

SUN 10 AUG Isa 1:1 & 10-20, Heb 11:1-3 & 8-16, Luke 12:32-40, Psalm 50

We pray for refreshment for our church wardens and all who are taking extra responsibility for our churches and services during the interregnum.

MON 11 AUG Eze 28:1-19, James 2:1-13, Psalm 30 We continue to pray for those around the world who are homeless, hungry, sick or living in war zones or disaster areas. Lord, have mercy, and bring comfort and assistance.

TUES 12 AUG Eze 33:1-20, James 2:14-end, Psalm 36 We pray for Bishop Rhiannon and representatives from the Lyndhurst and Alresford Deaneries as they visit Rwanda, that relationships will be further developed and strengthened.

WED 13 AUG Eze 33:21-end, James 3, Psalm 34 We give thanks for the work of Florence Nightingale and pray today for all who work in the NHS, often under very difficult pressurised circumstances. May they know the peace that only Christ can give and minister life and hope to those who are sick.

THURS 14 AUG Eze 34:1-16, James 4:1-12, Psalm 37 We pray for all students receiving their A level results today. We celebrate with those who have done well and ask for support for those who are disappointed. Whatever the result, may each one experience the Lord's leading and assurance in the next stage of their lives.

FRI 15 AUG The Virgin Mary, Isa 61:10-end, Luke 1:46-55, Psalm 45 Let us praise the Lord, the Mighty One, and remember the great things he has done for us.

SAT 16 AUG Eze 36:16-36, James 5:7-end, Psalm 42 We give thanks for the retired clergy who have generously ministered to us during the past few months. May they know God's blessing and refreshment.

SUN 17 AUG Isa 5:1-7, Heb 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56, Psalm 80 We pray for the success of the "Voice of the Voiceless" project in Rwanda that seeks to support street children. May the Holy Spirit inspire those involved in this work to help those in need and to demonstrate Christ's love.

MON 18 AUG Eze 37:1-14, Mark 1:1-13, Psalm 44 We pray for the government as they consider an official definition of Anti-Muslim hatred or Islamophobia. We pray that free speech would be protected so that all religions, including Islam can be critiqued without fear of prosecution or reprisal.

TUES 19 AUG Eze 37:15-end, Mark 1:14-20, Psalm 48 We give thanks for the pubs in our villages. May they be places of community meetings and enjoyment. We pray for the publicans who work hard to serve us.

WED 20 AUG Eze 39:21-end, Mark 1:21-28, Psalm 59 Today, we remember William and Catherine Booth and their pioneering work in founding the Salvation Army. We pray for the continuation of this work and for all those who are homeless and need practical assistance.

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY

3RD JULY TO 20TH AUG 2025

THURS 3 JULY Thomas the Apostle 2 Sam 15:17-21, John 11:1-16, Psalm 92 Lord, help us when we struggle to believe, restore our faith and help us to trust and thank you in all circumstances.

FRI 4 JULY Job 24, Rom 11:1-12, Psalm 51 Lord, we thank you for your enduring love for us and for your mercy and grace at work in our lives. May we remember to bring our sin before you and receive your gift of forgiveness each day.

SAT 5 JULY Job 25-26, Rom 11:13-24, Psalm 68 We pray for students who have finished their university and college courses that they would know God's leading for the next stage of their lives.

SUN 6 JULY 2 Kings 5:1-14, Gal 6:7-16, Luke 10:1-11 & 16-20, Psalm 30 We pray for the Fellowship Services during the summer months that there would be good attendance across the parishes and opportunities for developing relationships across the villages.

MON 7 JULY Job 27, Rom 11:25-end, Psalm 71 We pray for members of the House of Lords, and particularly our bishops, to speak boldly in highlighting the deficiencies of the Assisted Suicide Bill.

TUES 8 JULY Job 28, Rom 12:1-8, Psalm 73 We give thanks for the appointment of a Rector for this benefice and pray that the paperwork and administrative checks can be completed quickly and easily. We pray for her as she prepares to lead us that she would be envisioned by the Holy Spirit to grow God's Kingdom here.

WED 9 JULY Job 29, Rom 12:9-end, Psalm 77 We pray for the farmers in our benefice that they would know how best to manage the land in the extremely dry weather.

THURS 10 JULY Job 30, Rom 13:1-7, Psalm 78:1-39 We pray for continued healing and comfort for those who are recently bereaved.

FRI 11 JULY Job 31, Rom 13:8-end, Psalm 55 We pray for Ian Thacker as he continues to lead our services across the benefice and we give thanks for his consistent ministry to us during the interregnum.

SAT 12 JULY Job 32, Rom 14:1-12, Psalm 76 We give thanks for those who serve the community as school crossing patrol officers. May they too enjoy a restful summer holiday.

SUN 13 JULY Amos 7:7-end, Col 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37, Psalm 82 We give thanks for those who contribute to our worship on Sundays: flower arrangers, cleaners, vergers, sidespeople, musicians, preachers, service leaders and those providing refreshments.

MON 14 JULY Job 33, Rom 14:13-end, Psalm 80 Thank you Lord for those who contribute to our church communities with gifts of administration. We pray

particularly for Tricia our administrator and for Jean and Ros who edit the magazines.

TUES 15 JULY Job 38, Rom 15:1-13, Psalm 89:1-18 “I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever;” (Ps 89). Let us praise the Lord and sing a new song to him today

WED 16 JULY Job 39, Rom 15:14-21, Psalm 119:105-128 We pray for our government, for the Prime Minister, his cabinet and all MPs that they would “do what is righteous and just.”

THURS 17 JULY Job 40, Rom 15:22-end, Psalm 92 We continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and other areas of the world. We pray for godly wisdom for the leaders of the nations and for all those involved in mediation.

FRI 18 JULY Job 41, Rom 16:1-16, Psalm 88 We pray for members of the children’s singing group that meets in St Leonard’s Church on Fridays. May each child grow to love and worship the Lord Jesus.

SAT 19 JULY Job 42, Rom 16:17-end, Psalm 97 We pray for renewal in the Church of England and for the leaders to speak out the gospel message clearly and without pandering to political correctness.

SUN 20 JULY Amos 8:1-12, Col 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-end, Psalm 52

As we read our bibles today, we remember Christians who live in countries where they are not allowed to worship freely and have to hide their bibles. We ask for sustenance and provision for those who are regularly ostracised and attacked because of their faith.

MON 21 JULY Eze 1:1-14, 2 Cor 1:1-14, Psalm 98 We pray for the administrators and volunteers of the Food Bank. May we be generous in our giving to support their work.

TUES 22 JULY Mary Magdalene, Song of Sol 3:1-4, John 20:1-2 & 11-18, Psalm 42 Lord, we thank you for your forgiveness and unconditional love. Help us to receive all that you give us and to know the joy and peace of your presence.

WED 23 JULY Eze 2:3-3:11, 2 Cor 2:5-end, Psalm 111 “The Lord is gracious and compassionate” (Ps 111.v 4) We pray for those we know who are suffering with ill health and painful symptoms, that they would know the Lord’s presence with them and his healing.

THURS 24 JULY Eze 3:12-end, 2 Cor 3, Psalm 115 We pray for children and school staff as they break up for the summer holidays. May they have time and space to relax and enjoy times of rest and enjoyment.

FRI 25 JULY James the Apostle, 2 Kings 1:9-15, Luke 9:46-56, Psalm 7 Lord, help us to remember James’ words of encouragement, “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.”

SAT 26 JULY Eze 9, 2 Cor 5, Psalm 121 We pray for Jordan Capehorn and Haidee Paul as they are married at St Leonard’s today. May they know the Lord’s presence in their lives and enjoy a long and loving marriage.

SUN 27 JULY Hosea 1:2-10, Col 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13, Psalm 85 We give thanks for the beauty of long summer evenings and for the birds, insects and wildlife which inhabit our gardens.

MON 28 JULY Eze 10:1-19, 2 Cor 6:1-7:1, Psalm 126 We pray for all the members of our PCCs, that they would know the Lord’s leading, wisdom and discernment in decision making.

TUES 29 JULY Eze 11:14-end, 2 Cor 7:2-end, Psalm 132 We pray for safety and protection for families travelling to holiday destinations during the summer.

WED 30 JULY Eze 12:1-16, 2 Cor 8:1-15, Psalm 136, Today, we remember William Wilberforce and give thanks for his example of working for social reform. We pray for victims of slavery today and for those working to bring freedom and help.

THURS 31 JULY Eze 12:17-end, 2 Cor 8:16-9:5, Psalm 143 We give thanks for people who faithfully serve us in delivering post and collecting refuse. May they be sustained and kept safe during this season of hot weather.

FRI 1 AUG Eze 13:1-16, 2 Cor 9:6-end, Psalm 144 We pray for compassion and strength for those who work in hospices and ask for an improvement in hospice care across the country.

SAT 2 AUG Eze 14:1-11, 2 Cor 10, Psalm 147 We give thanks for our treasurers and for their willingness to volunteer in this way. We pray for wisdom for them in the stewarding of the finances.

SUN 3 AUG Hosea 11:1-11, Col 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21, Psalm 107 “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.” We give thanks for the gift of water which gives us life and for the gift of the Holy Spirit who brings spiritual life.

MON 4 AUG Eze 14:12-end, 2 Cor 11:1-15, Psalm 1 We give thanks for the undertakers who are there when we need them. May the Lord give them sensitivity and encourage them as they “undertake” their duties.

TUES 5 AUG Eze 18:1-20, 2 Cor 11:16-end, Psalm 5 We pray for freedom of speech to be upheld in this country. We pray for Christians who have lost their jobs for speaking and holding fast to their Christian faith.

WED 6 AUG The Transfiguration. Dan 7:9-10 & 13-14, Luke 9:28-36, Psalm 97 May we seek the Lord wholeheartedly and daily be more and more transformed into the likeness of Jesus.

THURS 7 AUG Eze 20:1-20, 2 Cor 13, Psalm 15 We pray for renewal in this benefice that the “quiet revival” which has been noticed across the country, would be evident here.

FRI 8 AUG Eze 20:21-38, James 1:1-11, Psalm 19 We give thanks for those who look after our churchyards, cutting the grass and keeping them tidy.

SAT 9 AUG Eze 24:15-end, James 1:12-end, Psalm 23 Today, we remember Mary Sumner, founder of The Mother’s Union. We give thanks for her work and pray that our local meetings would continue to foster community support.