Rev 4, Luke 8:22-25, Psalm 65** *"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly." Let us be thankful today for the beauty of God's creation which surrounds us.*

**MON 24 FEB Eccl 7:1-14, John 19:1-16, Psalm 71** *We pray for encouragement for the Ukrainians, having suffered 3 years of war. We beseech the Lord for a proper end to the war, with territory being restored and an enduring peace being negotiated.*

**TUES 25 FEB Eccl 7:15-end, John 19:17-30, Psalm 73** *We give thanks for those who serve on our DCCs. We pray for guidance in decision making for those attending the Dummer DCC meeting tonight.*

**WED 26 FEB Eccl 8, John 19:31-end, Psalm 77** *We pray for the people of Russia, also in the midst of war, that they would know truth and freedom from oppression*

**THURS 27 FEB Eccl 9, John 20:1-10, Psalm 78:1-39** *We pray for the King and members of the royal family, for health, strength, wisdom and courage in order to carry out their duties in the best interests of us all. We pray that they will encounter God and come to know him as Lord and Saviour.*

**FRI 28 FEB Eccl 11:1-8, John 20:11-18, Psalm 55** *We continue to pray for all who meet at the Farleigh Parish Playgroup that lasting, supportive relationships would be established.*

**SAT 1 MAR Eccl 11:9-12 end, John 20:19-end, Psalm 76** *We pray for Wales today, remembering the life of St David and his commitment to establishing churches and religious communities. We pray for the continued growth of God's kingdom there.*

**SUN 2 MAR Ex 34:29-end, 2 Cor 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36, Psalm 99** *We give thanks for our church buildings, many of which have been places of worship for hundreds of years. May we have wisdom to know the best way to maintain them and to make them attractive to those who visit.*

**MON 3 MAR Jer 1, John 3:1-21, Psalm 80** *We give thanks for all who contribute to our worship each week: preachers, leaders, readers, musicians, vergers, sidespeople, flower arrangers, cleaners.*

**TUES 4 MAR Jer 2:1-13, John 3:22-end, Psalm 89:1-18** *We pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Christ. May they know the joy of the Lord and his protection and strength, despite their terrible circumstances.*

**WED 5 MAR Ash Wednesday Isa 58:1-12, John 8:1-11, Psalm 51,** *We give thanks for Jesus' example in resisting the temptations of the devil in the desert. May we have the strength and commitment to stand firm, especially when life is difficult, and to remember his promises to guide and lead us.*

**THURS 6 MAR Jer 2:14-32, John 4:1-26, Psalm 77** *We pray for businesses across the benefice for success and growth in their endeavours, and for integrity in all they do.*

**FRI 7 MAR Jer 3:6-22, John 4:27-42, Psalm 3** *We pray for the growth of supportive relationships in our villages and for the many coffee mornings and community events which foster such interaction.*

**SAT 8 MAR Jer 4:1-18, John 4:43-end, Psalm 71** *Let us consider our Christian mission and whether there is any way that we can contribute to those in need, for example the hungry or those in financial difficulty.*

**SUN 9 MAR Deut 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13, Psalm 91** *We ask for strength to focus on the Lord, during this season of Lent, to seek his face and to persevere with our intentions to fast in order to draw close to him.*

**MON 10 MAR Jer 4:19-end, John 5:1-18, Psalm 11** *International relationships seem to be more precarious and unsettling. Today's psalm gives us hope and encouragement: the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.*

**TUES 11 MAR Jer 5:1-19, John 5:19-29, Psalm 44** *We pray for the food bank and give thanks for all who work there. May those who benefit from it experience God's love in action.*

**WED 12 MAR Jer 5:20-end, John 5:30-end, Psalm 6** *We pray for the schools in our benefice and ask for the role of governor at Cliddesden School to be filled by someone with appropriate skills.*

**THURS 13 MAR Jer 6:9-21, John 6:1-15, Psalm 42** *We pray for help, healing and hope for those who are still grieving as a result of loss caused by disasters or accidents, including the floods in this country, the fires in Los Angeles and the plane crashes in Washington and Philadelphia.*