

1 – 9 October

Rooted in God's word

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Read and reflect on Scripture

Read aloud **Psalms 119: 103-109.**

Read quietly to yourself. Is there any word or phrase holding your attention?
Can this help guide your prayers?

Give thanks and praise for:

- thanksgiving for the Bible
- wisdom and encouragement when God's word is explained
- Sunday worship
- growth groups and those who lead and encourage discussions
- for receptive hearts
- **Open the Book** in local primary schools
- Wootton, schools, shops, library, clubs and the Baptist and Methodist churches
- midweek prayer meetings every Wednesday
- St Mary's Pre-school
- the speaker on Sun 11 October
- the current sermon series on Colossians

Psalm 139

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that,
forsaking what lies behind and
reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

10 – 16 October

Trusting God in times of change

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Read and reflect on Scripture

Read aloud **Isaiah 26: 1-5.**

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Pray for:

- **World Mental Health Day**, Sat 10 Oct: for all struggling with mental health issues and those who care for them
- the wedding of Rachel Munns and Sinthujayon Logarajah, Sat 10 October
- **Week of Prayer for World Peace**: global justice and unity across communities
- Lunch Club on Mon 12 October
- confidence in God at all times
- knowing God's peace which transcends all understanding
- unity, support and encouragement
- growth of work in Stewartby
- pastoral care – one anothering
- those on the Emergency Prayer Chain
- the speaker on Sun 18 October

Psalm 62

Collect

O Lord, from whom all good things come:
grant to us your humble servants,
that by your holy inspiration we may think
those things that are good,
and by your merciful guiding
may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

17 – 23 October

Hope and patience

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Read and reflect on Scripture

Read aloud **Romans 12: 12-14.**

Read quietly to yourself. Is there any word or phrase holding your attention?
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Pray for:

- Sun 18 October: **Health+Care Sunday**, praying for doctors, nurses, and all healthcare staff
- Mon 19 October: PCC meeting
- seeking first the kingdom of God
- being faithful in prayer
- Wednesday prayer meeting
- our families
- the vulnerable, those sleeping rough
- outreach in Stewartby
- the Prime Minister and his government
- local government
- appointment of a Parish Administrator for St Mary's
- church finances
- prayer partners
- the speaker on Sun 25 October

Psalm 121

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts
and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

24 – 31 October

Future, patience and unity

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Read and reflect on Scripture

Read aloud **James 1: 2-12.**

Read quietly to yourself. Is there any word or phrase holding your attention?
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Pray for:

- unity across communities
- controlling the outbreak of Ebola in DR Congo
- all affected by the floods in Nepal and China, rescue workers, those who mourn
- Joseph and the Adewale family
- our brothers and sisters in the persecuted church
- Adam and the Tomalin family (St Mary's **mission partners**) as they adjust to new life and work rhythms
- thanksgiving for Nomfundo Tomalin gaining her honours degree in Christian counselling
- war-torn countries, for the many people bereaved and to find a way of peace
- our friends and families
- wisdom, faithfulness, patience
- the speaker on Sun 1 November

Psalm 138: 1-5

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The Lord's Prayer