

MON 4 APRIL Ex 8:1-19, Heb 11:17-31, Psalm 73 Will you enable the leaders and decision makers of our country to act justly, speak truthfully and come to know the truth of Jesus.

TUES 5 APRIL Ex 8:20-end, Heb 11:32-12:2, Psalm 35 Please bless those who are bereaved. May they know the comfort of your presence with them.

WED 6 APRIL Ex 9:1-12, Heb 12:3-13, Psalm 55 We pray for those who live alone that the Lord would bring his peace and joy and that they would know his presence close by.

THURS 7 APRIL Ex 9:13-end, Heb 12:14-end, Psalm 40 We put on our spiritual armour to protect ourselves from all the assaults of the enemy that would seek to deflect us from your purposes in our lives.

FRI 8 APRIL Ex 10, Heb 13:1-16, Psalm 22 We pray for our families, especially those who do not yet know you. We entrust each one to your loving care, trusting in your love and mercy.

SAT 9 APRIL Ex 11, Heb 13:17-end, Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want." Thank you, Lord for your bounteous provision for our lives.

SUN 10 APRIL Luke 19:28-40, Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-end Thank you for the life and ministry of St Mary's Church, Preston Candover. We pray for the baptism of Freddie and Jaspar Frost there today. May they grow to know and love you as Lord and Saviour.

MON 11 APRIL Isa 42:1-9, John 12:1-11, Psalm 36:5-11 We remember Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Please give them strength, hope and joy in the midst of suffering.

TUES 12 APRIL Isa 49:1-7, John 12:20-36, Psalm 71:1-14 Enable us to yield to your will in our lives, Lord. We surrender all our ambitions, hopes and dreams to you.

WED 13 APRIL Isa 50:4-9a, John 13:21-32, Psalm 70 Help us, Lord to love each other just as you love us.

THURS 14 APRIL Ex 12:1-4 7 11-14, John 13: 1-17 & 31b-35, Psalm 116: 9-end We remember the last supper of Jesus with his disciples, his washing dirty feet, his prayer and agony in the garden of Gethsemane, for us.

FRI 15 APRIL Is 52:13- 53:end, Heb 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:end, Psalm 22 A prayer of Charles de Foucauld: "Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord. Amen."

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY

27th FEBRUARY to 15th APRIL 2022

SUN 27 FEB Ex 34:29-end, 2 Cor 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36, Psalm 99 We give thanks for all the musicians who lead our worship. Help us to meet with you, Lord as we worship in our services today

MON 28 FEB Gen 37:1-11, Gal 1, Psalm 80 Thank you for our parish councils. Please bless our councillors with inspiration and diligence in serving our communities.

TUES 1 MARCH Gen 37:12-end, Gal 2:1-10, Psalm 89:1-18 We give thanks for the ministry of St David. We pray for the continued growth of your kingdom in Wales.

WED 2 MARCH Joel 2:1-2 & 12-17, 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10, John 8:1-11, Psalm 51: 1-18 We pray for the Area Dean's meeting with Bishop David and for fruitful ministry across the diocese.

On this Ash Wednesday, forgive us, Lord, for our sinful words and actions and create in us a pure heart, O God.

THURS 3 MARCH Gen 39, Gal 2:11-end, Psalm 77 We pray for countries living with war or with the threat of war and ask for wisdom for all those involved in diplomatic negotiations.

FRI 4 MARCH Gen 40, Gal 3:1-14, Psalm 3 We pray that the House for Duty post would be filled with the person whom God is calling.

SAT 5 MARCH Gen 41:1-24, Gal 3:15-22, Psalm 71 "Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God, you who have done great things. Who, O God is like you?" We worship and adore you, Holy God.

SUN 6 MARCH Deut 26:1-11, Rom 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13, Psalm 91:1,2,& 9-end Thank you for all who clean our churches and make the buildings welcoming. Bless each one with joy in serving.

MON 7 MARCH Gen 41:25-45, Gal 3:23-4:7, Psalm 11 We continue to pray for David and Ruth as they minister across the benefice, that you would uphold and sustain them as they tackle a large workload. Bring encouragement for them, we pray.

TUES 8 MARCH Gen 41:46-42:5, Gal 4:8-20, Psalm 44 In 2021, it was estimated that nearly one third of the world's population lacked an adequate supply of food. Lord, show us how we can help to tackle this enormous problem in both the long and short term.

WED 9 MARCH Gen 42:6-17, Gal 4:21-5:1, Psalm 6 Thank you, Lord, that you have called us to be ambassadors for you. Will you give us opportunities and boldness to speak for you.

THURS 10 MARCH Gen 42:18-28, 5;2-15, Psalm 42 We ask that you would envision clergy as they meet for breakfast with the Archdeacon this morning.

FRI 11 MARCH Gen 42:29-end, Gal 5:16-end, Psalm 22 Thank you, Lord for the immense dignity, value and miracle of every human life.

SAT 12 MARCH Gen 43:1-15, Gal 6, Psalm 63 O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

SUN 13 MARCH Gen 15:1-12&17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-end, Psalm 27 We bless our sides-people and welcomers in our churches and thank you for their service.

MON 14 MARCH Gen 43:16-end, Heb 1, Psalm 32 We pray for our police forces across the nation, particularly for PCSO Andy Jones and our local officers. We ask for your will to be done in the appointment of a new Metropolitan Police Commissioner for London.

TUES 15 MARCH Gen 44:1-17, Heb 2:1-9, Psalm 50 We remember Christians in government and the civil service. Please give them courage and wisdom to live faithfully and speak truthfully in their roles, even when they face opposition.

WED 16 MARCH Gen 44:18-end, Heb 2:10-end, Psalm 35 We pray for church leaders across the country who are faithfully following you and reaching their communities with hope, truth and the love of Jesus.

THURS 17 MARCH Gen 45:1-15, Heb 3:1-6, Psalm 34 We give thanks for the ministry and example of St Patrick and for the encouragement of all who have lived and died in the faith of Jesus Christ. We pray for continued healing of divisions across the island of Ireland

FRI 18 MARCH Gen 45:16-end, Heb 3:7-end, Psalm 41 We pray that you would help Christians in the workplace to honour you and serve others.

SAT 19 MARCH 2 Sam 7:4-16, Matt 1:18-end, Psalm 89:26-36 Joseph of Nazareth Thank you for Joseph's example of faith and obedience in hearing and following your call on his life. May we too be diligent in listening to you.

SUN 20 MARCH Isa 55:1-9, 1 Cor 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9, Psalm 63:1-9 We pray for all our church wardens as they exercise their responsibilities and support our church communities.

MON 21 MARCH Gen 47:1-27, Heb 4:14-5:10, Psalm 7 We ask your blessing on the work and ministry of St John's Church, Northington. Please lead and direct all decision making at the Northington PCC meeting tonight.

TUES 22 MARCH Gen 47:28-48:end, Heb 5:11-6:12, Psalm 9 "The Lord is known by his justice." We pray for all who work in the justice system,

including solicitors, judges, barristers, probation officers and prison officers. We pray for justice, truth and respect to prevail.

WED 23 MARCH Gen 49:1-32, Heb 6:13-end, Psalm 38 Thank you for the signs of new growth which bring hope and for the beauty of the spring flowers gradually appearing.

THURS 24 MARCH Gen 49:33-50:end, Heb 7:1-10, Psalm 56 We pray for healing for all those we know who are ill at this time. May each one receive refreshment and hope from you, Holy Spirit.

FRI 25 MARCH Isa 7:10-14, Luke 1:26-38, Psalm 40:5-11 We pray that your will would be done in all discussions about legalising assisted suicide and that you would guide leaders and politicians in their deliberations.

SAT 26 MARCH Ex 1:22-2:10, Heb 8, Psalm 31 Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name, lead and guide me.

SUN 27 MARCH, Mothering Sunday Ex 2:1-10, 2 Cor 1:3-7, Luke 2:33-35, Psalm 34:11-20 Please bless our mothers and those who nurture us. We ask for wisdom and courage for Christian parents, to raise their children with a biblical world view. We remember those who find this day difficult because of loneliness or bereavement.

MON 28 MARCH Ex 2:11-22, Heb 9:1-14, Psalm 77 Thank you, Lord, for the wonderful gift of children. We pray for teenagers, especially those facing the prospect of exams later this year and trying to discern their giftings and future role in life.

TUES 29 MARCH Ex 2:23-3:20, Heb 9:15-end, Psalm 79 We give thanks for St James' Church in Wield and ask that the congregation would be encouraged during the APCM tonight.

WED 30 MARCH Ex 4:1-23, Heb 10:1-18, Psalm 90 Lord, we bring to you again, the need for a treasurer in the Farleigh Parish. Please prompt the person that you are calling to this role.

THURS 31 MARCH Ex 4:27-6:1, Heb 10:19-25, Psalm 86 We pray for the children in the schools, pre-schools and playgroups in our benefice, that they would learn of you and your wonderful plans for each of their lives.

FRI 1 APRIL Ex 6:2-23, Heb 10:26-end, Psalm 102 Heavenly Father will you enable us to be "fools for Christ." (1 Cor 4:10)

SAT 2 APRIL Ex 7:8-end, Heb 11:1-16, Psalm 32 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart.

SUN 3 APRIL Isa 43:16-21, Phil 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8, Psalm 126. Inspire us Holy Spirit to respond to your word as it is preached today. Thank you for all who have committed to preach in this benefice.