

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

Find out more, download a form or make a one off donation on our website: www.smch.org.uk/give or call the church office on: 01423 544528 and we'll send you the information.

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



Thank you

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PRAYER DIARY

FOR FEBRUARY AT ST MARK'S

Please use this prayer diary to join with the St Mark's church family to pray together for our community, our mission partners and the wider world. We pray each week for different areas of our community life and a different Mission focus.



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

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Sunday 7th – Sat 13th Feb

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give us grace at St Mark's to work well together as members of your earthly body, Lord Jesus, in our actions, our words and our thoughts. We pray that every person in our church family knows their priceless value in your sight, Father God. Please help us to see your divine image in one another and draw out your likeness in those around us so that together we may reflect your glory, point people to your kingdom and proclaim your love to the world.

We pray for those who are homeless, and in particular three local charities serving the homeless: **Lifeline Harrogate, Harrogate Homeless Project** and **St George's Crypt** in Leeds. Father God, we praise you for these organisations, serving the homeless in our area, showing people love and acceptance instead of any rejection they may have experienced previously. Give strength and resilience to all the staff and volunteers, and hope to the men and women who are beginning to move forward with dignity once more. Despite funding cuts and an increasing level of need in the community, Father please provide resources for this vital work to continue.



We pray for the continuing needs of Anne-Marie Atkinson, Michelle Beckett, Christina, Merle Clayton, Helen Hardie, Frances and Andy Kershaw, Aidan and the Newton family, Julie, Maureen Preston, Pat, Rosie Rant, Liz and Shirley Ruddell, Amber Seaver, Jonathan Stewart, Carole Tooke, Eliza Webster, Dave Worthington. We pray also for their families and friends and all those who care for them.

Sun 14th – Sat 20th Feb

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray this week for **Mission Without Borders**, which shows your love, Lord God, in practical ways, to poor families and communities in Eastern Europe. Thank you for each country director, from Albania to Romania, for their knowledge of their land, and their love for their people. Please provide in your grace to keep the projects actively supporting the children and families in their care. May you speak words of love, comfort and hope to families living in poverty and difficulty, through the countless acts of service of their local churches.

A prayer for Ash Wednesday 17th Feb:
Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you, Lord, for this season of Lent, and we ask that we may each draw closer to you, and receive the comfort of your presence and the encouragement of your words in our lives each day. Take time to pray today for those listed below, in particular need of God's comfort and healing presence.

Sun 21st – Sat 27th Feb

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Caring for Life continues to support and nurture many vulnerable people living in north Leeds – people who otherwise might have 'slipped through the net'. We praise you, Father, that you can identify with people living in dark times, or struggling in a "desert place", and also that you have equipped Caring for Life to love and care for people in Jesus' name. We ask you, Lord, to bless the staff, provide richly for the various projects, and bring new life and hope to many people through the bible studies and activities offered.

Join us to pray as a church family on Tuesday 23rd February 7.30pm,



for all the toddlers, children and young people God has so richly blessed us with at St Mark's. Father God, we know that your heart is loving and merciful, and we thank you that Jesus said "let the children come to me and do not stop them." We pray for wisdom in sharing your love with children of all ages, and we ask for the Holy Spirit to guide all of us as we plan for a new season of children's and youth ministry at St Mark's.

We pray for all in our church family who have been recently bereaved including

We pray for all those who are bereaved, including: Lorraine Bisby and family; and the families of Jan Poxen and Wendy Jevons.

Sun 28th Feb – Sat 6th March

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The first day of the month is a '**Pray and Fast for the Climate**' day. Thousands

of Christians join together to pray for this world, its future and our part in stewarding God's Creation. We thank you for the local initiatives such as Zero Carbon Harrogate, Longlands Common, and many others, calling for change and helping Harrogate District to stick to its target of being carbon neutral by 2038. Give your wisdom and grace, Father God, to our leaders at District and County level, so that they can plan with confidence and vision for a greener future.

We pray this week for Mike and Liz Resch, for Mike's licensing as vicar of St Mark's on 3rd March, and his first Sunday on 7th March. We thank you so much, Lord God, for bringing Mike and Liz to Harrogate, and we pray for your rich blessings on them and their family as they begin a new chapter, serving you among us here. Give them patience and wisdom as they get to know the church and the community, and vision to see how and where your Spirit is at work.

