



Benefice of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley Prayer and Bible Reading Diary January 2019

***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, and is a very valuable ministry.*

Tuesday 1st Jan: Naming and circumcision of Jesus. Ps 103, Genesis 17:1-13, Romans 2:17-end. *Prayer:* For the whole world, at the start of the year: for peace, reconciliation, healing. *Medical Centre & staff, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 2nd Jan: Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389. Ps 18:1-30, Isaiah 60:1-12, John 1:35-42. *Prayer:* For an eagerness to learn from spiritual guides and teachers of earlier centuries – their richness of faith, and their wisdom. *Dental Surgery, Kingsclere*

Thursday 3rd Jan: Nicholas, bishop, c.326. Ps 127, Isaiah 60:13-end, John 1:43-end. *Prayer:* For people who are struggling with debt; for agencies who provide support. *Anchor Yard, Kingsclere.*

Friday 4th Jan: Ps 89, Isaiah 61, John 2:1-12. *Prayer:* For people whose relationships with family have been strained over Christmas; for gentleness and rebuilding, and for agencies who help. *Ash Grove, Kingsclere*

Saturday 5th Jan: Ps 48, Isaiah 62, John 2:13-end. *Prayer:* Of thanks, for all the relationships we have that are encouraging and good, whether family, friend, neighbour or random people encountered. *Ashford Hill Road, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 6th Jan: Epiphany. Ps 132, Jeremiah 31:7-14, John 1:29-34. *Prayer:* At Epiphany: for new awareness of the wonder of Christ with us, in the many

different ways we will each experience this; help us see Christ in each person we meet (friend or stranger).

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Monday 7th Jan: Ps 99, Isaiah 63:7-end, I John 3. *Prayer:* For children returning to school this week. For Ashford Hill PCC, and the Pastoral Visitors' team, who both have meetings tonight. *Ashford Hill Road, Headley.*

Tuesday 8th Jan: Ps 46, Isaiah 64, 1 John 4:7-end. *Prayer:* For teachers at Ashford Hill, and Kingsclere School, and for all other people who work at the schools and help pupils in many ways. *Ashford Hill Road, Thatcham.*

Wednesday 9th Jan: Ps 148, Isaiah 65:1-16, 1 John 5:1-12. *Prayer:* For students with GCSE and A level mock exams this term. *Basingstoke Road, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 10th Jan: William Laud, archbishop, 1645. Ps 149, Isaiah 65:17-end, 1 John 5:13-end. *Prayer:* For the work of the Kingsclere Standing Committee, meeting tonight. *Bear Hill, Kingsclere.*

Friday 11th Jan: Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915. Ps 150, Isaiah 66:1-11, 2 John. *Prayer:* Of thanks, for the Internet; how it enables us to be connected with people everywhere and have such access to knowledge and information. *Beenham Place Road, Headley.*

Saturday 12th Jan: Aelred, abbot, 1167. Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689. Ps 96, Isaiah 66:12-23, 3 John. *Prayer:* For tackling and overcoming of harm done, through misuse of the internet: cyber bullying and all forms of cruelty and mis-information. For *Brimley Hill Court, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 13th Jan: Baptism of Christ. 2nd Sunday of Epiphany. Ps 89, Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 19:1-7. *Prayer:* For families everywhere, preparing for the baptism of a child; for the widest understanding and encouragement of baptism.

Monday 14th Jan: Ps 2, Amos 1, 1 Corinthians 1:1-17. *Prayer:* For the work of Kingsclere PCC, meeting tonight, for good relationships; sharing ideas, listening, encouraging. *Brimpton Common, Reading.*

Tuesday 15th Jan: Ps 9, Amos 2, 1 Corinthians 1:18-end. *Prayer:* For the flourishing of our links and friendships with Kyankowe, Uganda, and for the Deanery Visit. *Byfields Road, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 16th Jan: Ps 20, Amos 3, 1 Corinthians 2. *Prayer:* For carers, providing 24 hour care for loved ones; for Carer Agencies, and staff, that they will all have very high standards and kindness. *Bushnells Drive, Kingsclere.*



Thursday 17th Jan: Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356. Ps 92, Amos 4, 1 Corinthians 3.

Prayer: For a greater appreciation of the value of contemplative prayer and quietness, in busy, active lives. *Cannon Heath, Kingsclere.*

Friday 18th Jan: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January. Ps 67, Amos 5:1-17, 1 Corinthians 4. *Prayer:* For friendships and good understanding, between Christian churches of all traditions; for willingness to be enriched by each other's lives and faith. For this benefice's Day of Prayer, today. *Canon's Court, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 19th Jan: Wulfstan, bishop, 1095. Ps 97, Amos 5:18-end, 1 Corinthians 5. *Prayer:* For Ben in his ministry, and in his family life. *Cedar Drive, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 20th Jan: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. Ps 145:1-13, Isaiah 49:1-7, Acts 16:11-15. *Prayer:* For Lottie, being baptised today at St Mary's and for her Godparents and family.

Monday 21st Jan: Agnes, child martyr, 304. Ps 146, Amos 6, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11. *Prayer:* For the environment: for us to notice plastic when we buy things, and to choose things with less. *Chapel Lane, Ashford Hill.*

Tuesday 22nd Jan: Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304. Ps 132, Amos 7, 1 Corinthians 6:12-end. *Prayer:* For wise use of vehicles, only when necessary; more provision and use of buses, more safe cycle lanes. *Common Road, Headley.*

Wednesday 23rd Jan: Ps 81, Amos 8, 1 Corinthians 7:1-24. *Prayer:* For all schools' initiatives to encourage children to walk more, to enjoy fresh air, to understand the need to protect the environment. *Coppice Road, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 24th Jan: Francis Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622. Ps 76, Amos 9, 1 Corinthians 7:25-end. *Prayer:* For initiatives to encourage children

(and all of us) to use screens less and to talk directly to each other more. For friendship. *Cottington Close, Kingsclere.*

Friday 25th Jan: Conversion of Paul. Ps 66, Ezekiel 3:22-end, Philippians 3: 1-14. *Prayer:* Of thanks, for the ministry of St Paul; for Bible commentators of different standpoints, through the ages, who help us understand his rich teaching. *The Dell, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 26th Jan: Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul. Ps 122, Hosea 2:2-17, 1 Corinthians 9:1-14. *Prayer:* Of thanks, for those who have inspired us in our faith, through kindness and selflessness, and general good humour, as much as by words. *Ecchinswell Road, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 27th Jan: 4th Sunday of Epiphany. Ps 113, Deuteronomy 30:11-15, 3 John 1:5-8. *Prayer:* For all refugees and asylum-seekers, who risk life, to come to this country. For all agencies, churches and individuals who provide a welcome, and practical help.

Monday 28th Jan: Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274. Ps 108, Hosea 2:18-end of 3, 1 Corinthians 9:15-end. *Prayer:* "Love God...and your neighbour as yourself"; refugees are our brother and sister. For us all, as we reflect on this. For Ashford Hill PCC, meeting tonight. *Elm Grove, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 29th Jan: Ps 36, Hosea 4: 1-16, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. *Prayer:* For the Medical Centre, and everyone who works there; for the NHS. *Evergreen, Headley.*

Wednesday 30th Jan: Charles, king and martyr, 1649. Ps 45, Hosea 5:1-7, 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1. *Prayer:* For all who are moving house: those moving here, and those moving away; that all will settle quickly, and make friends. *Fawconer Road, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 31st Jan: Ps 47, Hosea 5:8-6:6, 1 Corinthians 11:2-16. *Prayer:* For the "Holiday at Home" day, at St Mary's, for friendship and enjoyment to flourish. *Fielden Court, Kingsclere.*

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