

SUN 22 MAY Acts 16:9-15, Rev 21:10 & 21:22-22:5, John 14:23-29, Psalm 67 We pray for all who attend services today that we would receive your word and respond with joy.

MON 23 MAY Num 16:1-35, Luke 6:27-38, Psalm 65 Please bless those who are bereaved. May they know the comfort of your presence with them and your healing of mind, body and spirit.

TUES 24 MAY Num 16:36-end, Luke 6:39-end, Psalm 126 Thank you for all curates in the diocese and for all who are training to serve their churches. Please inspire each one with wisdom and perseverance as they follow your leading for their lives.

WED 25 MAY Num 17:1-11, Luke 7:1-10, Psalm 132 Lord, help us to be more aware of the opportunities that you give us for actions of love and life-giving words.

THURS 26 MAY Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:15-end, Luke 24:44-end, Psalm 93 Ascension Day At the beginning of the "Thy Kingdom Come" 10 days of prayer, we pray for renewal in this country, this diocese, this benefice and in our families.

FRI 27 MAY Num 20:1-13, Luke 7:11-17, Psalm 81 We pray for NATO countries in their response to the war in Ukraine and all involved in diplomacy. Please turn the leaders' ears and hearts to you and bring wisdom beyond human understanding.

SAT 28 MAY Num 21:4-9, Luke 7:18-35, Psalm 47 Please bless the wedding service of Samuel Mason and Sofia de Quick at St John's today and all who attend.

SUN 29 MAY Acts 16:16-34, Rev 22:12-14 & 16-17 & 20-end, John 17:20-end, Psalm 97 Thank you for our musicians who lead us in worship each week. May we sing a new song to you today as we worship in joint services at Bradley and Farleigh.

MON 30 MAY Num 22:1-35, Luke 7:36-end, Psalm 98 We give thanks for families who attend family services at Cliddesden. We ask for guidance in the way forward to grow your kingdom in this parish.

TUES 31 MAY Zeph 3:14-18, Luke 1:39-49, Psalm 113 Mary visits Elizabeth Thank you for all the ways in which your Holy Spirit prompts us and help us to be as joyfully obedient as Mary and Elizabeth.

WED 1 JUNE Num 23:13-end, Luke 8:16-25, Psalm 29 We pray for preparations for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations taking place over the next few days, for good times of fellowship together.

THURS 2 JUNE Num 24, Luke 8:26-39, Psalm 24 Thank you, Lord for Her Majesty's long reign, life of duty and service, and for her faith.

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY

16th APRIL to 2nd JUNE 2022

SAT 16 APRIL Job 14:1-14, Matt 27:57-end Psalm 31 We pray that you would bless William Zehner and Emma Gorwood as they are married at St John's Northington today. May they enjoy a long and happy life together.

SUN 17 APRIL Acts 10:34-43, 1 Cor 15:19-26, John 20:1-18, Psalm 118 He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? ...But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1Cor 15:55

MON 18 APRIL Ex 12:1-14, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Psalm 111 Lord, please fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit today and let our lives be radiant with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

TUES 19 APRIL Ex 12:14-36, 1 Cor 15:12-19, Psalm 112 We pray for the Peace of Jerusalem as Jews celebrate Passover this week.

WED 20 APRIL Ex 12:37-end, 1 Cor 15:20-28, Psalm 113 Lord, please bless families with fun and enjoyment as they spend time together over the Easter holidays.

THURS 21 APRIL Ex 13:1-16, 1 Cor 15:29-34, Psalm 114 We pray for David, Ruth and their family that they would have time to relax and be refreshed after the busy preparations for Easter.

FRI 22 APRIL Ex 13:17-14:14, 1 Cor 15:35-50, Psalm 115 Lord, we pray for your will to be done in the results of the elections in France.

SAT 23 APRIL Ex 14:15-end, 1 Cor 15:51-end, Psalm 116 We remember all who are suffering in warzones, particularly in Ukraine. Hear their cry for mercy and bring deliverance, we pray.

SUN 24 APRIL Acts 5:27-32, Rev 1:4-8, John 20:19-end, Psalm 118: 14-end Thank you for all who serve as church wardens in our benefice. Please bless each one with joy in their service to our communities.

MON 25 APRIL Eph 4:7-16, Mark 13:5-13, Psalm 119:9-16 Mark the Evangelist We ask for opportunities to speak of you or demonstrate your love to someone today.

TUES 26 APRIL Prov 15:28-end, 2 Tim 2:3-13, John 15:18-21, Rev 12:7-12, Psalm 126, St George We ask for your leading and guidance in the business of the Candovers with Bradley APCM tonight. Please give strength, inspiration, and perseverance to grow your kingdom in this part of the benefice.

WED 27 APRIL Ex 16:11-end, Col 2:1-15, Psalm 30 We ask for the repairs to St Martin's Church to be completed speedily and to your glory.

THURS 28 APRIL Ex 17, Col 2:16-3:11, Psalm 28 We pray for David as he visits the Basingstoke Squadron of the ATC in his role as chaplain, that he has opportunities to share the good news of the gospel.

FRI 29 APRIL Ex 18:1-12, Col 3:12-4:1, Psalm 61 Lord, we pray for all those fleeing Ukraine and seeking refuge in other countries. Will you be their strong tower against the foe.

SAT 30 APRIL Ex 18:13-end, Col 4:2-end, Psalm 84 We pray for Neil Tankard and Annabel Harkness as they are married at St Mary's today. Lord, will you be at the centre of their marriage this day and always.

SUN 1 MAY Acts 9:1-6, Rev 5:11-end, John 21:1-19, Psalm 30 We thank you, Lord, for all who use their administrative gifts in the benefice, especially Tricia our administrator.

MON 2 MAY Isa 30:15-21, Eph 1:3-10, John 14:1-14, Psalm 119:1-8 (Philp and James Apostles) We ask for good weather and conversations on the "Off the beaten track" walk today. Thank you, Lord for the beauty of the countryside around us.

TUES 3 MAY Ex 20:1-21, Luke 1:26-38, Psalm 98 We remember all church schools as they seek to set an example of Christian love and righteousness. We ask you to bless David as he leads collective worship at St John's School, Basingstoke today.

WED 4 MAY Ex 24, Luke 1:39-56, Psalm 105 Lord, will you bring inspiration and encouragement for the Annual Parish of Farleigh Church Meeting tonight.

THURS 5 MAY Ex 25:1-22, Luke 1:57-end, Psalm 136 Thank you for our Borough and County Councillors and for all their work to improve our neighbourhoods. We pray for your will to be done in the local elections today.

FRI 6 MAY Ex 28:1-4a & 29-38, Luke 2:1-20, Psalm 107 Thank you for your financial provision for the installation of lighting and audio visual equipment in St Mary's Church. Lord, please bless the contractors as they work.

SAT 7 MAY Ex 29:1-9, Luke 2:21-40, Psalm 110 We pray for the wedding of William Seligman and Charlotte Freersmith at St John's today. Please bless their wedding day and future life together.

SUN 8 MAY Acts 9:36-end, Rev 7:9-end, John 10:22-30, Psalm 23 We give thanks for our treasurers and their willingness to use their gifts. We continue to ask for the provision of a new treasurer for Farleigh Parish.

MON 9 MAY Ex 32:1-14, Luke 2:41-end, Psalm 103 We pray for Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith. Please strengthen, uphold and protect each one.

TUES 10 MAY Ex 32:15-34, Luke 3:1-14, Psalm 139 We pray "Search us, Lord, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in us and lead us in the way everlasting."

WED 11 MAY Ex 33, Luke 3:15-22, Psalm 135 We pray for healing for all those we know who are ill. May each one receive refreshment and hope from you, Holy Spirit.

THURS 12 MAY Ex 34:1-10 & 27-end, Luke 4:1-13, Psalm 118 Thank you, Lord, that all of us are wonderfully made by you. Please guide politicians in all debates about life, whether focused on assisted suicide or abortion. May your will be done and your righteousness upheld.

FRI 13 MAY Ex 35:20-36:7, Luke 4:14-30, Psalm 33 We remember educational trusts and charities in the benefice as they meet to determine the allocation of gifts. Please inspire the decision making and bring joy to the recipients.

SAT 14 MAY Isa 22:15-end, Acts 1:15-end, John 15:9-17, Psalm 15 (Matthias the Apostle) We pray for all who have opened their homes to refugees from Ukraine. Please enable people to settle quickly and to establish good relationships.

SUN 15 MAY Gen 22:1-18, Acts 11:1-18, John 13:31-35, Psalm 148 Lord, please bless those who welcome people to our services and all our sides-people and vergers.

MON 16 MAY Num 9:15-end & 10:33-end, Luke 4:38-end, Psalm 145 Thank you for the work of the food banks and all those who volunteer to serve. We ask that all recipients will feel welcome and sense your love.

TUES 17 MAY Num 11:1-33, Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 19 We remember those who are suffering financially due to the rise in the cost of living. Show us how we can help.

WED 18 MAY Num 12, Luke 5:12-26, Psalm 30 We pray for an appointment of a house for duty priest or a more permanent assistant for David, to work across the benefice.

THURS 19 MAY Num 13:1-3 & 17-end, Luke 5:27-end, Psalm 57 Please strengthen the church in Ukraine as they minister with practical and spiritual help. May people be certain of your enduring love and hope.

FRI 20 MAY Num 14:1-25, Luke 6:1-11, Psalm 138 We pray for your Holy Spirit to bring hope and comfort to all who attend the Thanksgiving Service for Bob Kew to be held tomorrow (21st) at St Leonard's Church.

SAT 21 MAY Num 14:26-end, Luke 6:12-26, Psalm 146. "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." We ask this for all casualties of the war, Lord, and pray for all those working with aid and health care agencies to bring relief.