

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



October 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 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, and is a very valuable ministry.

Monday 1st Oct: Remigius, bishop, 533. Anthony Ashley Cooper (Early of Shaftesbury), social reformer, 1885. Ps. 80, 2 Kings 5, Acts 26:1-23 *Prayer:* For St Luke's Church, Kyankowe, Uganda; Rev Mark and lay reader Livingstone. *Holdrops Hill, Headley*

Tuesday 2nd Oct: Ps.89:1-18, 2 Kings 6:1-23, Acts 26:24-end. *Prayer:* For the Women's Project and Community Fund in Kyankowe; that women can gain more financial independence. *Hollybush, Headley*

Wednesday 3rd Oct: George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958. Ps.119: 105-128, 2 Kings 9:1-16, Acts 27:1-26. *Prayer:* For friendships and faith to grow, through the Supper, Prayer and Praise event at East End tonight. *Keeps Meadow, Kingsclere*

Thursday 4th Oct: Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226. Ps. 92, 2 Kings 9:17-end, Acts 27:27-end. *Prayer:* Thankfulness for the contemplative and creation-loving Franciscans today. *Kevin Close, Kingsclere.*

Friday 5th Oct: Ps. 88, 2 Kings 12:1-19, Acts 28:1-16. *Prayer:* For Kingsclere School Harvest Thanksgiving today, that generous hearts are encouraged. *Knightsbridge Driver, Headley.*

Saturday 6th Oct: William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536. Ps 97, 2 Kings 17:1-23, Acts 28:17-end. *Prayer:* For Caroline and Jonathon, getting married today at St Paul's, Ashford Hill. *King John Road, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 7th Oct: 19th Sunday after Trinity. Ps. 123, 124, Isaiah 49:13-23, Luke 12:1-12. *Prayer:* For all worship today in the benefice; for Ben in his ministry.

Monday 8th Oct: Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ps 98, 2 Kings 17:24-end, Philippians 1:1-11 *Prayer:* For the meeting of the Ashford Hill Parish Council tonight and thankfulness for all who give of their time for the village. *King John Court, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 9th Oct: Denys, bishop, and companions, martyrs, c.250. Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253. Ps 106, 2 Kings 18:1-12, Philippians 1: 12-end. *Prayer:* For all young people leaving home for the first time to start University this week. *Kingsclere Primary School, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 10th Oct: Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644. Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674. Ps 111, 2 Kings 18:13-end, Philippians 2:1-13. *Prayer:* Give thanks for spiritual writers and mystics through the centuries, and for the rich inspiration they provide. *Ashford Hill School, Ashford Hill.*

Thursday 11th Oct: Ethelburga, abbess, 675. James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th cent. Ps 115, 2 Kings 19:1-19, Philippians 2:14-end. *Prayer:* For Ashford Hill School's open day, and for the Bus of Hope outreach tonight in Kingsclere. *Cheam School, Headley.*

Friday 12th Oct: Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709. Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845. Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915. Ps 139, 2 Kings 19:20-36, Philippians 3:1-4:1 *Prayer:* For Headley Shop lunch today, that community spirit will be built up. *Knowle Hill, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 13th Oct: Edward the Confessor, king, 1066. Ps 121, 2 Kings 20, Philippians 4:2-end *Prayer:* For young people who have had to start at Uni and College, not of their first choice. That all will go well. *Knowle Crescent, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 14th Oct: 20th Sunday after Trinity. Ps 129, Isaiah 50:4-10, Luke 13:22-30 *Prayer:* That recent Harvest Thanksgiving services have inspired us to be more generous.

Monday 15th Oct: Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582. Ps 126, 2 Kings 21:1-18, 1 Timothy 1:1-17 *Prayer:* Gratitude for contemplative Christian people through the centuries, inspiring us to this day. *Larch Drive, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 16th Oct: Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555. Ps 132, 2 Kings 22:1-23:3, 1 Timothy 1:18-end of 2 *Prayer:* To learn from our brothers and sisters in Kyankowe, Uganda, to be faithful and visible Christians. *Greenacre, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 17th Oct: Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c.107. Ps 119:153-end, 2 Kings 23:4-25, 1 Timothy 3 *Prayer:* For Kyankowe Primary and Boarding School, to be able to provide good education. *Leisure Activities and Clubs.*

Thursday 18th Oct: Luke the Evangelist. Psalm 145, 146, Isaiah 55, Luke 1:1-4 *Prayer:* For flourishing of the new Youth Bible Study and friendship group on Thursday evenings. *Link Road, Kingsclere.*

Friday 19th Oct: Henry Martyn, translator, missionary, 1812. Ps 144, 2 Kings 24:18-25:12, 1 Timothy 5:1-16 *Prayer:* For people everywhere, struggling with life: today, young people, for help to withstand peer pressure leading towards addictions and crime. *The Litten, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 20th Oct: Ps 147, 2 Kings 25:22-end, 1 Timothy 5:17-end *Prayer:* For Kelly and Matt, being married today at St Mary's, and for the Sprinkles Concert tonight at St Paul's. *Longcroft Road, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 21st Oct: 21st Sunday after Trinity. Ps 133, 134, Isaiah 54:1-14, Luke 13:31-end. *Prayer:* For the work of Foodbanks everywhere, and for those who have to use them; for social change, where there is lack of care for us all, when we are vulnerable.

Monday 22nd Oct: Ps 1, 2, 3, Judith 4, 1 Timothy 6:1-10 *Prayer:* For God's blessing on the work of plasterers and decorators working from now till Christmas in St Mary's church; thankfulness for those who give so much of their time and skill to organise this. *The Lines, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 23rd Oct: Ps 5, 6, Judith 5:1-6:4, 1 Timothy 6:11-end *Prayer:* (See 19th, above) - for adults, too, and for families where relationships are under great strain as a result. *Love Lane, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 24th Oct: Ps 119:1-32, Judith 6:10-7:7, 2 Timothy 1:1-14 *Prayer:* For the work of the Ashford Hill Educational Trust, who are meeting tonight. *Mill Green, Headley.*

Thursday 25th Oct: Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs, c.287. Ps 15, Judith 7:19-end, 2 Timothy 1:15-2:13 *Prayer:* For young people newly away from home at University, who are homesick and struggling. *Newbury Road, Kingsclere.*

Friday 26th Oct: Alfred, king, scholar, 899. Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664. Ps 19, Judith 8:9-end, 2 Timothy 2:14-end *Prayer:* Of thanks, for King Alfred and his wonderful initiation of education and learning in this country!

Harrow Drive, Headley.

Saturday 27th Oct: Ps 23, Judith 9, 2 Timothy 3 *Prayer:* For Constance and Alfie, marrying today at St Paul's, Ashford Hill. *North Street, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 28th Oct: Simon and Jude, Apostles. Ps 116, 117, Wisdom 5:1-16, Luke 6:12-16 *Prayer:* For Ben, to find balance and rest, between ministry and home life

Monday 29th Oct: James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885. Ps 30, Judith 10, 2 Timothy 4:1-8 *Prayer:* For pastoral workers and counsellors in Universities and colleges. For students to have good friends who will encourage them to seek emotional help when needed. *Old Burghclere Road, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 30th Oct: Ps 36, Judith 11, 2 Timothy 4:9-end *Prayer:* For counselling services everywhere, and more awareness and openness about low mood and isolation. That we will be truly good neighbours. *Old Lane, Ashford Hill.*

Wednesday 31st Oct: Martin Luther, reformer, 1546. Ps 34, Judith 12, Titus 1 *Prayer:* For all who have been recently bereaved, or whose anniversaries are near this time. Again, may we all be good neighbours and aware. *The Old Bakery, Kingsclere.*

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