

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

April 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 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.*

Monday 1st Apr: Frederick Denison Maurice, priest, teacher of the faith, 1872. Jeremiah 17:5-18, John 9:18-end. *Prayer:* Of gratitude for all teachers of the faith over the generations; for their wisdom and inspiration. For the Annual Meeting tonight at St Mary's, and for those who will be voted in, to serve the church (on PCC) over the next three years *Paynes Close, Headley.*

Tuesday 2nd Apr: Jeremiah 18:1-12, John 10:1-10 *Prayer:* Jeremiah 18:1-12, John 10:1-10. *Prayer:* For Messy Church today at Kingsclere School, and for Messy Church ministry everywhere. *St Peter's Close, Headley.*

Wednesday 3rd Apr: Jeremiah 18:13-end, John 10:11-21 *Prayer:* For Kingsclere School, as it holds its Easter Service at St Mary's today; for teachers, staff, pupils, governors and all who contribute to school life. *The Paddock, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 4th Apr: Jeremiah 19:1-13, John 10:22-end *Prayer:* For our Government, as Brexit continues; for wisdom, the courage to compromise, and for goodwill towards each other, that other vital issues for society may once again be addressed. *The Pellews, Kingsclere.*

Friday 5th Apr: Jeremiah 19:4-20:6, John 11:1-16 *Prayer:* For our Moslem friends on their day of prayer; for solidarity with them as they mourn,

following the New Zealand atrocity. For good friendship with all faith communities. *Parish Councils.*

Saturday 6th Apr: Jeremiah 20:7-end, John 11:17-27 *Prayer:* For all who are full of hatred and who plan to kill people; for healing in our society, where this can happen. *Park House Stables & Cottages, and hostel, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 7th Apr: 5th Sunday of Lent. Isaiah 35, Romans 7:21-8:4 *Prayer:* For children's ministry; Junior Church today, and all other settings.

Monday 8th Apr: Jeremiah 21:1-10, John 11:28-44
Prayer: For the flourishing of contemplative prayer, alongside more vocal approaches; making time to listen and to notice, and develop awe and wonder of small everyday things. *Headley Stud, Headley.*



Tuesday 9th Apr: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, martyr, 1945. Jeremiah 22:1-5, 13-19, John 11:45-end. *Prayer:* Of gratitude, for those who have written of their experience of suffering, struggle and faith, and who inspire us in our own generation. *Leisure Activities and Clubs in the benefice.*

Wednesday 10th Apr: William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761. William of Ockham, friar, philosopher, teacher of faith, 1347. Jeremiah 22:20-23:8, John 12:1-11 *Prayer:* For people living in poor or insecure accommodation. *Petrol Station, Garage and Diner, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 11th Apr: George Selwyn, bishop, 1878. Jeremiah 23:9-32, John 12:12-19 *Prayer:* For the Bus of Hope, offering friendship and hospitality to young people in Kingsclere this evening. For all youth ministry. *Peel Gardens, Kingsclere.*

Friday 12th Apr: Jeremiah 24, John 12:20-36a *Prayer:* For flourishing of our benefice friendship and links with Kyankowe, Uganda. *Pennys Hatch, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 13th Apr: Jeremiah 25:1-14, John 12:6b-end. *Prayer:* For all involved in the criminal justice system; victims, witnesses, offenders. *Phoenix Court, Kingsclere.*

Sunday 14th Apr: Palm Sunday. Zechariah 9:9-12, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 *Prayer:* For the Open Doors Charity, and all who support persecuted Christians.

Monday 15th Apr: Monday of Holy Week. Lamentations 1:1-12a, Luke 22:1-23. *Prayer:* For the ABC (Adults Babies and Children) worship this morning at St Mary's. *Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 16th Apr: Tuesday of Holy Week. Lamentations 3:1-18, Luke 22:24-53. *Prayer:* For rest and refreshment for pupils and staff, in schools everywhere, during the Easter holidays. *Village Bunnies, Busy Bees Pre-School, Kingsclere.*



Wednesday 17th Apr: Wednesday of Holy Week. Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 2:12-22, Luke 22:54-end. *Prayer:* For teachers struggling with workload, and working through their holiday. *Youth Clubs.*

Thursday 18th Apr: Maundy Thursday. Leviticus 16:2-24, Luke 23:1-25. *Prayer:* For Ben, and for clergy everywhere, in the Holy Week and Easter services they will be planning and leading. For clergy who struggle with workload.

Friday 19th Apr: Good Friday. Genesis 22:1-18, Hebrews 10:1-10. *Prayers:* For people everywhere who are suffering; be in solidarity with all, today.

Saturday 20th Apr: Easter Eve. Hosea 6:1-6, John 2:18-22. *Prayer:* For all times of prayer and worship taking place, in this benedictive and wider, that people will feel God's presence, in many different ways, and be encouraged.



**Sunday 21st Apr:
Easter Day**

Ezekiel 47:1-12, John 2:13-22. *Prayer:* For new openness, to see God in all things; everything sacred,

precious, beautiful. "The sacrament of the present moment" (Jean-Pierre de Caussade). The natural world, and people, to be treated with the greatest of compassion and care.

Monday 22nd Apr: Monday of Easter Week. Song of Solomon 1:9-2:7, Mark 16:1-8. *Prayer:* For Ben, for rest and refreshment after Easter services, and for his family. *Police Station and officers, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 23rd Apr: Tuesday of Easter Week. Song of Solomon 2:8-end, Luke 24:1-12. *Prayer:* For all who feel alienated and set apart; for charities and services offering mental health support. *Popes Hill, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 24th Apr: Wednesday of Easter Week. Song of Solomon 3, Matthew 28:16-end. *Prayer:* For all who are searching for work, or training, especially the young. *Poveys Mead, Kingsclere.*

Thursday 25th Apr: Thursday of Easter Week. Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3, Luke 7:11-17. *Prayer:* For those whose closest relationships bring them pain. *Priors Close, Kingsclere.*

Friday 26th Apr: Friday of Easter Week. Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4, Luke 8:41-end. *Prayer:* For all who have managerial and leadership roles. *Queen's Road, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 27th Apr: Saturday of Easter Week. Song of Solomon 8:5-7, John 11:17-44. *Prayer:* For the Harp Concert tonight at St Paul's church; thankfulness for the gift of music, and its ability to uplift and inspire. *Rose Hodson Court, Kingsclere.*



Sunday 28th Apr: 2nd Sunday of Easter. Exodus 12:1, Ps 13, 1 Peter 1:3-12. *Prayer:* For all children being baptised, or for whom there will be thanksgiving services, this spring, in the benefice.

Monday 29th Apr: George, martyr, patron of England, c.304. Joshua 1:1-9, Ephesians 6:1-20. *Prayer:* For the Annual PCM meeting at Headley this evening, and for all who will take on responsibilities over the coming three years. *Royal British Legion, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 30th Apr: Mark the Evangelist. Ecclesiasticus 51:13-end, Acts 12:25-13:13. *Prayer:* For all who will be moving into the new houses in Ashford Hill; that they will make new friends and find a warm welcome. *Sandford Close, Kingsclere.*

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