

SUN 22 JUNE 1 Kings 19:1-4 & 8-15a, Gal 3:23-end, Luke 8:26-39, Psalm 42 *We pray for our church wardens and all who are taking extra responsibility for our churches and services during the interregnum.*

MON 23 JUNE Job 13, Rom 7:1-6, Psalm 30 *We pray for the Church of England for integrity and humility for those involved in the appointment of a new archbishop. We pray for resilience and sensitivity for clergy around the country who are faithfully preaching the gospel and ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow God's kingdom.*

TUES 24 JUNE Birth of John the Baptist, Isa 40:1-11, Luke 1:57-66 & 80, Psalm 85 *John preached a message of repentance. Let us be consistent in seeking forgiveness and be willing to turn from our sins.*

WED 25 JUNE Job 15, Rom 8:1-11, Psalm 34 *We give thanks for all who work in the emergency services, for their dedication and compassion. We ask that they would be strengthened and have times of rest and refreshment to be able to continue giving of their best.*

THURS 26 JUNE Job 16:1- 17:2, Rom 8:12-17, Psalm 37 *We pray for safety and protection for those who are travelling during the summer season.*

FRI 27 JUNE Job 17:3-end, Rom 8:18-30, Psalm 31 *We give thanks for all the opportunities for social interaction in our villages, community gatherings and coffee mornings. We pray for relationships to be established and for practical and emotional support to be offered generously.*

SAT 28 JUNE Job 18, Rom 8:31-end, Psalm 42 *We pray for success and encouragement for local businesses and that we may support these enterprises wherever possible.*

SUN 29 JUNE 2 Kings 2:1-2 & 6-14, Gal 5:1 & 13--25, Luke 9:51-end, Psalm 77 *Thank you for our village halls and for those who maintain, administer and organise activities in them.*

MON 30 JUNE Peter the Apostle Ezek 3:22-end, Acts 12:1-11, Psalm 125 *We give thanks for Peter's boldness and inspirational teaching. Help us to be bold in speaking of Christ's work in our lives.*

TUES 1 JULY Job 21, Rom 9:19-end, Psalm 48 *We give thanks for our church buildings which have been centres of worship for hundreds of years. We pray for those who maintain the buildings and ask for inspiration to know how to sustain the lives of our churches for years to come, given the current financial shortfalls.*

WED 2 JULY Job 22, Rom 10:1-10, Psalm 119:57-80 *We thank you, Lord, for giving us your word and your laws, the plumb line against which to live our lives. Help us to rejoice in your word and your law and live wholly for you each day.*

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY **15TH MAY TO 2ND JULY 2025**

THURS 15 MAY Deut 11:8-end, Eph 5:15-end, Psalm 118 *We pray that the assisted suicide bill would be resisted in parliament tomorrow.*

FRI 16 MAY Deut 12:1-14, Eph 6:1-9, Psalm 33 *We pray for comfort for the friends and family of Dawn Hooper as they attend her funeral at St Leonard's today and celebrate her life.*

SAT 17 MAY Deut 15:1-18 Eph 6:10-end, Psalm 34 *We pray for the new Pope, Leo XIV that he would use his influence in the Roman Catholic Church and in political spheres to speak the truth of the gospel.*

SUN 18 MAY Gen 22:1-18, Acts 11:1-18, John 13:31-35, Psalm 148 *We pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Kihebo, Rwanda and for perseverance and success with their new projects, the building of a small guesthouse and also a church.*

MON 19 MAY Deut 16:1-20, 1 Pet 1:1-12, Psalm 145 *We pray for wisdom and discernment for those responsible for selecting a rector for our benefice, that the person of God's choice would be appointed.*

TUES 20 MAY Deut 17:8-end, 1 Pet 1:13-end, Psalm 19 *We pray for continued strength and perseverance for Ian Thacker as he ministers across the benefice.*

WED 21 MAY Deut 18:9-end, 1 Pet 2:1-10, Psalm 30 *We give thanks for the success of the Candover Valley Store and its role in the development of community life.*

THURS 22 MAY Deut 19, 1 Pet 2:11-end, Psalm 57 *We pray for comfort and healing for those we know who are ill. May they be reminded that "God sends his love and his faithfulness."*

FRI 23 MAY Deut 21:22-22:8, 1 Pet 3:1-12, Psalm 138 *We pray for the wedding of Benedict Graves and Jessica Hollingbury at St John's tomorrow. May they enjoy a long and fulfilling marriage.*

SAT 24 MAY Deut 24:5-end, 1 Pet 3:13-end, Psalm 146 *Today, we remember John and Charles Wesley and give thanks for their hymns which we still enjoy singing today. We pray for inspiration for all Christian song writers.*

SUN 25 MAY Ezek 37:1-14, Acts 16:9-15, John 14:23-29, Psalm 67 *"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us" today as we worship together and praise his name. (Ps 67)*

MON 26 MAY Deut 26, 1 Pet 4:1-11, Psalm 65 *We pray for teachers, school staff, children and students as they begin the half term holiday. May this be a time of rest, restoration and fun for all.*

TUES 27 MAY Deut 28:1-14, 1 Pet 4:12-end, Psalm 89:1-18 *We pray for children attending the Kite Party at St Leonard's today that they would learn more about the life of Christ and grow in their faith.*

WED 28 MAY Deut 28:58-end, 1 Pet 5, Psalm 132 *We pray for encouragement and a good growing season for farmers in our benefice.*

THURS 29 MAY Ascension Day Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-end, Psalm 47 *We give thanks that Christ is now “seated at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.” (Eph 1:20,21)*

FRI 30 MAY Deut 29:2-15, 1 John 1:1-2:6, Psalm 81 *We pray for our county and borough councils that they would act wisely, with integrity and for the common good. We pray for local councils across the country, especially those with new members following local elections, that decisions would be made with sensitivity, and demonstrate good stewardship of resources.*

SAT 31 MAY Visit of Mary to Elizabeth Zeph 3:14-18, Luke 1:38-49, Psalm 113 *We remember Mary and Elizabeth’s responses to the Holy Spirit’s work in their lives. May we respond so readily.*

SUN 1 JUNE Ezek 36:24-28, Acts 16:16-34, John 17:20-end, Psalm 97 *“The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.” We give thanks for being able to live in such a pleasant part of the world and to worship freely without fear of persecution.*

MON 2 JUNE Deut 31:1-13, 1 John 2:18-end, Psalm 93 *We ask for strength and faith for Christians around the world who are persecuted and ostracised because of their faith in Jesus.*

TUES 3 JUNE Deut 31:14-29, 1 John 3:1-10, Psalm 99 *We give thanks for the work of our parish councils and for all those who volunteer to fill these roles.*

WED 4 JUNE Deut 31:30-32:14, 1 John 3:11-end, Psalm 29 *We pray for couples preparing for marriage that they may know God’s peace during the stresses of organisation.*

THURS 5 JUNE Deut 32:15-47, 1 John 4:1-6, Psalm 24 *We pray for continued healing for the King and for wisdom and discernment in relationships and decision making.*

FRI 6 JUNE Deut 33, 1 John 4:7-end Psalm 28 *“To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me.” We call to the Lord for those who are facing difficult, seemingly impossible, situations. Hear our cries, Lord, and bring good resolutions.*

SAT 7 JUNE Deut 32:48-end & 34, 1 John 5, Psalm 43 *We pray for those in prison that they might use the time for reflection and have opportunities to learn more about Christianity and understand how much they are loved and accepted.*

SUN 8 JUNE Pentecost Sunday Gen 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17, Psalm 104 *We pray for the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the lives of those around us. Let us pray using the words of Augustine: “Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may be holy. Act in me, O Holy*

Spirit, that my work may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, to love what is holy.”

MON 9 JUNE Job 1, Rom 1:1-17, Psalm 126 *We pray for encouragement for members of Farleigh Parish PCC as they meet this evening.*

TUES 10 JUNE Job 2, Rom 1:18-end, Psalm 132 *We give thanks for our local police officers and ask for perseverance, wisdom and encouragement for them as they carry out their duties.*

WED 11 JUNE Barnabas the Apostle Acts 11:19-end, John 15:12-17, Psalm 112, *We ask you, Lord, to help us encourage each other and help each other to develop the gifts that you have given us.*

THURS 12 JUNE Job 4, Rom 2:17-end, Psalm 143 *We pray for stable international relationships and for insight for world leaders to encourage the development of lasting peace, particularly in Ukraine and the Middle East.*

FRI 13 JUNE Job 5, Rom 3:1-20, Psalm 144 *We pray for all who are living in war torn countries or under oppressive regimes that they may receive appropriate aid, food, shelter and medical assistance. Thank you, Lord that you are always working out your purposes and that you know each person’s individual situation and needs.*

SAT 14 JUNE Job 6, Rom 3:21-end, Psalm 147 *We pray for those who are carers for family members. Thank you for their compassion and service. May they be strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.*

SUN 15 JUNE Trinity Sunday Prov 8:1-4 & 22-31, Rom 5:1-5, John 16:12-15, Psalm 8 *We are thankful that our God is a God of relationship – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

MON 16 JUNE Job 7, Rom 4:1-12, Psalm 1 *We pray for our Prime Minister and members of the cabinet to make wise decisions based on truth, fairness, compassion and your word, Lord.*

TUES 17 JUNE Job 8, Rom 4:13-end, Psalm 5 *We pray for children and young people living in our benefice that they would grow to find their identity and security in Christ.*

WED 18 JUNE Job 9, Rom 5:1-11, Psalm 112 *We pray for good decision making in the Cliddesden DCC meeting this evening.*

THURS 19 JUNE Job 10, Rom 5:12-end, Psalm 15 *We give thanks for the growing number of young people attending church. We pray that they would recognise the cost of following Jesus and choose to live their lives for him.*

FRI 20 JUNE Job 11, Rom 6:1-14, Psalm 19 *We pray for the Farleigh Parish Playgroup, for the growth of lasting, supportive relationships in the community. We give thanks for those who lead and help with the organisation.*

SAT 21 JUNE Job 12, Rom 6:15-end, Psalm 23 *On the longest day of the year, let us rejoice in the beauty of God’s creation and all that we see around us, and reflect on the cycles of life and the wonder of nature.*