

# GIVING TO MISSION

Here at St Mark's we give 10% of our core income to support Christian mission at home and abroad. In addition, a substantial proportion of the Parish Share which we pay to our Diocese goes towards mission outside of our own area. We are proud to be able to support so many gospel based, kingdom initiatives which are bringing light, hope and practical help to people across our town, nation and globe.

There are two easy ways in which you can give to St Mark's Church to help maintain this valuable work:

- Regular giving
- One-off giving

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Every penny donated to us is spent in support of the mission and ministry of the church.



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# PRAYER DIARY

FOR JUNE AT ST MARK'S

In a time of national crisis, when our normal habits of meeting together at church are halted, this prayer diary can serve to bring us together in prayer as a church family, and to remember before God the vulnerable in our town, the wider world, the sick in our community, and our church family.

We are praying for all our church's Mission Partners in this time, so this month there are brief prayer points for some of these different organisations which are having to adapt their work due to social distancing rules, and also cope with a significant drop in funding. St Mark's is committed to supporting them financially, as set out in the Annual Report, and also in prayer.

## Sun 31st May – Sat 6th June

A prayer for Pentecost Sunday: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank God that his power is not limited by lockdown! Pray that God will revive us as a church family, and show us how we can live in His Spirit's power and gifts, so that, through God's people, the face of the earth can be renewed.

On 1st June we join with other Christians to Pray and Fast for the Climate. Dear Lord, you called your disciples to follow in your Way. You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, and so we come seeking to follow in your footsteps. Creator of the earth, help us to walk lightly as we journey, treasuring the world you have given us, and cherishing each other.

More resources like this prayer can be found here: [prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk](http://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk)

Paul and Ruth Turner from our mission partner Latin Link are both staying with their respective parents in the UK. Pray for wisdom for Paul as he continues, remotely, to support a team of international staff, and also for Ruth as she supports volunteers and those who were on short-term placements, now interrupted by the coronavirus crisis. Thank God that He can work through all circumstances for the good of those who love him.



YouTube

Join us via YouTube Mon-Fri at 12 noon for midday prayer

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ZCQKjOtssPHQZ3CXLcOrw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ZCQKjOtssPHQZ3CXLcOrw)

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JUNE 2020

Please use this resource to guide your own prayers this month for our community and the wider world.

## Sun 7th – Sat 13th June

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We pray for our Mission Partner Artizan International, and Susie Hart who heads up this charity. Craft workshops with differently-able artisans are not happening in lockdown, both here in the UK and in Peru & Ecuador, so pray for

God's peace and hope to be with each one of them, perhaps more isolated in this time. Lift to God all the staff and volunteers who miss the workshops, and pray for them to find even more creative ways to engage with them. Thank God that Artizan's online craft shop is now open: [artizaninternational.com](http://artizaninternational.com)

Pray this week for all school staff and pupils in our area, as they schools welcome more students into their buildings again this month. Pray for comfort and courage for those leading and managing our schools, for governors making decisions to keep people safe, and pray for the children to be safe and happy once again in school. Lift to God any Christians you know working in education and ask Him to renew their minds with the knowledge of God's truth and draw them more deeply into God's love.

## Sun 14th – Sat 20th June

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Sunday 14th June is World Refugee Sunday. Father, we lift to you every person who has fled for their lives due to war, violence, and persecution. Please bring your comfort and help them to find a safe haven. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46: 1). We also lift to you the precious refugee children who have become separated from their families. Father God, protect them from abuse, and help them to be quickly reunited with their parents and family. Lord Jesus, heal your children, provide for them and let them know your everlasting love. "He will take pity on the weak and needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight." (Psalm 72: 13-14)

This week we pray for the work of Harrogate Homeless Project and St George's Crypt in Leeds, both working with many vulnerable and hurting people who need to know God's love and to begin to journey with him, to "walk in ways of wisdom". Pray for those who have been temporarily housed to keep them safe through the Covid crisis, and ask God to prompt people to provide long-lasting housing and employment solutions for them. HHP have embarked on a big project to increase the provision of services and support to the homeless and vulnerable at Springboard. Please pray for the grant to be released to enable this and for the plans and technicalities to be sorted out. Pray for the trustees and volunteers as they become involved in this, especially for Liz and John.



## Sun 21st – Sat 27th June

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Carl at Lifeline Harrogate thanks God for some dramatic answers to prayer in the past month. God has been working through several residents to help with deliveries at Canaan Warehouse, He has been providing homecooked meals for residents, and He has been protecting and strengthening relationships among residents in the houses, helping them stay safe and healthy during lockdown. Please pray with Lifeline for patience and wisdom as the lockdown is eased, as they return to office working and home visits which will most likely start again in July.



Pray for those in our church family listed below, and for anyone you know in need of God's healing touch and comfort at this time. Spend a few minutes naming each one before your loving

## Sun 28th June – Sat 4th July

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Caring for Life, our Mission Partner, is continuing to show God's love to the marginalised and vulnerable in and around north Leeds. Staff and volunteers are taking food parcels to vulnerable people they support, and also doing lots of telephone support during lockdown. Pray for CFL's income to be provided, and for many people to buy plants and goods from their farm shop. Praise God that CFL's weekly Zoom bible study has been such a success and support for many people.



On 1st July we join with other Christians to Pray and Fast for the Climate. "O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!" Psalm 8  
O God, we have tried to master creation, but we have not treated it with the respect that is due. Give us eyes to see what is good, to discern what can be changed, and to envision a world where the earth's goods are shared equitably by all.

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We pray for the continuing needs of Helen Hardie, Amber Seaver, Latha Prabhu, Anne-Marie Atkinson, Mo Clarke, Aidan and the Newton family, Liz and Shirley Ruddle, Dave Worthington, Christina, Frances and Andy Kershaw.

We pray for all in our church family who have been bereaved recently bereaved. We pray also for their families and friends and all those who care for them. We pray for all those who are effected by Covid 19. Those who are isolated and lonely. For your healing hand on those who are sick. Comfort to the bereaved.