

peace. We pray for practical aid and assistance for all who suffer in war torn countries, and that the Lord would bring them comfort.

**SAT 3 MAY Deut 4:32-40, John 21:20-end, Psalm 84** We pray for wisdom and discernment for those involved in negotiations to end war. We give thanks for their gifts and ask for your encouragement for them.

**SUN 4 MAY Zeph 3:14-end, Acts 9:1-6 & 7-20, John 21:1-19, Psalm 30** We pray for our church wardens as they take extra responsibility for our churches during the interregnum.

**MON 5 MAY Deut 5:1-22, Eph 1:1-14, Psalm 96** This week there will be various events around the country to celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of WW2, remembering VE day (May 8<sup>th</sup>) and VJ day (Aug 15<sup>th</sup>). We pray for peaceful and secure celebrations.

**TUES 6 MAY Deut 5:22-end, Eph 1:15-end, Psalm 98** We pray for King Charles on the second anniversary of his coronation. We give thanks for his healing and pray that he will know the presence and direction of the Lord as he undertakes his duties.

**WED 7 MAY Deut 6, Eph 2:1-10, Psalm 105** We give thanks for the years of peace and security that we have enjoyed and pray that this will continue, despite difficult world situations. Let us not forget the horror of war and seek peace and reconciliation in all our relationships.

**THURS 8 MAY Deut 7:1-11, Eph 2:11-end, Psalm 136** We give thanks for all who served us in the war, in various capacities, and for all the sacrifices that were made to enable us to live peacefully for so many years.

**FRI 9 MAY Deut 7:12-end, Eph 3:1-13, Psalm 107** We pray for protection for our servicemen and women serving in the armed forces today and for those stationed abroad. May they know the Lord's peace, love, and protection.

**SAT 10 MAY Deut 8, Eph 3:14-end, Psalm 110** We give thanks for all who work in the NHS and the emergency services. We ask for strength and resilience for them.

**SUN 11 MAY Gen 7:1-5 & 11-18; Gen 8:6-18; Gen 9:8-13, Acts 9:36-end, John 10:22-30, Psalm 23** We pray for those around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. May they be restored and refreshed by the Spirit of God today.

**MON 12 MAY Deut 9:1-21, Eph 4:1-16, Psalm 103** We pray for a new season of repentance and renewal in the Church of England. We ask for wisdom for those involved in the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury.

**TUES 13 MAY Deut 9:23-10:5, Eph 4:17-end, Psalm 139** We pray for young people with mental health problems to know how much they are loved by God.

**WED 14 MAY Matthias Apostle, Isa 22:15-end, Acts 1:15-end, Psalm 15** Thank you Lord for the work of Matthias. Will you reveal to us the work that you have planned for each one of us, in order to grow your kingdom.

## **PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY**

**27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**THURS 27 MAR Jer 14, John 8:31-47, Psalm 56** We give thanks for the life of Maggie Heath and for all that she contributed to Ellisfield village. We pray for comfort for those who grieve and celebrate her life at the crematorium today.

**FRI 28 MAR Jer 15:10-end, John 8:48-end, Psalm 22** We pray that we would be faithful in prayer during Lent and persevere to continue in whatever we have committed to do or give up for this season.

**SAT 29 MAR Jer 16:10-17:4, John 9:1-17, Psalm 31** We continue to pray for a new Rector for our benefice. May the person God has called to this post respond to the advertisement.

**SUN 30 MAR Mothering Sunday Ex 2:1-10, 2 Cor 1:3-7, Luke 2:33-35, Psalm 127** We are thankful that God has set us in families and today we show our gratitude to our mothers and those who have nurtured us. We remember all who find this a difficult time and ask that they would know the Lord's comfort. We pray for all who attend services in our benefice today that they would know the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**MON 31 MAR Jer 17:5-18, John 9:18-end, Psalm 77** We give thanks for the increase in the number of young people buying bibles. We pray that each person who reads a bible would be inspired by the Holy Spirit to find the truth of the gospel and turn their life around. (*The Times article – "Spiritual Gen Z drive increase in Bible Sales."*)

**TUES 1 APR Jer 18:1-12, John 10:1-10, Psalm 79** We ask for protection and safety for those who are travelling during the holidays.

**WED 2 APR Jer 18:13-end, John 10:11-21, Psalm 90** We pray for the provision of clergy for our Easter services and that people would be blessed with the Lord's presence during these times of worship.

**THURS 3 APR Jer 19:1-13, John 10:22-end, Psalm 86** Jesus came to bring life in all its fulness. We pray that when the assisted suicide bill has its third reading, the safeguards would be seen to be dangerously inadequate and that the bill would be scrapped. Give courage to those who are wondering whether to vote against the Bill.

**FRI 4 APR Jer 19:14-20:6, John 11:1-16, Psalm 102** We pray for the Easter Eggstravaganza at Cliddesden church this afternoon that children will learn more about the Easter story and grow in their faith in the Lord Jesus.

**SAT 5 APR Jer 20:7-end, John 11:17-27, Psalm 32** We continue to pray for Ian Thacker as he ministers to us across the benefice during the interregnum.

**SUN 6 APR Isa 43:16-21, Phil 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8, Psalm 126** We give thanks for the inspirational ministry of Bishop David in this diocese and pray for God's leading and vision for him and his family as he moves to Truro.

**MON 7 APR Jer 21:1-10, John 11:28-44, Psalm 73** We pray for teachers, school staff, children and students as they begin the Easter holidays. May this be a time of rest, restoration and fun for all.

**TUES 8 APR Jer 22:1-5 & 13-19, John 11:45-end, Psalm 35** We pray for wisdom, perseverance and insight for our local police officers.

**WED 9 APR Jer 22:20-23:8, John 12:1-11, Psalm 55** We pray for encouragement for all involved in our farming communities as spring brings new life to the fields.

**THURS 10 APR Jer 23:9-32, John 12:12-19, Psalm 40** We give thanks for the testimony of Joshua McParland who was in the process transitioning to become a woman, but when he became a Christian, he realised that it was “wrong to try to change his gender” and that “he had been running away from problems.” (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9vy3j0n3vno>)

**FRI 11 APR Jer 24, John 12:20-36a, Psalm 22** We pray for our county, borough and parish councils that they would act wisely, with integrity and for the common good.

**SAT 12 APR Jer 25:1-14, John 12:36b-end, Psalm 23** We pray for those we know who are ill or bereaved to know the Lord’s comfort and healing.

**SUN 13 APR Palm Sunday. Isa 50:4-9a, Luke 19:28-40, Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-end** Let us “Make way for the King of Kings and let his kingdom in.”

**MON 14 APR Lam 1:1-12a, Luke 22:1-23, Psalm 41** We give thanks for our village coffee mornings and for supportive friendships.

**TUES 15 APR Lam 3:1-18, Luke 22:39-53, Psalm 27** Butch Wilmore, one of the astronauts stuck in space for 9 months, testified that he was content because he knows that “God has a plan and purpose for all humanity and that it is all working out for His good for all who will believe.” May we also trust in the Lord who is “Our light and salvation.”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7Wv7urHiLA>)

**WED 16 APR Jer 11:18-20, Luke 22:54-end, Psalm 102** We pray for success and encouragement for local businesses.

**THURS 17 APR Maundy Thursday Lev 16:2-24, Luke 23:1-25, Psalm 42** Jesus is the servant king who washed the disciples’ feet. May we be willing to come to him in humility and treat others with love and compassion.

**FRI 18 APR Good Friday Isa 52:13 – 53: end, John 18:1-19: end, Psalm 22** Today, we remember, with hearts full of thanks, all that Jesus suffered for us so that we can enjoy life in all its fulness. We pray that people would be intrigued by the walk of witness and want to find out more about Jesus.

**SAT 19 APR Job 14:1-14, Mat 27:57-end, Psalm 31** We remember those who are struggling with life and facing seemingly hopeless situations. We ask that they would know the shelter and comfort of God’s presence and be able to anticipate hope for the future.

**SUN 20 APR Easter Day Isa 65:17-end, Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12, Psalm 118:1-2 & 14-24** Christ is risen, death has been conquered, He shall reign forever! Today, let us rejoice and be glad and celebrate all that he did for us.

**MON 21 APR Song of Sol 1:9-2:7, Mark 16:1-8, Psalm 111** Let us continue to praise the Lord for “glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.”

**TUES 22 APR Song of Sol 2:8-end, Luke 24:1-12, Psalm 112** As the new school term begins, we pray for the schools in our benefice, that they would be safe, secure places for children to learn and grow in their faith.

**WED 23 APR Song of Sol 3, Mat 28:16-end, Psalm 113,** We pray for the Holy Spirit’s leading and guidance for the business of the Cliddesden DCC APCM tonight.

**THURS 24 APR Song of Sol 5:2-6:3, Luke 7:11-17, Psalm 114** We pray for the Farleigh Parish APCM tonight. We give thanks for the life of our churches and for all those who contribute to it.

**FRI 25 APR Song of Sol 7:10-8:4, Luke 8:41-end, Psalm 115** As we continue to worship the risen Lord this week, we pray for the work of our government, that decisions would be inspired by His justice, fairness and mercy.

**SAT 26 APR Song of Sol 8:5-7, John 11:17-44, Psalm 116** We thank the Lord that he hears our prayers and knows our worries and disappointments. Let us continue to trust him with all things and to listen for his voice.

**SUN 27 APR Ex 14:10-end & 15:20-21, Acts 5:27-32, John 20:19-end, Psalm 118:14-end** We pray for all who contribute to our worship and the maintenance of our churches.

**MON 28 APR George, patron of England (transferred from 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Josh 1:1-9, Eph 6:10-20, Psalm 5** We pray for our nation today, that the truth of the gospel would be spread across the country and that our government would uphold God’s laws.

**TUES 29 APR Mark the Evangelist Isa 62:6-10, Acts 12:25-13:13, Psalm 148** We give thanks for the example of Mark and pray that we too would witness for the Lord in our words and actions today, that others would know of his great love for all.

**WED 30 APR Deut 3:18-end, John 20:19-end, Psalm 30** We pray for wisdom for the Trump administration in Washington as their policies affect world leaders. We pray for good, stable relationships between countries.

**THURS 1 MAY Philip and James Apostles Proverbs 4:10-18, James 1:1-12, Psalm 139** Let us not be afraid to speak the truth, especially when this means disagreeing with worldly values and opinions.

**FRI 2 MAY Deut 4:15-31, John 21:15-19, Psalm 61** “Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.” We pray for countries at war, particularly Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza. We pray for cessation of hostilities and lasting