



Benefice of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

A Prayer and Bible Reading Diary for August 2019

***Welcome** to this Prayer and Bible Reading Diary. Each day has a focus for prayer, including for people 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.*

***Traditional church colour this month:** **Green** through the "Sundays after Trinity", until All Saints Tide at the beginning of November. This is known as "Ordinary Time"; green symbolising growth, as we take time to reflect on Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection, recalled in the earlier stages of the Church Year.*

Thursday 1st August: Esther 6:14-end of 7, 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5. *Prayer:* For all who are able to have holidays and breaks from routine, to find good rest and refreshment. *Foxes Lane Kingsclere*

Friday 2nd August: Esther 8, 2 Corinthians 9:6-end. *Prayer:* For all who can't have a holiday, for whatever reason. That neighbours and friends will be helpful, and there are good chances to rest. *Garden Close Kingsclere*

Saturday 3rd August: Esther 9:20-28, 2 Corinthians 10. *Prayer:* For people working in stressful jobs; that there is support in the workplace, and from friends/family. *Garrett Close Kingsclere.*

Sunday 4th August: **7th Sunday after Trinity** Song of Solomon 5:2-end, 2 Peter 1:1-15. *Prayer:* For Ben in his ministry, and his family life; for clergy everywhere.

Monday 5th August: **Oswald, king and martyr, 642** Jeremiah 26, 2 Corinthians 11:1-15. *Prayer:* For all places of Christian Retreat, in wild and beautiful places (Linsisfarne, pictured over, was given by St Oswald); that they may continue

in this age, to help people find refreshment of spirit, and encouragement in faith. *Galley Lane Headley*

Tuesday 6th August: Transfiguration of Our Lord

1 Kings 19:1-16, 1 John 3:1-3. *Prayer:* That in Bible Study and faith-encouragement groups, there is space for awe, wonder, mystery; a sense of God, not always dependent on concrete answers and explanations. *George Street Kingsclere.*



Wednesday 7th August: Jeremiah 29:1-14, 2 Corinthians 12. *Prayer:* For the two charities in the benefice, Ashford Hill Educational Trust, and Kingsclere Charities, providing for local people in need. *Goose Hill, Headley.*

Thursday 8th August: Jeremiah 30:1-11, 2 Corinthians 13. *Prayer:* Of thanks, for all who produce The Tower and the Ashford Hill and Headley magazines; that these can increase sense of community, and friendships. *Greenlands Road, Kingsclere*

Friday 9th August: Mary Sumner, founder of The Mothers' Union 1921

Jeremiah 30:12-22, James 1:1-11. *Prayer:* For Headley Community Shop and post office; for the community lunch today, that community spirit can be built up and friendships made. *Hardys Field, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 10th August: Laurence, deacon and martyr, 3rd century Jeremiah 31:1-22, James 1:12-end. *Prayer:* For increased readiness of all of us who use cars, to switch to the bus when able; fewer car journeys equalling cleaner air. Gratitude for our modern, comfortable, regular buses to Newbury and Basingstoke. *Highams Close, Kingsclere.*

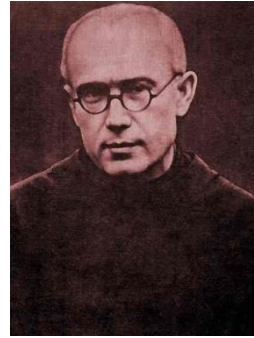
Sunday 11th August: 8th Sunday after Trinity Song of Solomon 8:5-7, 2 Peter 3:8-13. *Prayer:* For the Home Groups planned for September; that they may provide opportunities for people to discuss and explore faith openly and imaginatively, allowing for our variety of personality and experience.

Monday 12th August: Jeremiah 31:23-25, 27-37, James 2:1-13. *Prayer:* For the Holiday Club all this week at St Mary's; for all who come along, and all who host. *Hollowshott Lane, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 13th August: Florence Nightingale, 1910, and Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912 Jeremiah 32:1-15, James 2:14-end. *Prayer:* For awareness of social unfairness in *this* age, and to take action in the different ways we are able. *Hook Road, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 14th August: Maximilian Kolbe, friar and martyr, 1941 Jeremiah 33:1-13, James 3.

Prayer: for courage and strength to be more Christ-like; for inspiration and humility, in remembering Maximilian Kolbe today (pictured here) who volunteered to die in place of a stranger, in Auschwitz. *Hollycroft, Ashford Hill.*



Thursday 15th August: The Blessed Virgin Mary Isaiah 7:10-15, Luke 11:27-28. *Prayer:* For all who are finding out A level results today, and their families and friends. *Holt Cottages, Ashford Hill.*

Friday 16th August: Jeremiah 35, James 4:13-5:6. *Prayer:* For parents with young children, during the holidays, who have lack of family or friends to help. *Holdrops Hill, Headley.*

Saturday 17th August: Jeremiah 36:1-18, James 5:7-end. *Prayer:* For neighbourliness and awareness, for people who are older or unwell, coping with times of very hot weather. *Hollybush, Headley.*

Sunday 18th August: 9th Sunday after Trinity Jonah 1, 2 Peter 3:14-end.

Prayer: For babies' services of thanksgiving, and for their families, and for those looking forward to baptism.

Monday 19th August: Jeremiah 36:19-end, Mark 1:1-3. *Prayer:* For the ABC children and families' worship at St Mary's this morning. *Keeps Mead, Kingsclere.*

Tuesday 20th August: William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 Jeremiah 37, Mark 1:14-20. *Prayer:* For inspiration, from the practical Christianity shown by the Salvation Army, helping the most vulnerable people. How could we do likewise, or support them? *Kevin Close, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 21st August: Jeremiah 38:1-13, Mark 1:21-28. *Prayer:* For all who have to use food banks and for those who volunteer and donate; that policies which lead to foodbank use, are challenged. *Knightsbridge Drive, Headley.*

Thursday 22nd August: Jeremiah 38:14-end, Mark 1:29-end. *Prayer:* For all who are getting GCSE results today, and their families. *King John's Road, Kingsclere.*

Friday 23rd August: Jeremiah 39, Mark 2:1-12. *Prayer:* For the people of Kyankowe in Uganda, for our Deanery friendship with them, and for

fundraising events; that we may support generously. *King John Court, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 24th August: Bartholomew the Apostle Genesis 28:10-17, John 1:43-end. *Prayer:* For all who lock and unlock St Mary's church, that it can be open for people all day. *Kingsclere Business Park*

Sunday 25th August: 10th Sunday after Trinity Jonah 2, Revelation 1. *Prayer:* For Oscar (Kingsclere) and Florence (Ashford Hill), being baptised today, and for their Godparents and families.

Monday 26th August: Jeremiah 41, Mark 2:23-3:6. *Prayer:* For the plans for re-ordering of St Mary's; for wisdom and sensitivity, that St Mary's beauty and peacefulness is treasured, helping all comers to find rest and calm, and a sense of God. *Knowle Hill, Kingsclere.*



Tuesday 27th August: Monica, mother of Augustus of Hippo Jeremiah 42, Mark 3:7-14a. *Prayer:* For all who have been bereaved recently, that they find support and encouragement from family, friends and neighbours. *Knowle Crescent, Kingsclere.*

Wednesday 28th August: Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 5th century Jeremiah 43, Mark 3:19b to end. *Prayer:* For people who are isolated or lonely; that neighbours can become aware, and offer friendship. *Larch Drive Kingsclere.*

Thursday 29th August: Jeremiah 44:1-14, Mark 4:1-20 *Prayer:* For people caring for a family member who is terminally ill, and for all support agencies. *Greenacre, Kingsclere.*

Friday 30th August: John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688 Jeremiah 44:15-end, Mark 4:21-34. *Prayer:* For writers and poets, who enrich our faith and give new insights and wisdom. *Link Road, Kingsclere.*

Saturday 31st August: Aidan, bishop and missionary, 7th century Jeremiah 45, Mark 4:35-end. *Prayer:* For all who are starting teacher training this Autumn, and for teachers preparing for the new term. *The Litten, Kingsclere.*

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