

FRI 24 MAY Josh 5:2-end, Luke 10:1-16, Psalm 144 *Lord, we are so grateful for the legacy of John and Charles Wesley: the hymns that enable us to lift our voices in worship and their example of witnessing and preaching.*

SAT 25 MAY Josh 6:1-20, Luke 10:17-24, Psalm 147 *We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and ask for the Lord's guidance and wisdom for all who can influence the outcome of the war.*

SUN 26 MAY Trinity Sunday Isa 6;1-8, Rom 8:12-17, John 3:1-17, Psalm 29 *Thank you, Lord that you are a God of relationship – Father Son and Holy Spirit and that you delight in our desire for relationship with you.*

MON 27 MAY Josh 7:1-15, Luke 10:25-37, Psalm 1 *We give thanks for the Candover Valley Stores and all those who serve the community there.*

TUES 28 MAY Josh 7:16-end, Luke 10:38-end, Psalm 5 *We pray for all the small businesses across the benefice that they would prosper and be successful.*

WED 29 MAY Josh 8:1-29, Luke 11;1-13, Psalm 119:1-32 *Thank you for all the coffee mornings and community events across the benefice. May there be opportunities to grow together and deepen relationships.*

THURS 30 MAY Josh 8:30-end, Luke 11;14-28, Psalm 15 *We pray for those who are housebound and those who are full time carers. We pray for patience, comfort and joy even in the midst of difficult situations.*

FRI 31 MAY Mary Visits Elizabeth. Zeph 3:14-18, Luke 1:39-49, Psalm 113 *Elizabeth's baby leaped in her womb and she was filled with the Holy Spirit May we experience the joy of knowing the Holy Spirit's leading in our own lives.*

SAT 1 JUN Josh 10:1-15, Luke 11:37-end, Psalm 23 *We pray for Will Blakeley and Ella Swindells as they are married at Farleigh today and for Nick Russell-Smith and Jenna Smith as they are married at Preston Candover. We ask that both couples will enjoy long, loving and fulfilling marriages.*

SUN 2 JUN 1 Sam 3:1-10, 2 Cor 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6, Psalm 139 *Let us reflect on the amazing fact that the Lord is always with us and that we are fearfully and wonderfully made by him.*

MON 3 JUN Josh 14, Luke 12:1-12, Psalm 30 *We pray for our parish councils. Thank you for those who serve. May they make wise decisions and work to enhance their communities.*

TUES 4 JUN Josh 21:43-22:8, Luke 12:13-21, Psalm 36 *We remember those who have been displaced and forced to flee from war or persecution. Lord, please bring your sustenance, provision and comfort for them all.*

WED 5 JUN Josh 22:9-end, Luke 12:22-31, Psalm 34 *May those who are ill or in constant pain know that you, Lord, are close to the broken hearted and you save those who are crushed in spirit.*

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY

18TH APRIL to 5TH JUNE 2024

THURS 18 APR Ex 25:1-22, Luke 1:57-end, Psalm 136 *We pray for the APCMs taking place in the benefice. We give thanks for our church communities and ask for vision for the future.*

FRI 19 APR Ex 28:1-4a & 29-38, Luke 2:1-20, Psalm 107 *We pray for our church wardens and PCCs as they work towards the finalisation of a parish profile.*

SAT 20 APR Ex 29:1-9, Luke 2:21-40, Psalm 110 *We pray for the Archdeacon and Bishop David as they direct the process for the appointment of a new rector.*

SUN 21 APR Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-end, John 10:11-18, Psalm 23 *We give thanks for all those who are serving the benefice to maintain the service rotas. May each one be restored and refreshed in mind, body and spirit.*

MON 22 APR Ex 32:1-14, Luke 2:41-end, Psalm 103 *We pray for the person you are calling to be our new rector, that your call would be heard and responded to.*

TUES 23 APR St George's Day Rev 12:7-12, 2 Tim 2:3-13, John 15:18-21, Psalm 126 *We pray for England today, thanking God for our Christian heritage and asking for a return to Christian values in our everyday lives and in our law-making.*

WED 24 APR Ex 33, Luke 3:15-22, Psalm 135. *Thank you, Lord, for Ian and his ministry across the benefice. We ask for your inspiration and guidance for him.*

THURS 25 APR Mark the Evangelist Prov 15:28-end, Mark 13:5-13, Psalm 119:9-16 *We thank you for Mark's witness and for all those who have witnessed to us in our journey of faith.*

FRI 26 APR Ex 35:20-36:7, Luke 4:14-30, Psalm 33 *We pray for the King and the Princess of Wales as they undergo medical treatment. We pray for healing for them and comfort and support for the royal family as they continue to carry out their duties.*

SAT 27 APR Ex 40:17-end, Luke 4:31-37, Psalm 34 *We continue to pray for strength and guidance for Bishop Philip in his ministry across the diocese.*

SUN 28 APR Acts 8: 26-end, 1 John 4:7-end, John 15:1-8, Psalm 22:25-end *May we enjoy our Sabbath rest today and give thanks for all that the Lord has given us.*

MON 29 Num 9:15-end & 10:33-end, Luke 4:38-end, Psalm 145 *We give thanks for the publication of the Cass Review of Gender Identity Services for Children. We pray for society to become more aware of the harms of trans ideology.*

TUES 30 APR Num 11:1-33, Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 19 *As we read your word today, may we receive it as being "more precious than gold and sweeter than honey."*

WED 1 MAY Philip and James Apostles, Isa 30:15-21, John 14:1-14, Psalm 119:1-8 *We give thanks for the life of Mary Thomas and we pray for comfort for her family and friends as they grieve and attend her funeral today at St Leonard's.*

THURS 2 MAY Num 13:1-3 & 17-end, Luke 5:27-end, Psalm 57 *We are thankful for all who are willing to stand for election in the local elections today. Lord, help us in our decision making as we cast our vote and bless the work of those who are elected.*

FRI 3 MAY Num 14:1-25, Luke 6:1-11, Psalm 138 *"May all the kings of the earth praise you, O Lord". We pray for world leaders to work with wisdom and integrity for the common good, particularly those leaders who have influence.*

SAT 4 MAY Num 14:26-end, Luke 6:12-26, Psalm 146 *We pray for Chris McDermott and Fay Harrod as they are married at St Leonard's today. May they know your presence in their lives today and always.*

SUN 5 MAY Acts 10:44-end, I John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17, Psalm 98 *We give thanks for the beauty of the world around us. May we be good stewards of all that we have been given.*

MON 6 MAY Num 16:1-35, Luke 6:27-38, Psalm 65 *We pray for good weather and good conversation during the Bluebell Walk at Farleigh today.*

TUES 7 MAY Rogation Day Num 16:36-end, Luke 6:39-end, Psalm 126 *We pray for farmers in our benefice and for God's protection for their crops and livestock. We ask for wisdom in how to manage the work after so much rainfall.*

WED 8 MAY Num 17:1-11, Luke 7:1-10, Psalm 132 *We pray for the people of Ukraine to be steadfast and to maintain hope in this lengthy war. May they receive the help that they need to defeat the enemy forces.*

THURS 9 MAY Ascension Day Dan 7:9-14, Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-end, Psalm 47 *We give thanks that Christ is now "seated at God's right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come." Eph 1:20,21*

FRI 10 MAY Num 20:1-13, Luke 7:11-17, Psalm 81 *Today we begin "Thy Kingdom Come" - 10 days of prayer for those who have not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ, that they would hear it for themselves, respond and follow him.*

SAT 11 MAY Num 21:4-9, Luke 7:18-35, Psalm 47 *There are less young people in our churches now than ever before. Let us pray for the gospel to reach young people across the UK and for support for churches and organisations working with young people.*

SUN 12 MAY Acts 1:15-17 & 21-end, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19, Psalm 1 *We pray for our churches across the benefice to consider how to share the bible message with others, particularly with young people.*

MON 13 MAY Num 22:1-35, Luke 7:36-end, Psalm 93 *The disciples were young men. We pray for God to raise up young leaders today who can witness to their peers.*

TUES 14 MAY Matthias the Apostle, Isa 22:15-end, Acts 1:15-end, Psalm 15 *Matthias was with Jesus from his baptism to his ascension and went on to preach the gospel until he was martyred. May we too stay close to Jesus and seek his guidance in praying for the extension of his kingdom.*

WED 15 MAY Num 23:13-end, Luke 8:16-25, Psalm 29 *So many young people seem to be crippled by the pressures of our increasingly digital culture. We pray that help and spiritual guidance would be available to protect them from anxiety and depression.*

THURS 16 MAY Num 24, Luke 8:26-39, Psalm 24 *Let us consider committing to pray for one young person to come to know Christ. "Loving Father, send your Holy Spirit that I may share with the life of Your Son and your love for all."*

FRI 17 MAY Num 27:12-end, Luke 8:40-end, Psalm 28 *We give thanks for the work of the Farleigh Parish Playgroup and ask that young families would be drawn into the life of the church and come to know your saving grace.*

SAT 18 MAY Num 32:1-27, Luke 9:1-17, Psalm 43 *We pray for the schools in our benefice that they would be places of security where your love is known and spoken of.*

SUN 19 MAY Pentecost, Acts 2:1-21, Rom 8:22-27, John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15, Psalm 104 *We welcome Holy Spirit into our lives today and rejoice in his power and transforming work in us. May we grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control,*

MON 20 MAY Josh 1, Luke 9:18-27, Psalm 126 *We pray for Christians who are facing discrimination because of their beliefs. We pray for the principle of freedom of speech and belief to prevail in this country.*

TUES 21 MAY Josh 2, Luke 9:28-36, Psalm 132 *We pray for those in prison to be supported and given opportunities for rehabilitation. We give thanks for prison chaplains and visitors.*

WED 22 MAY Josh 3, Luke 9:37-50, Psalm 119:153-end *We pray for those who are ill or suffering with chronic pain. We ask for healing and comfort and good medical care.*

THURS 23 MAY Josh 4:1-5:1, Luke 9:51-end, Psalm 143 *O Lord, hear the prayer of your people who are suffering and enduring persecution because of their faith. "In your faithfulness and righteousness, come to their relief."*