

Prayer & Bible Reading Diary
28TH NOVEMBER 2021 to 9TH JANUARY 2022

THURS 30 DEC Jonah 2, Col 1: 15-23, Psalm 113 Lord, will You bring hope to all who are bereaved. May they be lifted into Your presence.

FRI 31 DEC Jonah 3-4, Col 1:24-2:7, Psalm 102 Let us remember that our lives and times are in Your hands. Help us to use our time well in Your service and Lord, will You envision us for the coming year.

SAT 1 JAN Num 6:22-end, Luke 2:15-21, Psalm 8 We praise and worship You, Jesus, Messiah, beautiful Saviour, Immanuel - God with us, Redeemer, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counsellor.

SUN 2 JAN Jer 31:7-14, Eph 1:3-14, John 1:10-18, Psalm 147:13-end The wise men, recognised signs which foretold Your coming. Give us wisdom and revelation as we read Your word and meet together, that we can fulfil Your purposes as we journey through our lives.

MON 3 JAN Ruth 1, Col 2: 8-end, Psalm 127 We pray for schools as they begin a new term. We ask for stability and consistency in routines as children settle into school life afresh and we pray for energy and creativity for teachers and staff.

TUES 4 JAN Ruth 2, Col 3:1-11, Psalm 89:1-37 We give thanks for the Queen and the stability which we have enjoyed during her long reign. Bless her, we pray, in this year which will mark her platinum jubilee.

WED 5 JAN Ruth 3, Col 3:12-4:1, Psalm 48 We pray for all those who work in the administration of our diocese. Holy Spirit will you bring transparency, honesty and humility.

THURS 6 JAN Ruth 4:1-17, Col 4:2-end, Psalm 18:1-30 Lord, we bring to You our need of a "house for duty" priest to serve in this benefice. We trust You to bring the person of Your choice.

FRI 7 JAN Jer 23:1- 8, Matt 20:1-16, Psalm 99 Thank You for the tireless service of all who work in the NHS. Bless, strengthen and encourage each one we pray.

SAT 8 JAN Jer 30:1-17, Matt 20: 17-28, Psalm 46 Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.....Lord, may we be good stewards of all You have made. Show us our part in reducing carbon emissions and sharing the resources that You have given.

SUN 9 JAN Isa 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17&21-22, Acts 8:14-17, Psalm 29 Worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness. Thank You for all those who preach the good news to help us in our worship and our walk with You.

SUN 28 NOV Jer 33:14-16, 1Thess 3:9-end, Luke 21:25-36,

Psalm 25:1-9 On this first Sunday of Advent, Come, Lord Jesus into our lives and bring hope. We watch and wait for the day when You will come again in glory. Help us to stand separate from the commercialism and distractions around us during this busy time of year.

MON 29 NOV Isa 25:1-9, Matt 12:1-21, Psalm 50 We give thanks for the lives of Isabel Liddiard and Edna Chilton. We pray for their funerals taking place tomorrow and for your comfort for their families as they grieve.

TUES 30 NOV Isa 52:7-10, Matt 4:18-22, Psalm 19:1-6 Thank you for the example of Andrew the apostle and for his obedience in accepting Jesus' call. May we be obedient to follow Jesus wherever He leads.

WED 1 DEC Isa 28:1-13, Matt 12:38-end, Psalm 119:1-32 We run in the path of Your commands, for You have set our hearts free. We pray for the residents of Northington and ask for Your leading and guidance for the church warden and the church community at St John's.

THURS 2 DEC Isa 28:14-end, Matt 13: 1-23, Psalm 42. We pray for the funeral of Susan Adair. Lord, draw close to her family and bring hope.

FRI 3 DEC Isa 29:1-14, Matt 13:24-43, Psalm 25 We ask that many families would enjoy the Cliddesden Christingle Service this afternoon and learn more about You.

SAT 4 DEC Isa 29:15-end, Matt 13:44-end, Psalm 9 I will praise You Lord with all my heart and tell of all your wonders. Lord, bless the Deanery Farm Church in Bishop's Sutton with joy and gladness, that this new initiative will draw people to hear about Your great love.

SUN 5 DEC Malachi 3:1-4, Phil 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6 Thank you for the prophets who were not afraid of speaking out and foretelling Your birth. Make our hearts ready to receive You afresh.

We pray for Delilah Eckersley who is being baptised today at St John's Northington, that she will grow to know You as Lord and Saviour.

MON 6 DEC Isa 30:1-18, Matt 14:1-12, Psalm 44 We pray for David, our rector. Lord, will You guide, sustain and inspire him and his family in this busy time leading up to Christmas.

TUES 7 DEC Isa 30:19-end, Matt 14:13-end, Psalm 56 We pray for all who attend Christmas services and that You, Lord, will reveal Yourself to those who do not yet know You.

WED 8 DEC Isa 31, Matt 15:1-20, Psalm 62 We pray for the preparation for Christmas services across the benefice. Holy Spirit, will You inspire those who are leading, taking part or working behind the scenes.

THURS 9 DEC Isa 32, Matt 15:21-28, Psalm 54 We pray for David as he takes an assembly at Cliddesden school. We ask for Your blessing on the links between the church, school and the community.

FRI 10 DEC Isa 33: 1-22, Matt 15:29-end, Psalm 86 God is great and does marvellous deeds. He alone is God. We ask for Your blessing in the lives of residents of Preston Candover. May You do marvellous deeds among the church community of St Mary's.

SAT 11 DEC Isa 35, Matt 16:1-12, Psalm 145 We will exalt You our God and King. Let us praise His name as we go about our daily routines. We pray for peace and safety for all delivery drivers.

SUN 12 DEC Zeph 3:14-end, Isa 12:2-end, Phil 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

Psalm 146:4-end John the Baptist proclaimed the coming of our Saviour. May we be faithful witnesses to You and Your coming kingdom, giving ourselves to others and being gracious to all those we meet.

We pray for all carol services across the benefice. May our hearts be filled with joy as we sing traditional carols celebrating the birth of Jesus.

MON 13 DEC Isa 38:1-8 & 21-22, Matt 16:13-end, Psalm 40 We pray for Your blessing on all residents of Wield and for Your encouragement for those who worship at St James.' Put a new song in their mouths we pray.

TUES 14 DEC Isa 38:9-20, Matt 17:1-13, Psalm 70 We pray for guidance for our bishops: Tim as he prepares to leave the diocese; Debbie and David, and retired Bishop Richard Frith. Bless and inspire Bishop David as he visits 5 of our churches on Sunday.

WED 15 DEC Isa 39, Matt 17:14-21, Psalm 75 We give thanks for the commitment of people who serve in the emergency services. Bless each one who attends the carol service in the cathedral this evening with a growing awareness of who You are.

THURS 16 DEC Zeph 1:1 – 2:3, Matt 17:22-end, Psalm 76 We pray for those attending the over 60s lunch at Preston Candover that there would be a good community spirit. We give thanks for those who organise, serve and help to make this happen.

FRI 17 DEC Zeph 3:1-13, Matt 18:1-20, Psalm 98 We pray for the Cliddesden Carol Service this evening. Holy Spirit will you inhabit our praises.

SAT 18 DEC Zeph 3:14-end, Matt 18:21-end, Psalm 71 Bless Oliver Curry and Viola Hayden, we pray, as they are married today at St Andrew's, Farleigh Wallop.

SUN 19 DEC Mic 5:2-5a, Heb 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45, Psalm 80:1-8, Mary received Your call on her life with obedience and gladness. May we, like her, be prepared for Your coming and know Your joy as we wait for You in expectation.

MON 20 DEC Mal 1:1&6-end, Matt 19:1-12, Psalm 46 We remember all those who will not be able to worship You freely during the Christmas season: Lord, bless and sustain those who face persecution because of their faith in You.

TUES 21 DEC Mal 2:1-16, Matt 19:13-15, Psalm 121 We pray for those who find this time of year difficult because of loneliness, homelessness, poverty or sickness. Lord, will You bring Your comfort and healing.

WED 22 DEC Mal 2:17-3:12, Matt 19:16-end, Psalm 124 We pray for families who may be under strain at. Bless our marriages with good communication, generosity, patience and love.

THURS 23 DEC Mal 3:13-4 end, Matt 23:1-12, Psalm 130 Thank you for the work of the Food Bank and for the commitment of those who volunteer. We pray that those who use this service will experience Your love as well as receiving practical help. May we give generously to those in need.

FRI 24 DEC 2 Sam 7:1-5,8-11&16, Acts 13:16-26, Luke 1:67-79, Psalm 89 Holy Spirit, visit the many services being held today and bring healing, revelation and joy as we worship You.

SAT 25 DEC Isa 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14, Psalm 96

Joy to the World, the Lord has come! We celebrate Your birth today, Lord.

SUN 26 DEC 1 Sam 2:18-20 & 26, Col 3: 12-17, Luke 2:41- end, Psalm 148 Thank you for the example of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. We give thanks for all who have lost their lives because of their faithful witness to You, Lord. Please fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we can be fearless in speaking of You with wisdom and compassion, not loving our lives, even unto death.

MON 27 DEC Ex 33:7-11a, 1 John 1, John 21:19b-end, Psalm 117 We remember John, the apostle and evangelist. Help us to share his pictures of Christ with others so that "by believing they may have life in His name."

TUES 28 DEC Jer 31:15-17, Matthew 2:13-18, Psalm 124 Forgive us, Lord, for the shocking statistics showing that since March 2020, twice as many people have died through abortion as have died from Covid in this country. Help us to seek Your guidance as to how we can play our part in preserving life.

WED 29 DEC Jonah 1, Col 1:1-14, Psalm 19 We pray for all who suffer with mental health issues and ask for Your healing, comfort and restoration. Thank You, Lord for Your endless mercy.