

PRAYER AND BIBLE READING DIARY
27TH NOVEMBER TO 14TH JANUARY 2026

SAT 3 JAN Ruth 2, Col 3:1-11, Psalm 127 *We pray for strength and guidance for our bishops, Philip, Rhiannon and Kelly as they minister across the diocese.*

SUN 4 JAN Epiphany Isa 60:1-6, Eph 3:1-12, Matt 2:1-12 Psalm 72, Lord, as you revealed Jesus to the wise men, please bring revelation to us that we may bow down and worship you in adoration and surrender.

MON 5 JAN Ruth 3, Col 3:12-4:1, Psalm 48 *We pray for our MPs across the benefice and give thanks for their commitment to serve us. May they work for the common good, listening to the voices of their constituents.*

TUES 6 JAN Ruth 4:1-17, Col 4:2-end, Psalm 73 *We pray for discernment for our church wardens who serve us and for the members of our PCCs. We give thanks for their service and for the unseen work that they accomplish.*

WED 7 JAN Jer 23:1-8, Matt 20:1-16, Psalm 99 *We pray for the Prime Minister and the members of the cabinet as they return after the Christmas break, that they would lead the country with integrity and sound judgement.*

THURS 8 JAN Jer 30:1-17, Matt 20:17-28, Psalm 46 *We pray for our parish councils and for all who serve our communities in this way, that they would be diligent in working to improve and support our villages.*

FRI 9 JAN Jer 30:18-31:9, Matt 20:29-end, Psalm 148 *We pray for wisdom for the Home Secretary as she seeks to manage immigration numbers. This is a difficult problem, but we pray that procedures would be fair and just and that genuine asylum seekers would be granted refuge.*

SAT 10 JAN Jer 31:10-17, Matt 23:1-12, Psalm 149 *We give thanks for Jennifer and we pray for inspiration and guidance for her as she begins this new calendar year.*

SUN 11 JAN Isa 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matt 3:13-end, Psalm 29 *We pray for unity across the Benefice of Farleigh, Candovers and Wield and all the church communities that, in this new year, we would work together to further God's kingdom in this place.*

MON 12 JAN Gen 1:1-19, Matt 21:1-17, Psalm 2 *Father God, we pray for your inspiration for small businesses in our benefice that they would prosper and grow.*

TUES 13 JAN Gen 1:20-2:3, Matt 21:18-32, Psalm 9 *We give thanks for the release of the Israeli hostages and the cease fire in the Middle East. We pray for the continued working out of the peace agreement and the rebuilding of lives and infrastructure.*

WED 14 JAN Gen 2:4-end, Matt 21:33-end, Psalm 20 *We give thanks for our beautiful, historic church buildings. We pray for those who look after them and for the church architect. We ask for guidance to know how to maintain them, keep them safe and finance any necessary work.*

THURS 27 NOV Isa 21:1-12, Matt 10:34-11:1, Psalm 125 *We pray for divine guidance and inspiration for negotiators attempting to bring about the end of the war in Ukraine. May there be a just and fair agreement which is upheld by both parties.*

FRI 28 NOV Isa 22:1-14, Matt 11:2-19, Psalm 139 *We pray for the Candover Valley Store "Fun on the Field" event this afternoon, that it would be a memorable community gathering. We give thanks for all who volunteer to make the business a success.*

SAT 29 NOV Isa 24, Matt 11:20-end, Psalm 145 *We continue to pray for wisdom for members of the House of Lords that God's will would be done through their decision making and voting, particularly in respect of the Assisted Suicide Bill.*

SUN 30 NOV 1st Sunday of Advent Isa 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-end, Matt 24:36-44, Psalm 122 *As we begin the Advent season, we look forward with anticipation to welcoming Christ's coming into our lives afresh. We say, "Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus."*

MON 1 DEC Andrew the Apostle, Isa 52:7-10, Matt 4:18-22, Psalm 19 *We pray for Scotland today that the government may make decisions with wisdom and all the people would know the love and presence of the Lord Jesus in their lives.*

TUES 2 DEC Isa 26:1-13, Matt 12:22-37, Psalm 80 *We give thanks for all our church wardens across the benefice. We pray for wisdom for them and for shared experience across the different churches.*

WED 3 DEC Isa 28:1-13, Matt 12:38-end, Psalm 7 *We pray for members of choirs in the benefice as they practise for Christmas services, that they may lead us in worship of the new-born king.*

THURS 4 DEC Isa 28:14-end, Matt 13:1-23, Psalm 42 *We pray for protection for Christians particularly school children in Nigeria. We pray for guidance for those looking for abducted children and for comfort for parents.*

FRI 5 DEC Isa 29:1-14, Matt 13:24-43, Psalm 25 *We pray for the Christingle service at St Leonard's this afternoon, for good attendance and that children and adults will grow to worship Jesus, the light of the world.*

SAT 6 DEC Isa 29:15-end, Matt 13:44-end, Psalm 9 *We pray for Helena Walford and William Hughes as they are married at St Mary's today. May they enjoy a long and happy marriage and know your love for them.*

SUN 7 DEC 2nd Sunday of Advent Isa 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-13, Matt 3:1-12, Psalm 72 *We pray for the Christingle and nativity service at All Saints Dummer today. May your light dawn in peoples' hearts and lives.*

MON 8 DEC Isa 30:1-18, Matt 14:1-12, Psalm 44 *We pray for Jennifer that the increased workload of ministry over the Christmas season brings joy not weariness.*

TUES 9 DEC Isa 30:19-end, Matt 14:13-end, Psalm 56 *We pray for all those we know who are ill, suffering or facing the end of this earthly life. May they know your comfort and presence and the hope of eternal life with you.*

WED 10 DEC Isa 31, Matt 15:1-20, Psalm 62 *We pray for our schools, schoolteachers and pupils that the good news of Jesus' birth will bring hope and not be lost in the secular festivities of the season.*

THURS 11 DEC Isa 32, Matt 15:21-28, Psalm 54 *We give thanks for Tricia, our administrator, and pray that you would lead and guide her in all that she does for all of us.*

FRI 12 DEC Isa 33:1-22, Matt 15:29-end, Psalm 86 *We give thanks for all who contribute to Christmas services: preachers, service leaders, musicians, flower arrangers, refreshment providers, vergers, cleaners and sidespeople. May they be blessed in their service.*

SAT 13 DEC Isa 35, Matt 16:1-12, Psalm 145 *We pray for Jeannie and Jack as they are married at St Leonard's today. Bless their marriage with joy, we pray.*

SUN 14 DEC 3rd Sunday of Advent Isa 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matt 11:2-11, Psalm 146 *We pray for those who attend the carol services at Wield and Brown Candover today to know the joy of the Lord as they worship and hear the Christmas message.*

MON 15 DEC Isa 38:1-8 & 21-22, Matt 16:13-end, Psalm 40 *We pray for safety and good humour for our post men and women and all delivery drivers during this busy time.*

TUES 16 DEC Isa 38:9-20, Matt 17:1-13, Psalm 70 *We give thanks for the children in our benefice, in the schools, pre-schools, nurseries, and those who attend church activities. Bless them as they hear the Christmas story.*

WED 17 DEC Isa 39, Matt 17:14-21, Psalm 75 *We pray for the Food Bank that all those in need will receive generous support and experience the love of Christ in action.*

THURS 18 DEC Zeph 1:1-2:3, Matt 17:22-end, Psalm 76 *We pray for the homeless and for organisations who support them over the Christmas holidays: Crisis at Christmas, the Salvation Army and others.*

FRI 19 DEC Zeph 3:1-13, Matt 18:1-20, Psalm 146 *We pray for the King and the royal family, for health, wisdom and healing of relationships. We pray that carols round the pond at Cliddesden will bring joy and hope to many people.*

SAT 20 DEC Zeph 3:14-end, Matt 18:21-end, Psalm 46 *We pray for all who have been bereaved during the past year, that they would have new hope in their lives as they consider again the good news of Christ's birth.*

SUN 21 DEC 4th Sunday of Advent Isa 7:10-16, Rom 1:1-7, Matt 1:18-end, Psalm 80 *We pray for all the carol services around the benefice today that many will come with open hearts and minds to hear and receive the new born king.*

MON 22 DEC Mal 1:1 & 6-end, Matt 19:1-12, Psalm 124 *We pray for those who are alone this Christmas time, that they may sense the presence of Jesus alongside them. Please prompt us to contact those we know who feel isolated.*

TUES 23 DEC Mal 2:1-16, Matt 19:13-15, Psalm 130 *Give us grace, Lord, to be patient and kind to others as life becomes busier at this time of year.*

WED 24 DEC Mal 2:17-3:12, Matt 19:16-end, Psalm 45 *We pray for the services around the benefice today that we would be able to put aside the last minute Christmas preparations and focus on the birth of Jesus. Holy Spirit, will you reveal yourself to those who do not yet know you.*

THURS 25 DEC Isa 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14, Psalm 96 *O Come let us adore Him and give Him all the glory. He is Christ the Lord.*

FRI 26 DEC Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr. Acts 7:51-end, Matt 10:17-22, Psalm 119:161-168 *We remember all Christian martyrs, beginning with Stephen up to the present day. We give thanks for their faith in time of death and for God's love to reach those who persecute Christians around the world.*

SAT 27 DEC John Apostle and Evangelist Ex 33:7-11a, John 21:19b-end, Psalm 117 *Help us to follow you, Lord, today and every day. To love you more dearly, see you more clearly and follow you more nearly, day by day.*

SUN 28 DEC The Holy Innocents Jer 31:15-17, 1 Cor 1:26-29, Matt 2:13-18, Psalm 124 *We pray that attempts to allow abortion up to birth in this country will fail and that the life of the unborn would be recognised and valued.*

MON 29 DEC Jonah 1, Col 1:1-14, Psalm 19 *As many families rest after the Christmas festivities, may they receive your rest and refreshment and enjoy relaxed family times.*

TUES 30 DEC Jonah 2, Col 1:15-23, Psalm 113 *As we contemplate the beginning of a new year, we thank you Lord that the future is in your hands. "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (Col 1:17)*

WED 31 DEC Jonah 3-4, Col 1:24-2:7, Psalm 102 *We pray for protection for members of our local police force and for those who provide emergency services, and ask that they would have times of recovery and rest during this busy and sometimes difficult time of the year.*

THURS 1 JAN Naming and circumcision of Jesus Num 6:22-end, Luke 2:15-21, Psalm 8 *Lord, help us to make this year count for you: quicken us, and cause us to pray more intentionally and passionately for your glory.*

FRI 2 JAN Ruth 1, Col 2:8-end, Psalm 18:1-30 *We pray for the Church of England at the beginning of this new year: for unity and for the leading of the Holy Spirit to present the gospel message to the nation and to provide moral leadership for the country.*