

Prayer Diary for 13–19 Sep (Week 4)

NB: It is recommended to read pp. 6-7 for guidance for using this booklet.

Sunday 13 September

Holy Cross Day (transferred); 15th after Trinity

Sunday Readings (Holy Cross Day)

Numbers 21.4–9

Psalm 22.23–28

Philippians 2.6–11

John 3.13–17

In our Diocese: During the traditional season of harvest, we give thanks for those who grow and process our life-giving food. And we pray too for those who do not have enough food, who carry the weight of food insecurity and financial worries.

Anglican Communion: Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Collect for Holy Cross Day:

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Monday 14 September
Holy Cross Day (Festival)

Daily Readings (Morning Prayer)

Psalms 2, 8, 146
Genesis 3.1–15
John 12.27–36a

Alternative sequential readings:

Psalms 27, 30
1 Kings 8.31–62
Acts 16.6–24

In our Benefice: Farndon Road
Warnborough Road
Tackley Place
Observatory Street

In Cowley Deanery: Holy Family, Blackbird Leys
St Nicholas, Old Marston & St Thomas of Canterbury,
Elsfield
St Michael and All Angels, New Marston
St Mary & St Nicholas, Littlemore & St Andrew,
Sandford

In our Diocese: St Laurence, Reading

Anglican Communion: Diocese of Blackburn – Church of England

Collect: *see Sunday 13 September*

Tuesday 15 September
Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258 (Lesser Festival)

Daily Readings (Morning Prayer)

Psalms 32, 36
1 Kings 8.63–9.9
Acts 16.25–end

In our Benefice: St Giles [Road]
Department of Statistics
Friends Meeting House
St John's College
St Anthony's College

In Cowley Deanery: St Andrew's, Headington
All Saints, Highfield
St Mary's, Barton
Holy Trinity, Headington Quarry

In our Diocese: St Mark's and All Saints, Reading

Anglican Communion: Diocese of Bo (Sierra Leone) – Church of the
Province of West Africa

Collects (for the week of Trinity 15):

God, who in generous mercy sent the
Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire
of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith
and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord.

Alternative collect:

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false
teaching
and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday 16 September

Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c. 432 (Lesser Festival)

Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882 (Commemoration)

Daily Readings (Morning Prayer)

Psalm 34

1 Kings 10.1–25

Acts 17.1–15

In our Benefice: Rawlinson Road
Plantation Road
Norham Gardens

In Cowley Deanery: St Mary & St John and St Alban's, Cowley
St Francis & St James, Cowley
St Mary the Virgin, Iffley
St Clement's

In our Diocese: St Matthew's, Reading

Anglican Communion: Diocese of Boga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane
Du Congo

Collects: *see Tuesday 15 September*

Thursday 17 September

Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179 (Lesser Festival)

Daily Readings (Morning Prayer)

Psalm 37*

1 Kings 11.1–13

Acts 17.16–end

In our Benefice: Longworth Road
Merrivale Square
Museum Road

In our Archdeaconry: Area Deans of Oxford and Cowley
Archdeacon Jonathan & his staff
For all involved in Deanery Synods
Churches Together in Central Oxford

In our Diocese: St James', Southlake

Anglican Communion: Diocese of Bolivia – Anglican Church of South
America

Collects: *see Tuesday 15 September*

Friday 18 September

Daily Readings (Morning Prayer)

Psalm 31

1 Kings 11.26–end

Acts 18.1–21

In our Benefice: Walton Well Road
Parks Road
Department of Physics
Department of Computer Sciences

In our Diocese: Our Bishops
Church House & Diocesan Staff
Oxford Diocesan Board of Education

In our Diocese: St Michael's, Tilehurst

Anglican Communion: Diocese of Bondo – Anglican Church of Kenya

Collects: *see Tuesday 15 September*

Saturday 19 September

Theodore, archbishop, 690 (Commemoration)

Daily Readings (Morning Prayer)

Psalms 41, 42, 43

1 Kings 12.1–24

Acts 18.22–19.7

In our Benefice: Winchester Road
Blackhall Road

St Giles' and St Margaret's Churches

For those involved in helping with services tomorrow

For the Ministry Team

For all those who with children, young people and families

In our Diocese: St Barnabas', Caversham Park and Emmer Green

Anglican Communion: Diocese of Bor – Province of the Episcopal Church
of South Sudan

Collects: *see Tuesday 15 September*

Tips for using this prayer diary

The most important thing is *not to feel you need to read or use everything!* This diary is a compilation of various resources, at least some of which you may find helpful in your prayer life.

There are three types of content in this booklet:

1. Bible readings

On Sundays, the Bible readings used in the 10:30 service are provided.

On weekdays, the readings set for Morning Prayer are offered: a psalm (where there is more than one, a suggested psalm is in **bold**); an Old Testament reading and a New Testament reading. Of course, despite the name, you don't have to read them in the morning!

These readings are *mainly* sequential, except when a major holy day disrupts the sequence. In those cases, the readings which *would* have been set are provided as an alternative.

The Church of England publishes a book each year called Reflections for Daily Prayer. For each day of the year (except Sundays), from Advent one year to Christ the King the next, there is a short reflection on one of these daily readings. (It's also available as an app for Apple or Android devices).

The above book/app also offers a simple structure for daily prayer, incorporating the readings and collects (and with space for other prayer intentions). If you want a more "thorough" order of service, you can buy the Church of England's Common Worship: Daily Prayer, a book which offers a whole wealth of options for your prayer time.

Alternatively you can save time, money and (possibly) confusion by visiting this page, which gives you the full Morning Prayer for the day, complete with all of the psalms, readings and collects listed above, already laid out.

2. Prayer intentions

Some find it helpful to have a focus on people, organisations or situations to pray for, to help ensure that our prayer is focused out towards the city and world that we live in. This booklet combines several cycles of prayer available separately elsewhere:

- for streets and organisations within our benefice (and all who live or work there) – with at least one from each parish on each day;
- for other Anglican churches in the Oxford Deanery (broadly, churches in Oxford to the west of the River Cherwell) in Weeks 1-3, and neighbouring Cowley Deanery (churches to the east) in Week 4;
- for parishes, benefices and situations in the Diocese of Oxford;
- for places and situations suggested by Christian Aid.

Where relevant, web links are provided (underlined) if you want to find out more about a particular prayer intention.

3. Collects

These are special prayers – sometimes new, often centuries old – which the Church of England uses in both our worship together and our individual prayer. Some people find them to be a good ‘closing’ prayer.

Usually, the prayer used on any Sunday is then used throughout the week – except for certain holy days, when a special Collect might be provided. The booklet indicates when this is so.

Below is a suggested list of prayer intentions throughout the week from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*.

Sunday

- The universal Church
- Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
- The leaders of the nations
- The natural world and the resources of the earth
- All who are in any kind of need

Monday

- The media and the arts
- Farming and fishing
- Commerce and industry
- Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger
- All who are unemployed

Tuesday

- All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
- Those in the midst of famine or disaster
- Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- Those who are bereaved
- All who work in the medical and healing professions

Wednesday

- The social services
- All who work in the criminal justice system
- Victims and perpetrators of crime
- The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- Those living in poverty or under oppression

Thursday

- Local government, community leaders
- All who provide local services
- Those who work with young or elderly people
- Schools, colleges and universities
- Emergency and rescue organizations

Friday

- The King, members of parliament and the armed forces
- Peace and justice in the world
- Those who work for reconciliation
- All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
- Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

Saturday

- Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
- Those whose time is spent caring for others
- Those who are close to death
- Those who have lost hope
- The worship of the Church