

Sun 4th – Sat 10th April

A prayer for Easter Sunday: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Father God, for your redeeming love for all of Creation, for the ways in which the whole natural world glorifies you and proclaims your love and faithfulness. We pray this week for wisdom for Jemima Parker, our Diocesan Environment Officer, as she

seeks to encourage Christians across the Diocese to tackle the climate crisis through action from their churches and their church members. Give vision, Lord, to the 130 parish environment officers so far, and pray for more of these environment champions to come forward from the remaining 470 churches.



Sun 11th – Sat 16th April

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

We thank you, Father, for the many children and young people at St Mark's. We ask you to continue to be with them as they grow, and to guide them as they journey with you. We pray for the Children's and Youth teams as they begin another term of activities, asking that their plans can adapt effectively to changing circumstances and changing opportunities. May we truly seek the good of the children and families we serve at St Mark's, to God's praise and glory.

This week please use the list below to pray by name for those in particular need of God's love, peace and healing. As you pray, ask the Risen Christ to be present with each person, in confidence that, for Him, no door is locked and no entrance barred.

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 Ruddle, 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.

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

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PRAYER DIARY

FOR MARCH 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

www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ZCQKjOtssPHQZ3CXLcOrw



Sun 7th – Sat 13th March

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.



This week we pray for Resurrection Bikes, a volunteer-run bike-repair missional community, which raises thousands for charity each year. We thank God for John Rowe and Jon Denning from St Mark's, and for the ways in which, throughout 2020, the bike "sales by appointment" scheme not only kept everyone safe but raised an amazing £54,000 for their two charities, Artizan International and In2Out. Pray that, as lockdown eases, this community would demonstrate God's love to many more.

This Sunday, 7th March is Mike and Liz' first Sunday with us at St Mark's. Lord God we thank you so much for Mike and Liz, and their family. We pray for patience and joy for them as they get to know people, settle into Harrogate and seek your direction for their time here with us. Give grace, Father, to all in church life involved in leading alongside them, that we may model unity and maturity in Christ as we serve you together. for this vital work to continue.

Sun 14th – Sat 20th March

A prayer for Mothering Sunday: God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Latin Link, and especially for Paul and Ruth Turner our mission partners. Thank you, Lord, for Paul and Ruth's heart for sharing your love with people in Latin America, for their knowledge of Peru in particular, and for the encouragement they give every day to Christians all over South America and Europe. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for Ruth's recent birthday celebrations, and for how you've been at work through her and Paul to disciple so many people over the years. Give them wisdom and grace as they return to Peru later this year.



Vaccination programmes have been hailed as a great success in the UK, and we are so thankful, Lord God, for your generous provision for us here. Father, our hearts cry out for those in poorer nations, where Covid vaccinations have not even started, and where other treatable diseases are still killers. We pray that you will prosper the work of Covax, and of all those seeking to distribute and produce vaccines in poorer nations. May their scientific research and planning prevent the Covid pandemic becoming yet another expression of global injustice.

Sun 21st – Sat 27th March

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you, Lord, that in your Creation nothing is wasted. We pray for Resurrected Bites, once a food waste café, but now a food waste redelivery scheme operating across the Harrogate and Knaresborough district. After more than a year of delivering to hundreds of vulnerable families, and to those struggling to access enough food due to the pandemic, we thank you, Lord, for providing resources, contacts, funding, drivers, collectors and packers for this amazing project. Give grace and wisdom to Michelle Hayes, and Ian Booth especially, as they oversee the teams and as they point others to your love and goodness through this work.

Join us at our church prayer gathering this Tuesday 23rd March at 7.30pm



on Zoom. We praise and thank you Father God for each one of our St Mark's church family, from the youngest to the oldest. We thank you in particular for all who have shared Lent reflection videos with us, allowing your Word to speak to them and through them. Help us to be formed together more into your likeness, Lord Jesus, as your family of servants on mission.

Sun 28th – Sat 3rd April

A prayer for Palm Sunday: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

This week we thank you, Father God, for the work of our mission partner In2Out. Walk, we pray, with each young person engaging with In2Out as they are released from custody, and help each one make good choices and have hope for the future. Lord Jesus, be the strength and wisdom of the mentors, speaking words of encouragement on the phone, helping the lads remain accountable, and being a stable presence in their lives. This Easter time, speak your love to the young people still in prison, through the Bible comics and Easter eggs delivered from St Mark's through the Chaplaincy.

As another term ends, we thank you for the service of our school teachers and staff, and we pray for them, for parents, students and school children. Lord God, bring peace to the anxious, refreshment to the weary and hope to those who are downhearted. Take some time to pray by name for any schools, teachers or students, lifting them to God's mercy and care

