

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

Visit St Mark's Church, Leeds Rd, Harrogate, HG2 8AY

Call 01423 544528 Email office@smch.org.uk

www.smch.org.uk   



PRAYER DIARY

FOR JULY 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. This season we are praying in particular for our mission partners Caring for Life and Latin Link.



Caring for Life is a Christian charity based in north Leeds.

caringforlife.co.uk

Caring for Life's aim is to share the love of Jesus with at-risk and hurting people, including those who are homeless. Through gardening, farming, catering and accessible bible studies, Caring for Life is "family" to many vulnerable people. Find out more from Jen Dening at St Mark's who co-ordinates the Harrogate CFL support group.



Latin Link is an international Christian charity, developing effective cross-cultural mission in and from Latin America, and discipling Christians to live out the gospel in their local contexts. Paul and Ruth Turner, our mission partners, serve with Latin Link in Peru but both have international oversight roles.

latinlink.org.uk

Sun 4th – Sat 10th July

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We praise you for the recent visit of our Latin Link mission partners Paul and Ruth Turner, and for Paul's encouragement to know the gentleness of God. We pray, Father, that you will kindle in Paul and Ruth your many gifts of grace, and equip them for their return to Peru later this month, and help them to minister your gentleness amongst the communities they work with there. Where Covid has ravaged lives across South America, Father, we pray for Christians to bring your healing, comfort and hope.

Thank you, Father God, for Catherine, our Pastoral Director, and for the pastoral team. We pray for all involved in the Bereavement Course happening this month, that you will be at work bringing your healing and comfort through the videos and discussions. Father God of all comfort, as a church family we ask you to help us bring your comfort to the comfortless, and share your love and hope with people who are facing bereavement, sickness and sadness.



Sun 11th – Sat 17th July

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We praise you, Father God that Caring for Life seeks to discern your image in all they see and serve. Thank you for the love the staff members show to all the beneficiaries, for the way people are welcomed onto the farm and the projects, and thank you too that the open bible studies enable people to hear about and experience your unconditional love. We pray especially for the safe reopening of the Granary Restaurant this summer, and for good crops of hay and silage from the fields. Please provide for CFL, Lord, so more people can receive your love and find hope for the future.

This week we pray together for our world at our Creation Prayer Gathering. Book to join our Re-Creation Community as they lead us in prayer in the church garden on Monday 12th July at 7.30pm, interceding for God's Creation, for our global leaders, for this precious planet. Father, help us to respect your handiwork in everything around us, giving us wisdom to live generously and yet lightly on your earth. Give great courage to our leaders, locally, nationally and internationally, that their decisions will help us to reverse the devastation of the natural world.

Sun 18th – Sat 24th July

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We thank you, Father God, for the blessing Natalie has been at St Mark's for the past 6 years. Thank you for her humility and graciousness, and for the many ways she has encouraged our young people to put you at the centre of their lives. Please guide and direct Natalie as she moves away from Harrogate, and bless her richly. We ask you, Lord Jesus, to equip all our youth leaders, and use them to make disciples who will be sure of their worth in your eyes, who will continue to build your kingdom and share your love.

Let's spend some time this week praying for the people listed on our prayer list this month. We ask God to surround each person with his love and fill them with his peace. We pray for all caring for those who are sick, asking for your strength and wisdom, Lord.



We pray for the continuing needs of Anne-Marie Atkinson, Michelle and Ethan Beckett, Christina, Helen Hardie, Frances and Andy Kershaw, Aidan and the Newton family, Janet, Julie, Maureen Preston, Rosie Rant, Liz and Shirley Ruddle, Amber Seaver, Carole Tooke, 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: Janet Green, Chris Hawkin, Hannah Ives,

Sun 25th – Sat 31st July

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The summer usually sees camps, festivals and gatherings with Christians meeting in larger groups to learn and grow in faith together. We pray for all these events, with many having been adapted due to the pandemic, and pray that your Holy Spirit will be at work through the bible teaching, the prayer ministry, the activities and the worship. Lord, renew and refresh many children, young people, older people, families, both here in the UK, and in Eastern Europe where camps are being run by our mission partner, Mission Without Borders.

As schools close for the summer holidays, we praise you for all who work with children and young people, whether in education or in church. Thank you for the love you have poured into these young lives through all the adults who teach, care for, train and encourage them. We pray for a time of rest and refreshment for teachers, and for our children's and youth workers. Build up our church children's team, we pray, so that more children may learn of your love.