

Tues 9 Jan Help David and Stephen as they help those seeking baptism for their children that they encounter Jesus & to follow Him. **1 Sam 1:9-20, Mark 1:21-28.**

Wed 10 Jan We give thanks for all who serve our churches in different capacities – readers, prayer leaders, wardens & sidespeople, bell ringers, singers, musicians, cleaners, those with pastoral visiting gifts; help us to grow in maturity & faith.

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39.

Thurs 11 Jan We ask for You to call hundreds more into ordained ministry in the next two years to replace the many clergy approaching retirement.

1 Sam 4:1-11, Mark 1:40-end.

Fri 12 Jan Lord we ask you to bring repentance across the Church for those who push human sexuality agendas contrary to Your Word, biology & truth.

1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-end, Mark 2:1-12.

Sat 13 Jan We pray for You to call many more into deeper discipleship this year that new ministries may be awakened & empowered, leading to others coming to know You. **1 Samuel 9:1-19, Mark 2:13-17.**

Sun 14 Jan *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, when I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, I know you are there right beside me.*

1 Samuel 3:1-10, Revelation 5:1-10, John 1:43-end.

Mon 15 Jan As Farleigh PCC meets tonight, encourage & guide our decision making & policy agreements. **1 Samuel 15:16-23, Mark 2:18-22.**

Tues 16 Jan For Preston PCC as plans are moving forward to amalgamate parishes in 2018. **1 Samuel 16:1-13, Mark 2:23-end.**

Wed 17 Jan We give thanks for the birth of children across the parishes: bless new parents with patience, grace, hope & love that their example of Christian living blesses their families with faith & joy. **1 Samuel 17:32-51, Mark 3:1-6.**

Thurs 18 Jan Today we pray for those known to us who are sick in mind or body; deliver them from fear and depression; bring hope in their troubles, healing, wholeness, & fullness of life. **1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7, Mark 3:7-12**

Fri 19 Jan Help David and Stephen in their ministries to the bereaved that their words of truth about hope in Jesus Christ will bring new faith.

1 Sam 24:3-22, Mark 3:13-19

Sat 20 Jan Lord Jesus speak to me today to guide, correct, and inspire me.

2 Samuel 1, Mark 3:20-21

Sun 21 Jan *Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name, in Works of Sovereign Power come shake the earth again, that men may see, and come with reverent fear to the Living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.*

Genesis 14:17-20, Revelation 19:6-10, John 2:1-11

*Benefice Prayer and Bible reading diary from
December 4 2017 to January 2018*

Mon 4 Dec We ask Your blessing on the visit of the Salvation Army band playing carols at Cliddesden School. **Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 8:5-11**

Tues 5 Dec Lord as the Christmas season gathers momentum, bless we pray all who are recently bereaved that this season may bring thankfulness in their sorrows.

Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24

Wed 6 Dec We give thanks for the Wed Fellowship group – bless us as we grow in prayer & obedience. **Isaiah 25:6-10, Matthew 15:19-37**

Thurs 7 Dec bless our choir members across the benefice as they rehearse for Christmas services that they may lead us not only to sing the words but worship the King. **Isaiah 26:1-6, Matthew 7:21-27**

Fri 8 Dec We pray for school teachers and their pupils that this season of real hope in the Good News of Jesus Christ is not lost in the secularist agenda of much of our nation. **Isaiah 29:17-end, Matthew 9:27-31**

Sat 9 Dec In peace I shall lie down and dwell in safety for You O Lord are with me **Isaiah 30:19-26, Matthew 9:35-10:8**

Sun 10 Dec *O come and join the dance that all began so long ago, When Christ the Lord was born in Bethlehem. Through all the years of darkness, Still the dance goes on and on, O, take my hand and come and join the song.* Bless we pray the Carol services across the benefice. **Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15, Mark 1:1-8**

Mon 11 Dec We pray for children struggling with emotional issues who have no-one to turn to – Lord meet their needs, help them to seek You & find solace, hope & peace. **Isaiah 35, Luke 5:17-26.**

Tues 12 Dec We ask for You to restrain those who act foolishly & cause accidents because of self-indulgence in this season; for restraint on those who would cause great harm through ideological hatred, for protection upon all who serve to keep us safe – security services & police. **Isaiah 40:1-11, Matthew 18:12-14.**

Wed 13 Dec We pray for David, Stephen & their families as the increased workload of ministry in December brings joy not weariness, & help them to walk in peace & prayerfulness, ministering to so many needs. **Isaiah 40:25-end, Matt. 11:28-end.**

Thurs 14 Dec We pray for our emergency services over Christmas: bless nurses, doctors, ambulance drivers, paramedics, all who serve us in the medical profession. **Isaiah 41:13-20, Matthew 11:11-15.**

Fri 15 Dec We pray for firefighters, emergency workers, police officers especially PC Reid our local officer that they may be given patience, wisdom & be in the right place at the right time to prevent crime & disorder. **Is. 48:17-19, Matt. 11:16-19.**

Sat 16 Dec Christmas carol concert at Cliddesden with Belles of St. Martins and orchestra at CMVH **2 Kings 2:9-12, Matthew 17:10-13.**

Sun 17 Dec *Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born king.* Bless the Carol services happening across the benefice

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end, 1 Thess. 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mon 18 Dec We ask Your blessing on school nativities that the real meaning of Christmas is portrayed and not ignored through political correctness & secularism.

Jeremiah 23:5-8, Matthew 1:18-24.

Tues 19 Dec We pray for homeless & those whose Christmas celebrations will be marred by poor or emergency accommodation.

Judges 13:2-7, 24-end, Matthew 1:18-24.

Wed 20 Dec As schools break up for Christmas holidays grant rest for teaching staff & joy for our children. **Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke 1:5-25.**

Thurs 21 Dec We pray for families under strain & stress – for grace, patience & time to relax and not be argumentative – Peace on earth begins with us & our own self-control. **Zephaniah 3:14-18, Luke 1:39-45.**

Fri 22 Dec Bring Your light and presence to Cliddesden's Carol Service this evening & grant Your light dawning in people's hearts & lives.

1 Samuel 1:24-end, Luke 1:46-56.

Sat 23 Dec Bless we pray the wedding of Rachel Morris and Mark Allen Pereira at Dummer. **Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-end, Luke 1:57-66.**

Sun 24 Dec *Who is He in yonder stall, at whose feet the shepherds fall – tis the Lord O wondrous story, tis the Lord, the king of glory, at His feet we humbly fall, crown him crown him Lord of all.* Bless the Crib services, Farleigh Carols, late evening services with your mighty presence.

Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 6:25-end, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 1:26-38

Mon 25 Dec Christmas Day *Come and join the celebration, it's a very special day; come & share our jubilation, there's a new King born today!*

Isaiah 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Tues 26 Dec St. Stephen's Day – we remember all Christian martyrs, beginning with Stephen up to the present day across the world – for their faith in time of death, for hope in time of destruction, for love to reach those who hate all who stand for Jesus Christ. **Acts 7:51-end, Matthew 10:17-22.**

Wed 27 Dec For our nation and its' exit from the European Union – regardless of our own stance, we ask You Lord to help politicians to negotiate with integrity, honesty & truth on all sides for the good of all. **1 John 1, John 21:19-end.**

Thurs 28 Dec As we approach a New Year, we give thanks for the future being in Your hands. **1 Corinthians 1:26-29, Matthew 2:13-18.**

Fri 29 Dec Bless we pray the wedding of Andrew Lynch & Amy Horne at St. Leonard's Cliddesden. **1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35.**

Sat 30 Dec Be still my soul, the Lord is at your side. **1 John 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40.**

Sun 31 Dec New Year's Eve: *This, this is the God we adore our faithful unchanging friend, whose love is as great as his power and knows neither measure nor end. Tis' Jesus the first and the last, whose Spirit will guide us safe home We will praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come.* Benefice Carols with Communion St. Andrew's Farleigh Wallop

Isaiah 61:10-62v3, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21

Mon 1 January New Year's Day Lord make this New Year count for You: we ask for Your Holy Spirit's power to be made manifest in greater and greater ways in this year ahead; quicken us, move us to pray more earnestly, intentionally & passionately, for the sake of Your Glory. **Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21.**

Tues 2 Jan We give thanks for all involved in the local farming community: as uncertainty gives insecurity for financial viability, grant peace to all who plan, sow and reap our foodstuffs & care for farm animals for our food chain.

1 John 2:22-28, John 1:19-28.

Wed 3 Jan We pray for the diocese of Lango in Uganda, with which we have a link: help them to continue the work of mission & holy living, & grant good weather for crop & food security. **1 John 2:29-3:6, John 1:29-34.**

Thurs 4 Jan As teachers prepare to return to school, grant them peace and joy as they face the spring term. **1 John 3:7-10, John 1:35-42.**

Fri 5 Jan We pray for those who have committed serious sin against others locally by word, deed & breaking Your commandments, that they are called to account, brought to repentance & justice & turned from wickedness to new life with Christ.

1 John 3:11-21, John 1:43-end.

Sat 6 Jan Epiphany As you revealed Your Son to the Wise Men, grant the same revelation to all who live in our benefice that we may all turn to Christ, bend the knee in adoration & surrender, & live lives of holiness and love as a consequence.

Sun 7 Jan *Wise men seeking Jesus travelled from afar, guided on their journey by a beauteous star.* **Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12**

Mon 8 Jan Bless & guide Bradley PCC tonight. **1 Samuel 1:1-8, Mark 1:14-20.**