

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

February 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, is heard, and a very valuable ministry.

Friday 1st Feb: Brigid, abbess, c.525. Exodus 13:1-16, Romans 12:1-5 *Prayer:* For politicians; for wisdom, and courage to pull together, for the greatest good, in the Brexit negotiations. *Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 2nd Feb: Hosea 14, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *Prayer:* For the Kingsclere Care Group and all who offer transport to hospital and doctor's appointments. *Fieldgate Drive, Kingsclere*

Sunday 3rd Feb: Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 *Prayer:* For a deep sense of wonder, for Jesus as light of the world; the rich symbolism of candles, in worship, traditionally blessed this Sunday.

Monday 4th Feb: Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189. 1 Chronicles 10:1-11:9, John 13:1-11 *Prayer:* for Ben, taking the funeral at Headley this morning, and for the mourners; for families everywhere who have recently lost loved ones. *Fox's Lane, Kingsclere*

Tuesday 5th Feb: 1 Chronicles 13, John 13:12-20 *Prayer:* For all who will be at the Tuesday Bible Group, today, as they study the letter to the Hebrews; and in gratitude for the richness of scripture. *Garden Close, Kingsclere.*



Wednesday 6th Feb: Martyrs of Japan, 1597. Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952. 1 Chronicles 15:1-16:3, John 13:21-30. Prayer: For Elizabeth our Queen; her fine example of service, for such a great span of time. *Fire Station, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 7th Feb: 1 Chronicles 17, John 13:31-end Prayer: For people caring for a loved one who is near the end of life. *Garrett Close, Kingsclere.*

Friday 8th Feb: 1 Chronicles 21:1-22:2, John 14:1-14 Prayer: For Headley Shop Community Lunch today, to provide good companionship and community spirit. *King John Court, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 9th Feb: 1 Chronicles 22:2-end, John 14:15-end Prayer: For the benefice Vision Day, being held at Kingsclere School. *Galley Lane, Headley.*

Sunday 10th Feb: 4th Sunday before Lent. Jeremiah 26:1-16, Acts 3:1-10 Prayer: For all types of worship being held today, in this benefice and further afield, that God's wisdom and grace can comfort/inspire/challenge/strengthen according to all our different circumstances and need.

Monday 11th Feb: 1 Chronicles 28:1-10, John 15:1-11 Prayer: For everyone who will be part of the BMAP meeting today, following the Vision Day; that the church, here, shows the compassionate teaching and example of Jesus, towards everyone, inside and outside the church. *Goose Hill, Headley.*

Tuesday 12th Feb: 1 Chronicles 28:11-end, John 15:12-17 Prayer: For farmers at lambing time; for kind husbandry of all animals. *Greenlands Road, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 13th Feb: 1 Chronicles 29:1-9, John 15:18-end Prayer: For "The Bible Course" running at the moment; that scripture can be delved into and meditated upon, in all its richness, and pondered from all angles. *Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Busy Bees Pre-school*

Thursday 14th Feb: Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869 and 885.

Valentine, martyr at Rome, 269. 1 Chronicles 29:10-20, John 16:1-16 Prayer: For the Youth Bible Study and Friendship group meeting tonight. *George Street, Kingsclere.*

Friday 15th Feb: Sigfrid, bishop, 1045. Thomas Bray, priest, founder of SPCK and SPG, 1730. 1 Chronicles 29:21-end, John 16:16-22 *Prayer:* For the Medical Centre, now it is linked with Overton; gratitude for the brilliant health care we have compared to many parts of the world. *Hardy's Field, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 16th Feb: 2 Chronicles 1:1-13, John 16:23-end *Prayer:* Thankfulness for all the friendship, sport and hobby groups that we have in the benefice, and that people will feel welcomed when they join. *Highams Close, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 17th Feb: 3rd Sunday before Lent. Jeremiah 30:1-3, 10-22, Acts 6 *Prayer:* For teachers, and children, at the start of half term, for rest and enjoyment during the week to come

Monday 18th Feb: 2 Chronicles 2:1-16, John 17:1-5 *Prayer:* For all who lead or come to, the ABC worship at St Mary's this morning. *Hook Road, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 19th Feb: 2 Chronicles 3, John 17:6-19 *Prayer:* For finding the time to rest, and enjoy just being; human beings, not human doings. *Beavers.*

Wednesday 20th Feb: 2 Chronicles 5, John 17:20-end *Prayer:* For the flourishing of our links and friendship with Kyankowe, Uganda. *Hollycroft, Ashford Hill*



Thursday 21st Feb: 2 Chronicles 6:1-21, John 18:1-11 *Prayer:* To encourage each other to be creative; to enjoy this gift from God, which we all have in different ways. *Holt Cottages, Ashford Hill.*

Friday 22nd Feb: 2 Chronicles 6:22-end, John 18:12-27 *Prayer:* For migrants and refugees; for softening of heart of all nations, to help people start new lives. *Holdrops Hill, Headley.*

Saturday 23rd Feb: Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c.155. 2 Chronicles 7, John 18:28-end *Prayer:* For people looking after loved ones, that they find agencies and professional carers readily, who can provide good help. *Hollybush, Headley.*

Sunday 24th Feb: 2nd Sunday before Lent. Job 28:1-11, Acts 14:8-17 *Prayer:* For Ben in his ministry, and in his home life

Monday 25th Feb: 2 Chronicles 9:1-12, John 19:1-6 *Prayer:* For the work of all churchwardens in the benefice, particularly those at Headley and Ashford Hill, meeting tonight. *Keeps Mead, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 26th Feb: 2 Chronicles 10:1-11:4, John 19:17-30 *Prayer:* For the Police Service, for the dangers officers face; for police who are under stress. For special constables. *Kevin Close, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 27th Feb: George Herbert, Priest, poet, 1633. 2 Chronicles 12, John 19:31-end *Prayer:* For people who are involved in trials and inquests that are distressing and lengthy, related to loved ones wronged/injured/killed. *Knightsbridge Drive, Headley.*

Thursday 28th Feb: 2 Chronicles 13:1-14:1, John 20:1-10 *Prayer:* For people everywhere who work as volunteers. *King John Road, Kingsclere.*

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