

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



## September 2018

**Welcome** to the Prayer and Bible Reading Diary. Each day has a focus for prayer, including for those living in different 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 is very valuable.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept: Giles, hermit, c.710.** 2 Samuel 24, Acts 13:1-12.

*Prayer:* For more time in busy lives, for stillness, noticing, thankfulness.  
*Canon's Court, Kingsclere.*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** Jonah 3:1-9, Revelation 3:14-end. *Prayer:* For the 9.15 breakfasts and worship at St Mary's; for new friendships with people from Burghclere. *Cedar Drive, Kingsclere.*

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604.** 1 Kings 1:5-31, Acts 13:13-43. *Prayer:* For children returning to school this week. *Chapel Lane, Ashford Hill*

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept: Birinus, bishop, 650.** 1 Kings 1:32-2:4, 10-12, Acts 13:44-14:7. *Prayer:* For all very young children, starting school for the first time this week. *Common Road, Headley.*

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept:** I Kings 3, Acts 14:8-end. *Prayer:* For all parents, whose very young children are starting school for the first time. *Coppice Road, Kingsclere.*

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept: Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851.** I Kings 4:29-5:12, Acts 15:1-21. *Prayer:* For all 11 year olds, starting new secondary schools this week. *Cottington Close, Kingsclere.*

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept:** I Kings 6:1, 11-28, Acts 15:22-35. *Prayer:* For Ben our vicar, in his ministry, and in his home life. *The Dell, Kingsclere.*

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept: Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** I Kings 8:1-30, Acts 15:36-16:5. *Prayer:* For our local councils; for wise and compassionate decision-making about new housing. *Ecchinswell Road, Kingsclere.*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** Jonah 3:10-4:11, Revelation 8:1-5. *Prayer:* For the traditional and faithful congregation at St Peter's, Headley; for a gentle acceptance of the preciousness of different styles of worship, in helping people to feel close to God. *Elm Grove, Kingsclere.*

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept:** I Kings 8:31-62, Acts 16:6-24. *Prayer:* For all who volunteer at the Headley Shop; thankfulness for its great community involvement and support. *Evergreen, Headley.*

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept:** I Kings 8:63-9:9, Acts 16:25-end. *Prayer:* For all older students, starting College and A level courses this week. *Fawconer Road, Kingsclere.*

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept:** I Kings 10:1-25, Acts 17:1-15. *Prayer:* For Busy Bees and all pre-school groups in this benefice; for very small children to feel at ease with each other and enjoy themselves. *Fielden Court, Kingsclere.*

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept: John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407.** I Kings 11:1-13, Acts 17:16-end. *Prayer:* For the work of the Pastoral Visiting Group, and for the flourishing of neighbourliness and contact with people who may be isolated (if they want it!) everywhere. *Fieldgate Crescent, Kingsclere.*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Holy Cross Day.** Genesis 3:1-15, John 12: 27-36a.  
*Prayer:* For Charlotte and Gary, getting married today at St Mary's Church. *Fieldgate Drive, Kingsclere.*

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept: Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258.** I Kings 12:1-24, Acts 18:22-19:7. *Prayer:* For the Newbury Show this weekend. For farmers, smallholders and horticulturalists of every sort; thankfulness for their great contribution to life. *Fire Station, Kingsclere.*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** Isaiah 44:24-45:8, Revelation 12:1-12. *Prayer:* For Messy Worship, and Holy Communion, at St Mary's this morning; for all who lead in any way, and all who come along. *Foxes Lane, Kingsclere.*

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179.** I Kings 12:25-13:10, Acts 19:8-20. *Prayer:* For ABC (Adults, Babies and Children) worship and friendship at St Mary's this morning. *Garden Close, Kingsclere.*

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept:** I Kings 13:11-end, Acts 19:21-end. *Prayer:* For God's blessing on Messy Church, this afternoon, at Kingsclere Primary School. *Garrett Close, Kingsclere.*

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept: Theodore, archbishop, 690.** I Kings 17, Acts 20:1-16. *Prayer:* For the small and faithful congregation at Rose Hodson Court, meeting for Holy Communion this morning. *Galley Lane, Headley.*

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: John Coleridge Patteson, bishop, and companions, martyrs.** I Kings 18:1-20, Acts 20:17-end. *Prayer:* For continuing and flourishing of friendship with Roman Catholic and Methodist friends in the benefice and wider afield. *George Street, Kingsclere.*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.** I Kings 19:15-end, 2 Timothy 3:14-end. *Prayer:* For all who are recently bereaved, especially those who have lost loved ones very young, before their time, and those approaching anniversaries. *Goose Hill, Headley.*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** I Kings 19, Acts 21:17-36. *Prayer:* For Kate and Elliot, whose wedding takes place at St Paul's Ashford Hill today. *Greenlands Road, Kingsclere.*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** Isaiah 45:9-22, Revelation 14:1-5. *Prayer:* For the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's, this evening. For the faithful congregation there, and all who give of their time, year round. *Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers.*

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 1 Kings 21, Acts 21:37-22:12. *Prayer:* For Kingsclere PCC meeting tonight. *Youth Clubs and Groups in the benefice.*

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept: Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626. Serges of Rodonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392.** 1 Kings 22:1-28, Acts 22:22-23:11. *Prayer:* For all who will be moving into the new houses at Ashford Hill; for a warm welcome, and blessing on their new homes. *Hardy's Field, Kingsclere.*

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942.** 1 Kings 22:29-45, Acts 23:12-end. *Prayer:* For Ashford Hill School, as it welcomes children from the new houses. *Highams Close, Headley.*

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660.** 2 Kings 1:2-17, Acts 24:1-23. *Prayer:* For all communities where new housing developments are being built; for warm welcome, new friendships and a sense of belonging. *Hollowshot Lane, Kingsclere.*

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 2 Kings 2:1-18, Acts 24:24-25:12. *Prayer:* For all who have newly moved to residential care and for those contemplating it; for peace of mind, ability to adapt, a suitable place. *Hook Road, Kingsclere.*

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept: Michael and All Angels.** Tobit 12:6-end, Acts 12:1-11. *Prayer:* Thankfulness for all volunteers, in all walks of life, and of the time and skills they offer. *Hollycroft, Ashford Hill.*

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** Isaiah 48:12-end, Luke 11:37-end. *Prayer:* For the breakfast and Harvest Worship this morning at St Mary's, Kingsclere. *Holt Cotts, Ashford Hill.*

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