

worshipping community there. *"Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord."*

SAT 31 AUG 2 Sam 24, Acts 13:1-12, Psalm 147 *We pray that Jessica Morgan and Prerak Motwany will know your presence in their marriage service at St John's today and in their life together.*

SUN 1 SEPT Song of Sol 2:8-13, James 1:17-end, Mark 7:1-8 & 14-15 & 21-23, Psalm 45 *We give thanks for all who use their gifts to enhance our church communities: cleaners, vergers, sidespeople, flower arrangers, musicians, readers, preachers, gardeners, coffee makers, administrators.*

MON 2 SEPT 1 Kings 1:5-31, Acts 13:13-43, Psalm 1 *We pray for wisdom in all decision making for the Farleigh PCC meeting tonight.*

TUES 3 SEPT 1 Kings 1:32-2:4 & 10-12, Acts 13:44-14:7, Psalm 5 *There are so many global issues which affect our lives including wars, climate change, immigration, natural disasters..... We pray for wisdom for world leaders to make righteous decisions.*

WED 4 SEPT 1 Kings 3, Acts 14:8-end, Psalm 119:1-32 *We pray for the Church of England as recent votes in Synod threaten to split the church. We ask that the doctrine of the church would be upheld and that the church would "choose the way of truth and set it's heart on God's laws" at all times.*

THURS 5 SEPT 1 Kings 4:29-5:12, Acts 15:1-21, Psalm 15 *As the new school year begins, we ask for help for teachers and staff to settle into new routines quickly and to look forward to all that the new year holds for them.*

FRI 6 SEPT 1 Kings 6:1 & 11-28, Acts 15:22-35, Psalm 19 *We pray for families who are struggling to keep up financial commitments. We pray for the provision of practical help and that we might be generous in our support.*

SAT 7 SEPT 1 Kings 8:1-30, Acts 15:36-16:5, Psalm 23 *Whatever issues we are facing today, help us, Lord, to know that we can trust in your unending love and mercy.*

SUN 8 SEPT Prov 22:1-2 & 8-9 & 22-23, James 2:1-10 & 14-17, Mark 7:24-end, Psalm 125 *"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever." We pray that Christians being persecuted for their faith would be able to put their trust in you, Lord and be unshakeable in their faith.*

MON 9 SEPT 1 Kings 8:31-62, Acts 16:6-24, Psalm 30 *We pray for comfort and healing for all those we know who are sick or bereaved. We ask for good support and medical care for each one.*

TUES 10 SEPT 1 Kings 8:63-9:9, Acts 16:25-end, Psalm 36 *We pray for those in prison that they would receive appropriate help and support. May they know your transforming power in their lives, Lord.*

WED 11 SEPT 1 Kings 10:1-25, Acts 17:1-15:Psalm 34 *We pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May there be peace within her walls and security within her citadels."*

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY **25TH JULY TO 11TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

THURS 25 JULY James the Apostle Jer 45:1-5, Acts 11:27-12:2, Psalm 126 *We pray for Dawn Mansbridge and Tony McGuire who will be married at St Leonard's today. May they enjoy both the celebrations of this day and a happy and fulfilling marriage.*

FRI 26 JULY 1 Sam 17:31-54, Luke 24:13-35, Psalm 31 *We pray for protection and refreshment for the children and staff in our schools as they begin to relax and wind down for the summer holidays.*

SAT 27 JULY 1 Sam 17:55-18:16, Luke 24:36-end, Psalm 42 *As the Olympic Games begin, we give thanks for sports men and women and for their commitment to training and practice. Thank you, Lord, for the pleasure of watching and participating in sporting events. We pray for strength, resilience and success for those representing our country.*

SUN 28 JULY 2 Sam 11:1-15, Eph 3:14-end, John 6:1-21, Psalm 14 *May we follow the example of these sporting competitors and renew our commitment to spiritual training and exercise today; to run the race for Jesus Christ and to fix our eyes on him.*

MON 29 JULY 1 Sam 19:1-18, Acts 1:1-14, Psalm 44 *We pray for our new Prime Minister and the government, for wise decision making and good stewardship of resources.*

TUES 30 JULY 1 Sam 20:1-17, Acts 1:15-end, Psalm 48 *We give thanks for the life and work of William Wilberforce, his anti-slavery campaign and social reform. May we continue this work by supporting and praying for those who work towards ending slavery now.*

WED 31 JULY 1 Sam 20:18-end, Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 119:57-80 *Lord, will you make a way through the difficulties preventing the post of Rector being advertised, so that the appointment process can continue.*

THURS 1 AUG 1 Sam 21:1-22:5, Acts 2:22-36, Psalm 57 *"God sends his love and his faithfulness". We pray for those who are ill or suffering that they would know his love and healing power in their lives.*

FRI 2 AUG 1 Sam 22:6-end, Acts 2:37-end, Psalm 51 *May we be diligent in meeting together to praise God, read his word and share our resources, following the example of the early church.*

SAT 3 AUG 1 Sam 23, Acts 3:1-10, Psalm 68 *We pray for wisdom for all of our church wardens and PCCs as they carry extra responsibilities during the interregnum*

SUN 4 AUG 2 Sam 11;26-12:13a, Eph 4:1-16, John 6:24-35, Psalm 51 *We give thanks for the ministry of Ian Thacker across the benefice and for his energy and creativity. We ask that he would be encouraged and sustained by your Holy Spirit, Lord.*

MON 5 AUG 1 Sam 24, Acts 3:11-end, Psalm 71 *We pray for safe travelling for all who are going on holiday during the summer break and for times of fun and relaxation.*

TUES 6 AUG The Transfiguration, Dan 7:9-10 & 13-14, Luke 9:28-36, Psalm 97 *May we be ever more radiant with the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*

WED 7 AUG 1 Sam 28:3-end, Acts 4:13-31, Psalm 77 *We pray for our MPs to take a positive stance on supporting life, family and freedom of speech.*

THURS 8 AUG 1 Sam 31, Acts 4:32-5:11, Psalm 78:1-39 *We give thanks for all our treasurers and ask that you would bless them in the use of their gifts of stewardship.*

FRI 9 AUG 2 Sam 1, Acts 5:12-26, Psalm 55 *Today, we remember Mary Sumner who founded the Mothers Union. We give thanks for her life and the development of this ministry helping mothers and families around the world.*

SAT 10 AUG 2 Sam 2:1-11, Acts 5:27-end, Psalm 76 *We pray for Natalie and Ricky as they are married at St John's today. May they enjoy a long and happy marriage.*

SUN 11 AUG 2 Sam 18:5-9 & 15 & 31-33, Eph 4:25 -5:2, John 6:35 & 41-51, Psalm 130 *"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope." Let us be still before the Lord today and trust in his love and faithfulness.*

MON 12 AUG 2 Sam 3:12-end, Acts 6, Psalm 80 *We remember in prayer, those who are living in war zones, particularly in the Middle East and Ukraine. We ask for practical help and spiritual and emotional support to bring relief. Lord, will you sustain these people that they would know your comfort.*

TUES 13 AUG 2 Sam 5:1-12, Acts 7:1-16, Psalm 89:1-18 *We are thankful for the work of Florence Nightingale in developing nursing and social reform. We pray for wise reform of the NHS so that vacancies in medical staff can be filled.*

WED 14 AUG 2 Sam 6:1-19, Acts 7:17-43, Psalm 119:105-128 *We pray for peace for students awaiting A level results tomorrow. Whatever the outcome, we pray that they would discover the right path for their future whether in work or further education.*

THURS 15 AUG The Virgin Mary Isa 61:10-end, Luke 1:46-55, Psalm 45 *Let us glorify the Lord today and rejoice in God our Saviour, who has performed mighty deeds, brought down rulers from their thrones and filled the hungry with good things.*

FRI 16 AUG 2 Sam 7:18-end, Acts 7:54-8:3, Psalm 88 *We pray for our Bishops, Philip and David and for Richard Brand, the Archdeacon as they support the benefice during this period. We ask that you equip and sustain them in their ministries.*

SAT 17 AUG 2 Sam 9, Acts 8:4-25, Psalm 97. *We give thanks for the first five years of the Candover Valley Store and for the support that it has received. We ask that the required recruits will be forthcoming.*

SUN 18 AUG 1 Kings 2:10-12 & 3:3-14, Eph 5:15-20, John 6:51-58, Psalm

111 *We pray for complete healing for the King and for wisdom and discernment in the undertaking of his duties.*

MON 19 AUG 2 Sam 11, Acts 8:26-end, Psalm 98 *We pray for All Saints Church Bradley and the church community. Let them "sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things."*

TUES 20 AUG 2 Sam 12:1-25, Acts 9:1-19a, Psalm 106 *We pray for St Peter's Church, Brown Candover, for Sue Marriott the church warden and for all who worship there. "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever."*

WED 21 AUG 2 Sam 15:1-12, Acts 9:19b-31, Psalm 110 *We pray for St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden, for Peter Raine, the church warden and for all who worship there. We ask for continued growth of the children's ministry.*

THURS 22 AUG 2 Sam 15:13-end, Acts 9:32-end, Psalm 115 *We remember students receiving their GCSE results today. May we rejoice with those who have done well and support those who are disappointed.*

FRI 23 AUG 2 Sam 16:1-14, Acts 10:1-16, Psalm 139 *We pray for All Saints Church, Dummer, for Lyn Hardy, the church warden and for all who worship there that they would know the Lord's presence with them all the time and everywhere.*

SAT 24 AUG Bartholomew the Apostle, Acts 5:12-16, Luke 22:24-30, Psalm 145 *We pray for safety and good family and community gatherings during this Bank Holiday weekend.*

SUN 25 AUG 1 Kings 8:22-30 & 41-43, Eph 6:10-20, John 6:56-69, Psalm 84 *We give thanks for all those who preach and lead services to maintain the service rota. We bless them with inspiration and encouragement.*

MON 26 AUG 2 Sam 18:1-18, Acts 10:34-end, Psalm 126 *We pray for St Martin's Church, Ellisfield, for Bernard Cazenove, the church warden, and for those who worship there. May the Lord's name be praised for ever and ever.*

TUES 27 AUG 2 Sam 18:19-19:8, Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 132 *We pray for St Andrew's Church, Farleigh, for Viscount Lymington, the church warden and for all who attend services there that they may hear you speaking to them.*

WED 28 AUG 2 Sam 19:8b-23, Acts 11:19-end, Psalm 119:153-end *We pray for St John's Church, Northington, for Mark Ashburton, the church warden, and for all who worship there. We give thanks for the organ restoration project and for all those who have enjoyed the activities of the community and education programme.*

THURS 29 AUG 2 Sam 19:24-end, Acts 12:1-17, Psalm 143 *We pray for St Mary's Church, Preston Candover, for Anne Luneberg, the church warden and for the worshipping community there that the Lord would lead and guide them, and "show them the way they should go."*

FRI 30 AUG 2 Sam 23:1-7, Acts 12:18-end, Psalm 144 *We pray for St James' Church, Wield, for Alwyn Hutchinson, the church warden, and for the*