



Benefice of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Prayer and Bible Reading Diary

MARCH 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 Mar: David, bishop and patron of Wales c.601. 2 Chronicles 14:2-end, John 20:11-18 *Prayer:* For people who are housebound, and for their carers *King John Court, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 2nd Mar: Chad, bishop, missionary, 672. 2 Chronicles 15: 1-15, John 20:19-end. *Prayer:* For professional carers and agencies; for increase in good provision, as there is more need in society. *Kingsclere Business Park, Kingsclere*

Sunday 3rd Mar: Sunday next before Lent. Exodus 33:17-end, 1 John 3:1-3. *Prayer:* For all times of worship today: that it might help us to feel loved by God, connected to all people and to nature, responding to our neighbour in need, and receiving love and help from others, in turn.

Monday 4th Mar: Jeremiah 1, John 3:1-21. *Prayer:* For the work of Kingsclere's PCC, meeting this evening; gratitude for those who give of their time, and for support and encouragement for them. *Kingsclere Primary School, Kingsclere*

Tuesday 5th Mar: Jeremiah 2:1-13, John 3:22-end. *Prayer:* For healing and reconciliation among households and families. *Ashford Hill School, Ashford Hill.*

Wednesday 6th Mar: Ash

Wednesday. Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19, 1 Timothy 6:6-19. *Prayer:* For a spirit of prayer and reflection, at the start of Lent; for quiet growth in faith. *Cheam School, Headley.*



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Thursday 7th Mar:

Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs, 203. Jeremiah 2:14-32, John 4:1-26. *Prayer:* For teachers of the faith throughout the ages, and today; for their richness and different approaches, helping each of us in our different personalities, to question, and deepen our faith. *Knowl Hill, Kingsclere.*

Friday 8th Mar: Edward King, bishop, 1910. Felix, bishop, 647. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest, poet, 1929. Jeremiah 3:6-22, John 4: 27-42. *Prayer:* For people who watch throughout the night, through work or duty, or because they cannot sleep. *Knowle Crescent, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 9th Mar: Jeremiah 4:1-18, John 4:43-end. *Prayer:* People living with mental illnesses, and those who support them. *Larch Drive, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 10th Mar: 1st Sunday of Lent. Micah 6:1-8, Luke 5:27-end. *Prayer:* For Ben, our vicar, for Rev. Neil Britton who offers so much help, for clergy everywhere, in their ministry, and all that they give of themselves.

Monday 11th Mar: Jeremiah 4:19-end, John 5:1-18. *Prayer:* For the Ashford Hill and Headley PCC, meeting tonight; for individuals' time and public spiritedness – and that they will receive encouragement and support in their role. *Greenacre, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 12th Mar: Jeremiah 5:1-19, John 5:19-29. *Prayer:* For those recently bereaved, and for those marking the anniversary of the death of someone close, this month. *Leisure Activities and Clubs in the Benefice.*

Wednesday 13th Mar: Jeremiah 5:20-end, John 5:30-end. *Prayer:* For those who believe themselves to be lonely or unloved. *Link Road, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 14th Mar: For Lent groups everywhere: that groups can be a space for people to explore and question openly and freely, learning from each other, all acknowledging our limited grasp of things! *The Litten, Kingsclere.*

Friday 15th Mar: Jeremiah 6:22-end, John 6:16-27. *Prayer:* For all in public life: our MP and local councillors. *Longcroft Road, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 16th Mar: Jeremiah 7:1-20, John 6:27-40. *Prayer:* For people moving home, into and out of Kingsclere, Ashford Hill, Headley; for people who will be coming to live in the new houses in Ashford Hill. For all to find friendly neighbours and communities. *The Lines, Kingsclere.*



Sunday 17th Mar: 2nd Sunday of Lent. Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 11:13-24. *Prayer:* For children being baptised today; for Mylo Thomas, here in this benefice. For love and wisdom for parents and Godparents in the years ahead.

Monday 18th Mar: Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386. Jeremiah 7:21-end, John 6:41-51. *Prayer:* For all who work in shops, and the retail industry; for all whose jobs are insecure because of the times we live in. Of gratitude, for those who serve us so well in our shops here. *Love Lane, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 19th Mar: Joseph of Nazareth. Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 13:54-end. *Prayer:* For young people from Kingsclere, Ashford Hill and Headley, who are away at University. *Mill Green, Headley.*

Wednesday 20th Mar: Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687. Jeremiah 8:18-9:11, John 6:60-end. *Prayer:* For places of Retreat, in wild and remote areas, providing space, prayer, silence, rest, connection with our forebears and with wild beauty; Lindisfarne, and others. *Newbury Road, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 21st Mar: Thomas Cranmer, archbishop, Reformation martyr, 1556. Jeremiah 9:12-24, John 7:1-13. *Prayer:* On this first day of spring: of gratitude for the beauty of nature; for protection of all wild places and habitats. *Harrow Drive, Headley.*

Friday 22nd Mar: Jeremiah 10:1-16, John 7:14-24. *Prayer:* For all decisions made as a result of the Vision Day; that our churches connect generously with everyone living in these villages, Christ's teaching "to love one another as I have loved you" to be behind everything, and towards all. *North Street, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 23rd Mar: Jeremiah 10:17-24, John 7:25-36. *Prayer:* For Ben in his funeral ministry; for local Funeral Directors, and for all who offer spiritual and practical help to the bereaved. *Old Burghclere Road, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 24th Mar: 3rd Sunday of Lent. Deuteronomy 6:4-9, John 17:1a, 11b-19. *Prayer:* For all who welcome people and take any part in worship, this Sunday, and every Sunday.

Monday 25th Mar: Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Romans 5:12-end. *Prayer:* For all couples coming for marriage, in the benefice; for Ben, and those others who offer preparation. *Old Lane, Ashford Hill.*



Tuesday 26th Mar: Harriet Monsell, founder of the Community of John the Baptist, 1883.

Jeremiah 11:18-12:6, John 7:53-8:11. *Prayer:* For all who receive Home Communion. *Kevin Close, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 27th Mar: George Herbert, Priest, poet, 1633. Jeremiah 13:1-11, John 8:1-30. *Prayer:* Of gratitude to poets, who use words, images, and depth of emotion, to help us to see new truths and possibilities in our daily experiences of life. *The Old Bakery, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 28th Mar: Jeremiah 14, John 8:31-47. *Prayer:* For those entering and leaving this life, and those accompanying them. *Popes Hill, Kingsclere.*

Friday 29th Mar: Jeremiah 15:10-end, John 8:48-end. *Prayer:* For all migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. *Plaistow Green, Ashford Hill.*

Saturday 30th Mar: Jeremiah 16:10 -17:4. *Prayer:* For people who live in poor or insecure accommodation; for housing agencies, and for initiatives that help people find permanent places to live. *Plaistow Green, Headley.*

Sunday 31st Mar: 4th Sunday of Lent. Genesis 37:3-4, 12-end, 1 Peter 2:16-end. *Prayer:* Those who are searching for work or training, especially young people.

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