

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY
12TH SEPTEMBER TO 30TH OCTOBER 2024

FRI 18 OCT Luke the Evangelist Acts 16:6-12a, Luke 10:1-9, Psalm 145 We pray for opportunities to share God's love with those we meet today.

SAT 19 OCT 2 Kings 25:22-end, 1 Tim 5:17-end, Psalm 147 "How good it is to sing praises to our God." Heavenly Father, help me to love myself as you love me.

SUN 20 OCT Job 38:1-7, Heb 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45, Psalm 104 We pray for the celebration of 20 years of College Arts in Ellisfield. Lord, we thank you for the creative gifts that you have given us and for those who are skilled in enabling us to explore our creative potential.

MON 21 OCT Ex 22:21-27 & 23:1-17, 1 Tim 6:1-10, Psalm 1 "Do not ill treat an alien..." (Ex 22v21) We pray for all refugees who seek asylum in a safe country that they would be treated fairly and with respect.

TUES 22 OCT Ex 29:38-30:16, 1 Tim 6:11-end, Psalm 5 We pray for wisdom for the Home Secretary in dealing effectively with immigration.

WED 23 OCT Lev 8, 2 Tim 1:1-14, Psalm 119:1-32 We pray for our PCCs, for continued wisdom during the interregnum. We give thanks for our PCC secretaries and for their willingness to use their gifts in this way.

THURS 24 OCT Lev 9, 2 Tim 1:15-2:13, Psalm 15 We give thanks for the choirs in our benefice that assist us in worship. We pray for the success of the "Best of the Belles" concerts in Ellisfield this weekend.

FRI 25 OCT Lev 16:2-24, 2 Tim 2:14-end, Psalm 19 Today, we remember King Alfred and give thanks for his wisdom, his encouragement of learning and his development of laws based on the book of Exodus, and his efforts to protect the weak and dependant.

SAT 26 OCT Lev 17, 2 Tim 3, Psalm 23 We pray for students and staff as schools and colleges begin the half term break. May they be able to rest in green pastures and by quiet waters, and be restored in body and soul.

SUN 27 OCT Job 42:1-6 & 10-end, Heb 7:23-end, Mark 10:46, Psalm 34 Today is Bible Sunday. Thank you, Lord for our bibles and for bible translators. We remember those who do not own a bible and those who are not free to read it without fear of persecution.

MON 28 OCT Simon and Jude Apostles Isa 28:14-16, John 15:17-end, Psalm 119:89-96 We pray for renewal across our benefice that many people would come to know Christ as Lord and Saviour.

TUES 29 OCT Lev 23:1-22, 2 Tim 4:9-end, Psalm 36 We pray for all community gatherings across the benefice, coffee mornings, WI meetings and many others. May these be times of deepening relationships and support for each other.

WED 30 OCT Lev 23:23-end, Titus 1, Psalm 37 We pray for protection for fire officers as they face dangerous situations and we thank you for their commitment to duty.

THURS 12 SEPT 1 Kings 11:1-13, Acts 17:16-end, Psalm 37 We pray for our new Prime Minister and the government as they begin working on new legislation after the summer recess. We ask for strength and perseverance for the MPs who represent us.

FRI 13 SEPT 1 Kings 11:26-end, Acts 18:1-21, Psalm 31 We pray for farmers and landowners as they prepare the ground for the next season of crops.

SAT 14 SEPT Holy Cross Day, Gen 3:1-15, John 12:27-36a, Psalm 2 Let us boast in nothing except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.(Gal 6:14)

SUN 15 SEPT Prov 1:20-33, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-end, Psalm 19 We give thanks for all the Lord's goodness to us and for the fact that we live in a relatively prosperous society. Let us worship with hearts full of praise and thanksgiving in our harvest festivals this month.

MON 16 SEPT 1 Kings 12:25-13:10, Acts 19:8-20, Psalm 44 We give thanks for the food bank and for all who volunteer there. May we give generously to those in need and may all who visit the foodbank experience God's love in action.

TUES 17 SEPT 1 Kings 13:11-end, Acts 19:21-end, Psalm 48 We pray for provision for those who are struggling financially.

WED 18 SEPT 1 Kings 17, Acts 20:1-16, Psalm 119:57-80 Thank you Lord for your laws which guide us in paths of righteousness. We pray for Juliet Henderson, our County Councillor, for wisdom in difficult decision making and establishing good relationships across the county.

THURS 19 SEPT 1 Kings 18:1-20, Acts 20:17-end, Psalm 57 "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 20 SEPT 1 Kings 18:21-end, Acts 21:1-16, Psalm 51 As we think about the lives of the apostles in Acts, let us consider how how generous are we with what we have been entrusted with and whether we should simplify our lifestyles

SAT 21 SEPT Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Prov 3:13-18, Matthew 9:9-13, Psalm 119:65-72 Matthew was quick to leave what he was doing and follow the Lord. May we seek to discover God's will for our lives and follow diligently.

SUN 22 SEPT Prov 31:10-end, James 3:13-4:3 & 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37, Psalm 1 Let us delight in the law of the Lord today and meditate on his love.

MON 23 SEPT 1 Kings 21, Acts 21:37-22:21, Psalm 71 We pray for students beginning to settle into college or university. We ask that they find new friends easily and that they would find the course work inspiring.

TUES 24 SEPT 1 Kings 22:1-28, Acts 22:22-23:11, Psalm 73 "Yet I am always with you, you hold me by my right hand." We pray for all who have

received a cancer diagnosis and undergoing treatment that they will know your presence with them and that you would bring your healing into their lives.

WED 25 SEPT 1 Kings 22:29-45, Acts 23:12-end, Psalm 77 We pray for the MacMillan Coffee Morning in Ellisfield today and for all other events around the country. May these events be well supported and be times of good community gatherings as well as generous giving.

THURS 26 SEPT 2 Kings 1:2-17, Acts 24:1-23, Psalm 78:1-39 We give thanks for all involved in Macmillan Cancer Support, for researchers, nurses, administrators and many more. We pray for wisdom and compassion for all medical staff involved in the treatment of cancer patients.

FRI 27 SEPT 2 Kings 2:1-18, Acts 24:24-25:12, Psalm 55 We pray for Carly Upton and Ian Stimpson as they are married today at St Andrew's. May they enjoy a long, loving and happy marriage.

SAT 28 SEPT 2 Kings 4:1-37, Acts 25:13-end Psalm 76 We pray for wisdom and understanding for those in government who have to consider attempts to legalise assisted suicide. We thank you, Lord, for life and pray that this will be viewed as a gift from you.

SUN 29 SEPT Esther 7:1-6 & 9-10 & 9:20-22, James 5:13-end, Mark 9:38-end, Psalm 124 We give thanks for the Ian Thacker and other ministers who are supporting us. We ask for encouragement and inspiration for them.

MON 30 SEPT 2 Kings 5, Acts 26:1-23, Psalm 80 We pray for victims of injustice that they might receive appropriate reparation, be able to forgive and find peace in their lives.

TUES 1 OCT 2 Kings 6:1-23, Acts 26:24-end, Psalm 89:1-18 We continue to pray for Ukraine: for encouragement for all who live there and a speedy end to the conflict.

WED 2 OCT 2 Kings 9:1-16, Acts 27:1-26, Psalm 119:105-128 We pray for all involved in local government: our borough councillors and our parish councils. We thank you for their service to their communities and pray that they would be diligent in working efficiently for the common good.

THURS 3 OCT 2 Kings 9:17-end, Acts 27:27-end, Psalm 92 We pray that the person the Lord is calling to be rector in our benefice will hear and respond to God's call.

FRI 4 OCT 2 Kings 12:1-19, Acts 28:1-16, Psalm 88 Today we remember Francis of Assisi and give thanks for his life and love of all creation. Help us, Lord, to look after the earth and creatures that you made.

SAT 5 OCT 2 Kings 17:1-23, Acts 28:17-end, Psalm 97. We remember in prayer Christians across the world who are not free to worship today and who are persecuted because of their faith.

SUN 6 OCT Job 1:1 & 2:1-10, Heb 1:1-4 & 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16, Psalm 26 As we remember the terrible attacks on Israel a year ago, we pray for those who mourn and we ask for great wisdom for leaders of the nations and

negotiators, so that hostages can be released and the hostilities stopped. We continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

MON 7 OCT 2 Kings 17:24-end, Phil 1:1-11, Psalm 98 We pray for all who are suffering in Gaza, for restored hope, for practical help and for Christ to be revealed to many people.

TUES 8 OCT 2 Kings 18:1-12, Phil 1: 12-end, Psalm 106 We pray for Bishop David and the Archdeacon as they lead us through the process of appointing a new rector. We ask for the paperwork to be in place so that advertising can begin.

WED 9 OCT 2 Kings 18:13-end, Phil 2:1-13, Psalm 111 We pray for the Candover Valley Stores and give thanks for all who work and volunteer there. We ask for the current vacancies to be filled.

THURS 10 OCT 2 Kings 19:1-19, Phil 2:14-end, Psalm 115 We pray for inspiration for our bishops, Philip and David as they seek to grow the kingdom of God across the diocese.

FRI 11 OCT 2 Kings 19:20-36, Phil 3:1-4:1, Psalm 139 We pray for all who are living in war zones that you, Lord, would reveal yourself to those who do not know you and that you would bring hope to the hopeless, food for the hungry and healing for the sick or injured.

SAT 12 OCT 2 Kings 20, Phil 4:2-end, Psalm 121 We give thanks for the reforming work of Elizabeth Fry in prisons. We pray for our justice system and for an improvement in the conditions of our prisons. May people be treated with respect and dignity and have opportunities for improving their lives.

SUN 13 OCT Job 23:1-9 & 16-end, Heb 4;12-end, Mark 10:17-31, Psalm 22 We pray for our church wardens and all who are supporting the ongoing work of the benefice during the interregnum. May this be a time when more of us can offer our gifts in various ways.

MON 14 OCT 2 Kings 21:1-18, 1 Tim 1:1-17 Psalm 126 We pray for healing for those we know who are ill, that they would know God's love and comfort.

TUES 15 OCT 2 Kings 22:1-23:3, 1 Tim 1:18-2:end, Psalm 132 Teresa of Avila, the 16th century mystic is remembered today. This is part of her prayer - "Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things are passing. God is unchanging. Patience gains all, nothing is lacking to those who have God: God alone is sufficient."

WED 16 OCT 2 Kings 23:4-25, 1 Tim 3, Psalm 119:153-end We pray for our local police force, particularly for Andy Jones and for Ross Holdsworth. We are thankful for their tirelessness in upholding the law across such a wide area.

THURS 17 OCT 2 Kings 23:36-24:17, 1 Tim 4, Psalm 143 We pray for success and prosperity for local businesses. Help us to support and encourage them wherever possible.