

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY
31ST OCTOBER TO 18TH DECEMBER 2024

FRI 6 DEC Isa 44:9-23, Rev 21:22-22:5, Psalm 25 *We pray for the Christingle Service at Cliddesden this afternoon, that all who come would learn more about Jesus and begin to develop a relationship with him.*

SAT 7 DEC Isa 44:24-45:13, Rev 22:6-end, Psalm 9 *We give thanks for Jean and Ros who edit our magazines, and their willingness to serve in this way. Thank you too, for the distributors and local deliverers.*

SUN 8 DEC 2nd Sunday of Advent Mal 3:1-4, Phil1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6, Psalm 80 *We look forward to Christ coming again in the future and we say, "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus."*

MON 9 DEC Isa 45:14-end, 1 Thess 1, Psalm 44 *We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Lord, will you "rise up and help" the Ukrainians to decide on strategies which will bring victory.*

TUES 10 DEC Isa 46, 1 Thess 2:1-12, Psalm 56 *We pray for the King and give thanks for his continued recovery and healing. May he know the Lord's guidance and wisdom in his weekly audiences with the Prime Minister.*

WED 11 DEC Isa 47, 1 Thess 2:13-end, Psalm 62 *We praise God for the beauty of our villages. We pray for those who maintain the villages, cutting the grass and field hedges, and we ask for protection for arboriculturalists and tree fellers.*

THURS 12 DEC Isa 48:1-11, 1 Thess 3, Psalm 54 *We pray for candidates and the interviewing panel today to have great discernment in the process of appointing a rector.*

FRI 13 DEC Isa 48:12-end, 1 Thess 4:1-12, Psalm 86 *We pray for our church architect and those who maintain our church buildings. May our churches be welcoming places where all can come and sense the presence of God.*

SAT 14 DEC Isa 49:1-13, 1 Thess 4:13-end, Psalm 145 *We pray for speedy treatment for those suffering from painful joints. Thank you for the skill of orthopaedic surgeons and pray for insight and compassion for them as they work.*

SUN 15 DEC 3rd Sunday of Advent Zeph 3:14-end, Phil 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18, Psalm 146 *We pray for all the carol services held around the benefice today. Holy Spirit will you move among us as we worship and consider again the wonder of your coming to earth in person.*

MON 16 DEC Isa 49:14-25, 1 Thess 5:1-11, Psalm 40 *We pray for patience for supermarket staff in the build up to Christmas.*

TUES 17 DEC Isa 50, 1 Thess 5:12-end, Psalm 70 *We pray for the food bank, that all those in need will receive generous support and experience the love of Christ in action.*

WED 18 DEC Isa 51:1-8, 2 Thess 1, Psalm 75 *We give thanks and pray for protection for postal staff and delivery drivers, especially during this busy time of year.*

THURS 31 OCT Lev 24:1-9, Titus 2, Psalm 37 *Thank you, Jesus that you are the light of the world. Will you shine across the Benefice. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1 v5)*

FRI 1 NOV Lev 25:1-24, Titus 3, Psalm 31 *We pray for safety and protection for all who are organising or attending firework displays over the next few days.*

SAT 2 NOV Num 6:1-5 & 21-end, Philemon, Psalm 42 *We pray for your comfort for all who have been bereaved over the past year. May they be able to put their hope in God and know his saving grace.*

SUN 3 NOV Isa 25:6-9, Rev 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44, Psalm 24 *We give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, especially those who influenced our lives and pointed us to Jesus.*

MON 4 NOV Dan 1, Rev 1, Psalm 2 *We pray for the US presidential election taking place tomorrow, that it will be peaceful and God's will be done.*

TUES 5 NOV Dan 2:1-24, Rev 2:1-11, Psalm 5 *We pray for the funeral service of Sophie Neville at St Martin's today that all who grieve will know the healing presence of the Lord Jesus.*

WED 6 NOV Dan 2:25-end, Rev 2:12-end, Psalm 9 *We pray for MPs to realise the dangerous consequences of legalising assisted dying. Let us play our part in prayer and discussion to encourage them to vote against the bill recently introduced to parliament.*

THURS 7 NOV Dan 3:1-18, Rev 3:1-13, Psalm 15 *"For great is your love, reaching to the heavens." We pray for all who suffer with their mental health, that they would know the healing presence of your love for them.*

FRI 8 NOV Dan 3:19-end, Rev 3:14-end, Psalm 16 *As the second advertisement for a Rector for our benefice is published today, we ask for a good response. May the person God is calling respond and apply for this post.*

SAT 9 NOV Dan 4:1-18, Rev 4, Psalm 18:31-end *We give thanks for all who serve or who have served in the armed forces. May they put their trust in you, Lord, as they face unknown and difficult situations.*

We pray for the St Leonard's Quiz Night tonight that this would be a time of good fellowship as well as a successful fund raising event.

SUN 10 NOV Jonah 3:1-5 & 10, Heb 9:24-end, Mark 1:14-20, Psalm 62 *We pray for the Remembrance services being held around the Benefice today. We give thanks for all who lost their lives in the effort to bring about peace across the world. We ask for your comfort for families of service personnel who were killed in action.*

MON 11 NOV Dan 4:19-end, Rev 5, Psalm 20 *May those who suffer from trauma or life changing injuries in the line of duty, receive appropriate medical care and support, to regain hope and a way forward towards a purposeful life..*

TUES 12 NOV Dan 5:1-12, Rev 6, Psalm 21 *May all members of the Farleigh Parish PCC make good decisions with wisdom in their meeting today. We pray for support for them, particularly for the church wardens, during the interregnum.*

WED 13 NOV Dan 5:13-end, Rev 7:1-4 & 9-end, Psalm 23 *We remember those we know who are facing difficulties and pray that they will know the hand of God leading them into green pastures and beside still waters.*

THURS 14 NOV Dan 6, Rev 8, Psalm 26 *Today, we read of Daniel who continued to worship God, despite the likelihood of dangerous consequences. May the church in this country demonstrate the same determination to hold fast to the word of God and the doctrine of the church.*

FRI 15 NOV Dan 7:1-14, Rev 9:1-12, Psalm 32 *We pray for perseverance and strength for Christians around the world who are being persecuted and marginalised because of their faith.*

SAT 16 NOV Dan 7:15-end, Rev 9:13-end, Psalm 33 *We pray that the Ellisfield Christmas Fair today will be a good community gathering as well as a successful fund raising event.*

SUN 17 NOV Dan 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-14 & 19-25, Mark 13:1-8, Psalm 16 *We give thanks for all who use their gifts to serve and enrich our worship each Sunday: preachers, readers, musicians, sidespeople, coffee makers, cleaners vergers etc.*

MON 18 NOV Dan 8:1-14, Rev 10, Psalm 47 *We pray for the situation in the Middle East. May the leaders of the nations exercise wisdom and integrity so that a workable solution can be found and that God's will would be done.*

TUES 19 NOV Dan 8:15-end, Rev 11:1-14, Psalm 52 *We pray for our bishops, Philip and David as they serve in this diocese. We also pray for our new bishop of Southampton, Rhiannon King.*

WED 20 NOV Dan 9:1-19, Rev 11:15-end, Psalm 56 *We pray for all Christians who are serving faithfully in this country, especially as we approach Advent and the Christmas season. May the gospel be preached and received by many people.*

THURS 21 NOV Dan 9:20-end, Rev 12, Psalm 62 *Today marks the end of the advertising period for a rector. We pray for those who will shortlist the candidates, that they will know the Lord's guidance and wisdom.*

FRI 22 NOV Dan 10:1-11:1, Rev 13:1-10, Psalm 63 *We pray for those who attend the Farleigh Parish Playgroup that all would feel welcome and that seeds of faith would be sown in peoples' lives. We give thanks for those who faithfully organise and run it.*

SAT 23 NOV Dan 12, Rev 13:11-end, Psalm 78:1-39 *Thank you, Lord, for your work in our lives and the testimonies that we have to your goodness and power. May we, in this benefice, continue to stand firm and live our lives in love and obedience to You.*

SUN 24 NOV Dan 7:9-10 & 13-14, Rev 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37, Psalm 93 *We pray for our brothers and sisters in Kibeho, Rwanda. Bishop Vincent has asked to enable the diocese to meet various challenges, particularly the government's enforced closure of churches.*

MON 25 NOV Isa 40:1-11, Rev 14:1-13, Psalm 96 *We pray for Christian schools in this country who would be affected by the government's proposed school tax. We ask for wisdom and support in knowing the best way to be able to reverse this proposal.*

TUES 26 NOV Isa 40:12-26, Rev 14:14-15:end, Psalm 97 *Thank you, Lord, for all who work in the automotive industry, for mechanics and those who are involved with servicing our vehicles.*

WED 27 NOV Isa 40:27-41:7, Rev 16:1-11, Psalm 112 *We pray for healing and peace for all those who are ill and those undergoing treatment.*

THURS 28 NOV Isa 41:8-20, Rev 16:12-end, Psalm 125 *"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever." (Ps 125:1) May we trust in you, Lord and be unshakeable in our faith. Holy Spirit, will you bring repentance and revival to our villages.*

FRI 29 NOV Isa 41:21-42:9, Rev 17, Psalm 139 *We pray for those suffering with their mental health that they would find affirmation and strength from knowing how much God loves and accepts them.*

SAT 30 NOV Andrew the Apostle Isa 52:7-10, Matt 4:18-22, Psalm 19 *We pray for wisdom for all members of the Scottish parliament, that Christian beliefs would be valued and be the basis for decision making.*

SUN 1 DEC 1st Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thess 3:9-end, Luke 21:25-36, Psalm 25 *Today, we begin the season of Advent and look forward with anticipation to Christ's coming into our lives afresh. We pray that the Advent Carol Service at St Mary's and the Christingle Service at All Saints, Dummer today will be joyful and inspiring.*

MON 2 DEC Isa 42:18-end, Rev 19, Psalm 50 *During Advent, may we be faithful in setting aside time to spend with the Lord, away from the busyness of the season.*

TUES 3 DEC Isa 43:1-13, Rev 20, Psalm 80 *We give thanks for the gift of music and for musicians who contribute to our worship across the benefice. We pray for the choirs practising for Christmas services that they would be an encouragement to congregations to lift their voices in praise and worship.*

WED 4 DEC Isa 43:14-end, Rev 21:1-8, Psalm 7 *We pray for the schools in our benefice that children would be nurtured to reach their potential and grow in their relationship with God. We give thanks for all teachers and staff.*

THURS 5 DEC Isa 44:1-8, Rev 21:9-21, Psalm 42 *We continue to pray for freedom of speech to be upheld in this country. May Christians be bold in speaking out against ideologies which are not consistent with Christianity.*