

*Prayer and Bible Reading Diary February 15th to Easter Day, April
4th 2021*

Mon 22 Mar Jer. 21:1-10, John 11: 28-44, Psalm 73 We ask for your overruling at diocesan synod tonight, that what is hidden may be revealed, that truth may prevail & unity in adversity. Bless also Northington's APCM.

Tues 23 Mar Jer. 22:1-5,13-19; John 11: 45-end, Ps. 35 As spring bursts upon us, we ask for the right weather conditions to prevail for the good of the crops that have been sown, that bumper yields may result. Keep farm staff safe as they work with machinery and animals.

Wed 24 Mar Jer. 22:20-23:8, John 12:1-11, Psalm 55 We pray for Your presence in our homes today- where there is conflict, bring peace, where there is sorrow, bring hope, where there is joy, bring refreshment for all around.

Thurs 25 Mar 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Romans 5:12-end, Psalms 111 & 113 Thank you for your great & precious promises for us in the Bible – stir us to take You at Your Word so we may enjoy the fulfilment of all you have promised.

Fri 26 Mar Jer. 24, John 12:20-36, Ps. 22 “We want to see Jesus” – grant Lord today others see You in our words, deeds & attitudes.

Sat 27 Mar Jer. 25:1-14, John 12:37-end, Ps. 23 Thank you that you walk with us in the valley of the shadow of death, delivering us from evil & giving us peace.

Sun 28 Mar PALM SUNDAY Zechariah 9:9-12, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Mark 11:1-11
Make way, make way for Chris the king in splendour arrives, fling wide the gates and welcome Him into your lives. Make way, make way, for the King of Kings, make way, make way and let His kingdom in.

Mon 29 Mar HOLY WEEK begins: Lamentations 1:1-12, Luke 22:1-23, Psalm 41 As we journey to Easter, make Your presence known to us in our thinking.

Tues 30 Mar Lamentations 3:1-18, Luke 22:24-53, Psalm 27 Bless Wield's APCM tonight & manifest Your presence in our prayers today.

Wed 31 Mar Jeremiah 11:18-20, Luke 22:54-end, Psalm 102 Speak to me through Your Word today as I read, mark and inwardly digest what You are saying.

Thurs 1 Apr MAUNDY THURSDAY Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-7, 31-35 Bread & wine, body & blood, given for me: thank you Lord.

Fri 2 Apr GOOD FRIDAY Isaiah 52:13- 53:end, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Sat 3 Apr Hosea 6:1-6, John 2:18-22, Psalm 142 We wait for You in silence, anticipation, hope...

Sun 4 Apr EASTER DAY Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8
He has risen, He has risen He has risen, Jesus is alive! If there were no resurrection, we ourselves could not be raised, but the Son of God is living, so our hope is not in vain.

Mon 15 Feb Jeremiah 1, John 3:1-21, Psalm 44 We pray for all involved in small businesses across our benefice, that they may prosper despite the restrictions, giving new jobs in the community.

Tues 16 Feb Jeremiah 2:1-13, John 3:22-end, Psalm 48 as the next Exploring Faith course begins tonight Lord reveal Your love to the participants.

Wed 17 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19, 1 Tim 6:6-19 Psalm 51 1-18 Meet with us on the Bible Society Bible course, that minds & hearts are illuminated by Your Spirit.

Thurs 18 Feb Jeremiah 2:14-32, John 4:1-26, Psalm 57 Pour our Your Holy Spirit we ask again upon each believer in our benefice, and kindle a spark of faith in those not yet born again to bring them into the fire of Your love & power.

Fri 19 Feb Jer. 3:6-22, John 4:27-42, Psalm 54 We pray for funeral of *Peggy Frankham*, today at Dummer for Family to be comforted by the resurrection hope.

Sat 20 Feb Jeremiah 4:1-18, John 4:43-end, Psalm 71 Today we ask for Your presence among young families across our benefice that children may grow up in the fear & love of Jesus & parents to be daily consistent & prayerful for their children's welfare, & growth in faith.

Sun 21 Feb Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-end, Mark 1:9-15 *I've found a friend, O such a friend, He loved me 'ere I knew Him; He drew me with the cords of love and thus He bound me to Him, and round my heart still closely twine, those ties which nought can sever, for I am His and He is mine, forever and for ever.*

Mon 22 Feb Jer. 4:19-end, John 5:1-18, Psalm 10 We ask your blessing on the Police service, especially local beat officer Andy Reid, that they all may be kept safe from harm as they maintain law & order on our streets & villages.

Tues 23 Feb Jer. 5:1-19, John 5:19-29, Psalm 44 bless participants on week two of the exploring faith sessions.

Wed 24 Feb Jer. Jer.5:20-end, John 5:30-end, Psalm 6 teach us about & through Your Word tonight at the Bible course.

Thurs 25 Feb Jer. 6:9-21, John 6:1-15, Ps. 42 We pray your blessing on school governors, staff, parents & children at Preston Candover & Cliddesden, for fortitude, & we ask for a swift return into education in early March.

Fri 26 Feb Jer. 6:22-end, John 6:16-27, Ps.55 We ask Your strength & hope for all who work in the NHS, GPs, surgeries, dentists, hospitals – consultants, nurses, ancillary & necessary admin staff, engineers & cleaners: keep them safe & faithful in their duties.

Sat 27 Feb Jer. 7:1-20, John 6:28-40, Ps. 63 We ask Your blessing on all preparing for marriage this year, as they enjoy their preparation day today with David, Stephen & others leading them through excellent material to help.

Sun 28 Feb Genesis 17:1-7,15-16, Romans 4:13-end, Mark 8:31-end *Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair, Lord in your suffering world, this is our prayer. Bread for the children, justice joy peace, sunrise to sunset, Your kingdom increase, God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain, come change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Mon 1 Mar Jer. 7:21-end, John 6:41-51, Ps. 32 Lord we thank you that your love reaches us when we are in deepest need: meet today with those who, with no real trust in You, have been left bereft; help them turn & find You.

Tues 2 Mar Jer. 8:1-15, John 6:52-59, Ps. 50 You Lord are the living bread which came down from Heaven; help us feed on your Promises, presence & peace today.

Wed 3 Mar Jer. 8:18-9:11, John 6:60-end, Psalm 35 **Lent course** Thank you for the scriptures which are able to make us wise unto salvation – increase our grasp of their importance for daily life in these increasingly dark days for Christians around the world, as persecution grows across the West, of us who dare to be different and whose allegiance lies in You.

Thurs 4 Mar Jer. 9:12-24, John 7:1-13, Psalm 34 We ask for Your presence with Christians in Iran, persecuted & sometimes executed for daring to believe in Jesus; we thank you that Your church thrives when under pressure – keep us faithful as we come under more pressure.

Fri 5 Mar Jer. 10:1-16, John 7:14-24, Psalm 40 Lord we pray for those in authority over us – parish, borough & county councils, central government: deliver them from false ideology, lies & extremism, so that they govern wisely & in truth.

Sat 6 Mar Jer. 10:17-24, John 7:25-36, Psalm 25 As we approach worship this weekend, inspire those who will lead, read, pray, sing & explain the scriptures to us that we may be enriched & taught with hope.

Sun 7 Mar Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22. *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; new every morning, new every morning, great is thy faithfulness O Lord, great is thy faithfulness.*

Mon 8 Mar Jer. 11:1-17, John 7:37-52, Psalm 98 We give thanks for new babies born in our villages in recent weeks; bless parents with patience, wisdom, love, consistency & faith, creating the environment of mercy & learning.

Tues 9 Mar Jer. 11:18 – 12:6, John 7:53-8:11, Ps. 106 Lord we pray for those approaching the end of their lives, that they may put their houses in order, get right with You, forgive others & enter Your eternal kingdom with hope and joy.

Wed 10 Mar Jer. 13:1-11, John 8:12-30, Ps. 111 We ask your blessing on families in need in our community where money is short, relationships strained, wrong values

distort; for those caring for youngsters with learning difficulties that patience & perseverance are fuelled by your grace.

Thurs 11 Mar Jer. 14, John 8:31-47, Ps. 56 Lord today speak to my heart with clarity, truth & mercy; help me recognise it is You & grant me humility to accept correction, & to know Your desire to guide me.

Fri 12 Mar Jer. 15:1-10, John 8:48-end, Ps. 22 We give thanks for the security that comes alone from your throne; nothing in my hand I bring, simply to your cross I cling: nothing I have is mine but Yours, on loan for a season: I choose to use what you have given to bless others.

Sat 13 Mar Jer. 16:10-17:4, John 9:1-17, Ps. 121 Lord, help for our troubles comes only from you, but sometimes through others; thank You for the promise to preserve us from all evil, to watch over our journeys of life.

Sun 14 Mar MOTHERING SUNDAY Exodus 2:1-10, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Luke 2:33-35 *Living under the shadow of His wing, we find security. Standing in His presence we will bring our worship, worship, worship to the King. Bowed in adoration at His feet, we dwell in harmony, voices joined together that repeat, worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.*

Mon 15 Mar Jer. 17:5-18, John 9:18-end, Psalm 126 We ask Your blessing on those involved in the Fire & Rescue Services, Coastguard & RNLI that they may be kept safe as they help those in trouble.

Tues 16 Mar Jer. 18:1-12, John 10:1-10, Psalm 79 Lord I ask You to help me understand Your word better today, so that I can explain it to others quickly and easily.

Wed 17 Mar Jer. 18:13-end, John 10:11-21, Psalm 90 We give thanks for the work of the Basingstoke Food Bank, for local organisers at Ellisfield & Cliddesden & for all who contribute money & food for those in need. Grant the recipients not only give thanks for their daily bread but also find You, the Bread of Life.

Thurs 18 Mar Jer. 19:1-13, John 10:22-end, Psalm 86 We pray for our local schools, Preston Candover & Cliddesden: inspire the staff, enthuse the children, give wisdom & patience to parents & guide the governors for the good of the community.

Fri 19 Mar Isaiah 11:1-10, Matt. 13:54-end, Psalm 25 Lord we ask You to guide & help our Bishops- Tim, David & Debbie in the difficult decisions made necessary by church members not giving of their financial means to pay for clergy.

Sat 20 Mar Jeremiah 20:7-end, John 11:17-27, Psalm 32 Lord inspire David, Stephen & others taking part in online & live services tomorrow that we may want to shout your praise from the rooftops.

Sun 21 Mar PASSION SUNDAY Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrew 5:5-10, John 12:20-33 *Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would talk my stand, the shadow of mighty rock within a weary land: from my stricken heart two wonder I confess, the wonder of redeeming love and my own worthlessness.*