

## 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](http://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.



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# PRAYER DIARY

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



## Sun 25th April – Sat 1st May

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we pray that you continue to lead us at St Mark's as we live out being your family of servants on mission. Give your wisdom and vision to our PCC, especially those newly elected, and be at the centre of our APCM this Sunday. As your people, Lord, help us to recognise and to listen to your voice and to keep in step with your Spirit.

We thank you, Jesus, that your resurrection gives us hope that you can and will renew all of your Creation. Equip your church to proclaim your risen life to and for Creation. Give boldness and fresh hope to all leaders, researchers, engineers and decision-makers as they seek to limit global warming to less than 2 degrees. Give leaders at the COP26 summit in November courage to steer away from fossil fuels.

## Sun 2nd – 8th May

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

We pray for our mission partner, Caring for Life in north Leeds. We thank you, Father, for the commitment and love shown by the staff to the many vulnerable people they care for. Give hope to those who are struggling with loneliness and despair, and bring your fullness of life to all the CfL beneficiaries, as they come to the farm, or meet with staff members online and in person.

Thank you, Father, for Natalie, Rachel and Gail, and all in the youth, children's and toddlers' teams. We pray that this term you will pour out your blessings on all in their care. Raise up

the next generation at St Mark's to love and serve you, and fill our children and young people with your peace.

## Sun 9th – Sat 15th May

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

This Christian Aid Week, we pray for Kenya, one of the many countries

already suffering from the climate emergency. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of their lives. Father, we pray for Rose, who walks miles every day just to collect water. Pray that through Christian Aid's practical help Rose may have access to a reliable dam and water source, and have hope for her children and grandchildren. Pray for policy change at the highest level to combat the climate crisis.

We pray this week for all at St Mark's who are elderly or infirm, isolated or lonely. Thank you, Father God for the community at the Thursday I Am Communion, with their regular lunches and the many bible reflections shared this past year. Make us one in you, Lord Jesus, and help us to care for one another as members of one body.

## Sun 16th – Sat 22nd May

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

The global wave of prayer, Thy Kingdom Come, calls all Jesus' followers to pray



for others to come to know his love and forgiveness. This week pray for the people you're alongside to find out about and experience the love God has for them. Together we say, "Thy Kingdom Come", Lord Jesus.

Pray for those listed below, asking God for his kingdom to come in their lives, and for each of them to know God's peace.

## Sun 23rd – Sat 29th May

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.

We thank God for His Holy Spirit, the living presence of God, God's very breath that keeps us spiritually alive. Ask God to show you where His Spirit is leading you, and to whom he is guiding you, so that we can all participate in 'renewing the face of the earth'.

We pray for Open Doors, supporting Christians in places where to be known as a Christian is dangerous, or even illegal. Often Open Doors gives practical support, such as healthcare or food, or educational resources. Father, ignite in each of our persecuted brothers and sisters strong faith in you, and empower them by your Spirit so that they can live in love and service wherever they are

**We pray for the continuing needs of Anne-Marie Atkinson, Michelle and Ethan Beckett, Christina, Merle Clayton, Helen Hardie, Frances and Andy Kershaw, Aidan and the Newton family, Janet, Julie, Maureen Preston, Pat, Rosie Rant, Liz and Shirley Ruddle, Amber Seaver, Jonathan Stewart, Carole Tookey, 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 Jean Hodson, Jan Poxen, Wendy Jevons and Jeanne Lane.**

## Sun 30th May – Sat 5th 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 give thanks for all scientists and researchers working on Covid-19 vaccines, genetic sequencing, and developing their understanding of this virus. We pray for your wisdom for them, and for all who rely on their scientific work, both here and around the world. Lord God, Creator of all life, draw all working in science and healthcare to a deeper knowledge of your love as they learn, care and discover.

Can you join with others to Pray and Fast for the Climate on 1st June? Around the world Christians set aside time on the 1st of the month to

pray for God's Creation, and to intercede for Climate Justice. Lord God of all Creation, we pray for wisdom for policy makers, strength for campaigners and justice for the poor across your world, as we seek to move away from fossil fuels and from lifestyles that damage your earth.

