

FRI 26 AUG 2 Sam 1, Acts 5:12-26, Psalm 55 *“Listen to our prayers, O God, do not ignore our plea” for an end to war. We remember all who are suffering as a result of wars, particularly in Ukraine and Russia. Will you confound the plans of those who seek to bring death and destruction.*

SAT 27 AUG 2 Sam 2:1-11, Acts 5:27-end, Psalm 76 *We continue to pray for David that he may know your sustaining love and guidance.*

SUN 28 AUG Jer 2:4-13, Heb 13:1-8 & 15-16, Luke 14:1 & 7-14, Psalm 81 *Let us shout for joy to God our strength, begin the music and worship him. Thank you that we are free to worship today. We remember those around the world who are at risk of persecution for their faith.*

MON 29 AUG 2 Sam 3:12-end, Acts 6, Psalm 80 *We pray for all who are bereaved and grieving that you, Lord, would draw close and bring comfort and healing.*

TUES 30 AUG 2 Sam 5:1-12, Acts 7:1-16, Psalm 89:1-18 *The legalisation of assisted dying for terminally ill patients is frequently discussed and recently debated again in Parliament. We pray for the dignity of life to be upheld in all decision making.*

WED 31 AUG 2 Sam 6:1-19, Acts 7:17-43, Psalm 119:105-128 *As school staff and children prepare for a new term, we pray for enthusiasm and consistency during this new school year. Please bless the schools in our benefice and the important part that they play in our communities.*

THURS 1 SEPT 2 Sam 7:1-17, Acts 7:44-53, Psalm 92 *It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name O Most High. We pray your blessing on the choirs in the benefice as they practise together and lead us in worship.*

FRI 2 SEPT 2 Sam 7:18-end, Acts 7:54-8:3, Psalm 88 *Thank you for the Farleigh Parish Playgroup and those who lead it. Please minister your love to all families who attend.*

SAT 3 SEPT 2 Sam 9, Acts 8:4-25, Psalm 97 *We give thanks for the marriage of Michelle Fewster and Mark Longhurst at St Mary's today. May they enjoy a joyous and peaceful lifelong commitment to each other.*

SUN 4 SEPT Jer 18:1-11, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33, Psalm 139 *Thank you, Lord, that you are everywhere and always with us. Search our hearts today, see if there is any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.*

MON 5 SEPT 2 Sam 11, Acts 8:26-end, Psalm 98 *We pray for our parish councils that they would continue to serve our communities with diligence and wisdom.*

TUES 6 SEPT 2 Sam 12:1-25, Acts 9:1-19a, Psalm 106 *We ask you to lead our PCCs and DCCs this year in their decision making. Thank you for all who serve in this capacity.*

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY

21st JULY to 6th SEPTEMBER 2022

THURS 21 JULY 1 Sam 2:27-end, Luke 20:9-19, Psalm 115 *Lord, please raise up political leaders who will demonstrate integrity, truth and righteousness in decision making. We pray for your will to be done in the Conservative leadership election.*

FRI 22 JULY 1 Sam 16:14-end, Luke 8:1-3, Psalm 150 *Mary Magdalene Thank you, Lord for your healing power and that true peace can only be found in you. We pray for those who are ill and suffering, remembering that you are the Holy and Mighty One, able to do great things.*

SAT 23 JULY 1 Sam 4:1b-end, Luke 20:27-40, Psalm 121 *We pray for the wedding of Tom Joy and Emma Fearman at St John's today. May they enjoy a long and happy marriage together.*

SUN 24 JULY Hosea 1:2-10, Col 2:6-15, Luke 11;1-13, Psalm 138 *We will praise you with all of our hearts today for you have exalted above all things, your name and your word.*

MON 25 JULY Jer 45:1-5, Matt 20:20-28, Psalm 126 *James the Apostle May we always praise you and seek your ways in all situations, even when they may not appear to be to our advantage.*

TUES 26 JULY 1 Sam 6:1-16, Luke 21:5-19, Psalm 132 *We continue to pray for healing for David as he convalesces after surgery. Please sustain and refresh Ruth with her extra workload during this time.*

WED 27 JULY 1 Sam 7, Luke 21:20-28, Psalm 119:153-end *We pray for safety and refreshment for children and staff over the school holidays. May these next few weeks, be times of good family togetherness.*

THURS 28 JULY 1 Sam 8, Luke 21:29-end, Psalm 143 *Lord, we ask for resolution to the problem of resuming grain exports from Ukraine. May there be determined and concerted efforts to achieve successful negotiations.*

FRI 29 JULY 1 Sam 9:1-14, Luke 22:1-13, Psalm 144 *We pray for patience and safety for all those affected by travel disruption due to rail workers going on strike. We pray that a workable agreement can be reached to bring the disputes to an end.*

SAT 30 JULY 1 Sam 9:15-10:1, Luke 22:14-23, Psalm 147 *William Wilberforce Lord, we are so thankful for the work of William Wilberforce particularly in the abolishment of the slave trade. We pray for all who work for social justice today.*

SUN 31 JULY Hosea 11:1-11, Col 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21, Psalm 107 *We give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his love endures forever. May we express his love and goodness to us through our generosity to others.*

MON 1 AUG 1 Sam 10:1-16, Luke 22:24-30, Psalm 1 *We pray for the bishops and their spouses attending The Lambeth Conference this week. Holy Spirit will you bring true unity of purpose and action that your name would be glorified.*

TUES 2 AUG 1 Sam 10:17-end, Luke 22:31-38, Psalm 5 *We pray for all who will visit our churches during the summer holidays. May each one sense your presence and receive from you as they enter the buildings.*

WED 3 AUG 1 Sam 11, Luke 22:39-46, Psalm 119:1-32 *We remember the farmers in our benefice, who are working hard during this season. Please bless them and their harvest.*

THURS 4 AUG 1 Sam 12, Luke 22:47-62, Psalm 15 *We pray for all who are travelling abroad for their safety and for a reduction in disruption due to staff shortages. Please make a way through the difficulties that airport managers are experiencing.*

FRI 5 AUG 1 Sam 13:5-18, Luke 22:63-end, Psalm 19 *Lord, help us to be clear about your teaching on sexuality and gender. We pray for a sensible and appropriate approach to relationships and sex education in schools.*

SAT 6 AUG Dan 7: 9-10 & 13-14, Luke 9:28-36, Psalm 97 **The Transfiguration** *Thank you for revealing your glory to the disciples.*

We ask for your blessing on the marriage of Chloe Brown and Ben Woodward at St John's today and for perseverance and joy in their life together.

SUN 7 AUG Isa 1:1 & 10-20, Heb 11:1-3 & 8-16, Luke 12:32-40, Psalm 50 *May we worship the Lord today with joy and expectancy that he will inhabit our praises.*

MON 8 AUG 1 Sam 14:24-46, Luke 23:13-25, Psalm 30 *Thank you, Lord for your provision of water. We pray for those who do not have access to clean water and for the work of Water Aid. Help us to be sensible in our use of water.*

TUES 9 AUG 1 Sam 15:1-23, Luke 23:26-43, Psalm 36 **Mary Sumner Founder of Mother's Union** *We give thanks for the work of the Mother's Union supporting families and communities in the UK and worldwide. We pray particularly for their work with the Ukrainians.*

WED 10 AUG 1 Sam 16, Luke 23:44-56a, Psalm 34 *Thank you, Lord for all clergy and lay leaders who have supported us during David's absence. Please bless each one as they have blessed us.*

THURS 11 AUG 1 Sam 17:1-30, Luke 23:56b-24:12, Psalm 37 *We give thanks for the faithfulness of all who deliver emergency services: the ambulance services, police forces, fire service, mountain rescue teams, coastguards, lifeboat crews. Please bless them with perseverance and encouragement.*

FRI 12 AUG 1 Sam 17:31-54, Luke 24:13-35, Psalm 31 *We pray for our church wardens Thank you for their faithfulness and service. We ask for your continued inspiration and leading for each one.*

SAT 13 AUG 1 Sam 17:55-18:16, Luke 24:36-end, Psalm 42 **Florence Nightingale nurse and social reformer** *We give thanks for the work of Florence Nightingale in social reform and the development of professional*

nursing standards. We pray for strength and compassion for all who work in the tirelessly in the NHS today.

SUN 14 AUG Isa 5:1-7, Heb 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56, Psalm 80 *Restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.*

MON 15 AUG Isa 61:10-end, Luke 1:46-55, Psalm 45 **The Virgin Mary** *Help us, Lord to praise you and glorify your name throughout each day and in all circumstances.*

TUES 16 AUG 1 Sam 20:1-17, Acts 1:15-end, Psalm 48 *We give thanks for those who provide services to our houses: postmen/women, delivery drivers, dustmen. May our interactions with them express your great love for us all.*

WED 17 AUG 1 Sam 20:18-end, Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 119:57-80 *We give thanks for the advantages of using the internet. We pray for all who are involved in making decisions about online safety, that wise and sensible legislation would result, protecting the vulnerable whilst maintaining the principle of free speech.*

THURS 18 AUG 1 Sam 21:1 – 22:5, Acts 2:22-36, Psalm 57 *We pray for those who are suffering with their mental health that they would be able to access treatment and that they might find their peace in you.*

FRI 19 AUG 1 Sam 22:6-end, Acts 2:37-end, Psalm 51 *Thank you, Lord for the pioneering work of William and Catherine Booth and for the work of the Salvation Army. We pray for all who are homeless that they would receive practical help and also find their security in you.*

SAT 20 AUG 1 Sam 23, Acts 3:1-10, Psalm 68 **William and Catherine Booth** *We ask for your blessing on the marriage of George Winkley and Eleanor Clarke at St John's today. Please bless them with a long and happy life together.*

SUN 21 AUG Jer 1:4-10, Heb 12:18-end, Luke 13:10-17, Psalm 71 *Thank you, Lord that you are our rock of refuge to which we can always go, whatever the circumstances.*

MON 22 AUG 1 Sam 24, Acts 3:11-end, Psalm 71 *We remember those who are suffering financially due to the rise in the cost of living. May we be generous to those in need and inspired to help where we can.*

TUES 23 AUG 1 Sam 26, Acts 4:1-12, Psalm 73 *Thank you for prayer groups in the benefice. Help us as a community to hear your call to pray and to intercede according to your heart and your will.*

WED 24 AUG Isa 43:8-13, 1 Cor 4:9-15, Psalm 145 **Bartholomew the Apostle** *Thank you for the example of the apostles. Help us to express your love to others, even when we are treated unfairly or unkindly.*

THURS 25 AUG 1 Sam: 31, Acts 4:32-5:11, Psalm 78:1-39 *Please bring wisdom and discernment to know how to proceed with teaching programmes in the benefice, that we would grow in our faith and encourage new believers.*