

Benefice of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley Prayer and Bible Reading Diary



May 2018

Welcome back this month, to the Prayer and Bible Reading Diary. Each day has a focus for prayer, including those living in roads in the benefice, and an Old and New Testament reading (from the Church of England's Morning Prayer lectionary). The diary can help us all pray together, as a community. There is no right or wrong way to pray. Include the prayers in your day, in whichever way is most natural for you. All prayer is precious to God, is heard, and a very valuable ministry.

Tuesday 1st May: Philip and James, Apostles. Proverbs 4:10-18, James 1:1-12.
Prayer: The Medical Centre and staff. Bushnells Drive, Kingsclere.

Wednesday 2nd May: Athanasius, Bishop, teacher of the faith, 4th Century.
Numbers 12, Luke 5:12-26. *Prayer: The local Fire Service in Kingsclere. Cannon's Heath, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 3rd May: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-end, Luke 5:27-end. *Prayer: Healing and reconciliation among households and families. Canon's Court, Kingsclere.*

Friday 4th May: English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation era. Numbers 14:1-25, Luke 6:1-11. *Prayer: Those recently bereaved. Cedar Drive, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 5th May: Numbers 14:26-end, Luke 6:12-26. *Prayer:* People who are sick, frail or housebound. *Chapel Lane, Ashford Hill.*

Sunday 6th May: 6th Sunday of Easter: Ezekiel 47:1-12, John 21:1-19. *Prayer:* Chris, Luke and Izzie, being confirmed today, at St Mary's Kingsclere. *Common Road, Headley.*

Monday 7th May: Rogation Day: Numbers 16:1-35, Luke 6:27-38. *Prayer:* Local farmers and producers. *Coppice Rd, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 8th May: Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, 15th Century. Numbers 16:36-end, Luke 6:39-end. *Prayer:* People who care full time for a loved one. *Cottington Close, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 9th May: Numbers 17:1-11, Luke 7:1-10. *Prayer:* People who work through the night, for our wellbeing. *The Dell, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 10th May: Ascension Day Isaiah 52:7-end, Hebrews 7:26-end. *Prayer:* For the Novena (Nine Days of Prayer) from today to Pentecost, for people to find faith, and be encouraged and grow in faith. *Ecchinswell Rd, Kingsclere.*

Friday 11th May: Numbers 20:1-13, Luke 7:11-17. *Prayer:* Headley Village Shop, and its community lunch today. *Elm Grove, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 12th May: Gregory Dix, priest and scholar, 1952: Numbers 21:4-9, Luke 7:18-35. *Prayer:* Hannington Silver Band Concert at St Mary's Church. Musicians everywhere. *Evergreen, Headley.*

Sunday 13th May: 7th Sunday of Easter Isaiah 14:3-15, Revelation 14:1-13. *Prayer:* Rev. Ben Read, his ministry and his family. *Fawconer Rd, Kingsclere.*

Monday 14th May: Matthias the Apostle 1 Samuel 2:27-35, Acts 2:37-end. *Prayer:* The Parish Councils, and those who give of their time and skills. *Feilden Court, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 15th May: Numbers 22:26-23:12, Luke 8:1-15. *Prayer:* Kingsclere, and Ashford Hill, Primary Schools. *Fieldgate Drive, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 16th May: Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877. Numbers 23:13-end, Luke 8:16-25. *Prayer:* Organisations who fight against unfairness in society. *Fox's Lane, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 17th May: Numbers 24, Luke 8:26-39. *Prayer:* The Bus of Hope in Kingsclere, and for young people to thrive. *Garden Close, Kingsclere.*

Friday 18th May: Numbers 27:12-end, Luke 8:40-end. *Prayer:* Secondary schools and Sixth Form Colleges locally. *Garrett Close, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 19th May: Dunstan, Archbishop and reformer, 10th Century Numbers 32:1-27, Luke 9:1-17. *Prayer:* Prince Harry and Meghan, marrying today. *Galley Lane, Headley.*

Sunday 20th May: Pentecost Isaiah 11:1-9, 1 Corinthians 12:4-13. *Prayer:* The Baptism and Thanksgiving at St Mary's Kingsclere today. *George St, Kingsclere.*

Monday 21st May: Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 4th Century Joshua 1, Luke 9:18-27. *Prayer:* The people of Kyankowe (Mityana), linked with our Deanery. *Goose Hill, Headley.*

Tuesday 22nd May: Joshua 2, Luke 9:28-36. *Prayer:* Prayer Groups and prayer times in the benefice. *Greenlands Road, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 23rd May: Joshua 3, Luke 9:37-50. *Prayer:* Hope Now (charity helping disadvantaged children in Ukraine, with links to this benefice). *Hardy's Field, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 24th May: John and Charles Wesley Joshua 4:1-5:1, Luke 9:51-end. *Prayer:* Our Methodist friends, and ecumenical friendships everywhere. *Highams Close, Kingsclere.*

Friday 25th May: The Venerable Bede, monk and scholar, and Aldhelm, bishop (both 8th Century) Joshua 5:2-end, Luke 10:1-6. *Prayer:* Of thanks - for rich tradition and scholarship handed down by people of faith of earlier times. *Hollowshott Lane, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 26th May: Augustine, bishop, 7th Century Joshua 6:1-20, Luke 10:17-24. *Prayer:* People living with mental illness, and those who support them. *Hook Road, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 27th May: Trinity Sunday Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, 2 Corinthians 13:11-end. *Prayer:* People who are lonely, or believe themselves to be unloved. *Hollycroft, Ashford Hill.*

Monday 28th May: Lanfranc, monk and scholar, 11th Century Joshua 7:1-15, Luke 10:25-37. *Prayer:* Families on holiday this week. *Holt Cottages, Ashford Hill.*

Tuesday 29th May: Joshua 7:16-end, Luke 10:38-end. *Prayer:* Parents who have little or no family support. *Holdrops Hill, Headley.*

Wednesday 30th May: Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906 Joshua 8:1-29, Luke 11:1-13. *Prayer:* Organisations which support children and families. *Hollybush, Headley.*

Thursday 31st May: Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi) Deuteronomy 8:2-16, 1 Corinthians 10:1-17. *Prayer:* For Christians who are persecuted. *Keeps Meadow, Kingsclere.*

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