

We pray for the continuing needs of Bruce and Anne-Marie Atkinson, Michelle and Ethan Beckett, Christina, Merle Clayton, Helen Hardie, Becs Harper; Frances and Andy Kershaw, Aidan and the Newton family, Janet, Julie, Nigel Lister; Margaret Osborne; Nancy; Maureen Preston, Rosie Rant, Liz and Shirley Ruddle, Amber Seaver, David and Barbara Shreeve, Carole Tooke, Dave Worthington.

We pray also for their families and friends and all those who care for them.

We pray for those who have been recently bereaved, including Peter and Shirley Jones ; and Liz Resch.

## 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.

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# PRAYER DIARY

FOR OCTOBER 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 Wellspring Training and Therapy, and Mission Without Borders.



MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS

Mission Without Borders, working in six of the poorest countries in Eastern Europe, has a vision "to see lives transformed, across generations, with hope for the future." Join us to pray for MWB's work and team at our prayer gathering on Tuesday 12th October.

[mwbuk.org](http://mwbuk.org)



Wellspring Training and Therapy is a counselling and training centre based in Starbeck, working to restore hope, develop resilience and facilitate positive change.

[wellspringtherapy.co.uk](http://wellspringtherapy.co.uk)

### Sunday 3rd – Sat 9th October

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this critical year for the climate, we pray for the leaders of nations and our world in the run-up to the COP26 talks in Glasgow. Father of Creation, you have, in your grace, given us stewardship of this beautiful world. Forgive our greed and our exploitation of the planet. In your mercy, cause 2021 to be the year things shift – when we, your people, regain a vision of life under your rule that benefits our global neighbours and safeguards your Creation for future generations.

Father of all, we thank you for all the gifts, practical and monetary, given at our Harvest celebrations on 26th September. We pray



for those at Caring for Life and Harrogate Homeless Project who receive the vouchers and the food items, that they will know your love and care. We pray too for Tearfund's partners in Haiti, and ask that you will rebuild and restore lives through their relief work.

### Sun 10th – Sat 16th Oct

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every



morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Tuesday, 12th October we join together to pray for Mission Without Borders, as they work through church teams in Eastern Europe to support families from the poorest neighbourhoods. Father God, we give you thanks for MWB, for their vision for transformation. Give the teams of local in-country staff energy and creativity, and enable their work to bear fruit for your kingdom, we pray. Bless the UK office staff too, including Chris Davies from our own congregation, MWB's IT Director.

We continue to pray for those in our community who particularly need your healing love, Father God, in body, mind or spirit. Use the prayer list below to pray by name for each person this week.

### Sun 17th – Sat 23rd Oct

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you, Father God for the St Mark's Connect Girls group, with a vision to empower all girls and young women and grow in confidence and in self-esteem. We thank you, Lord, for your perfect love and goodness, and pray that you will use this group, and the leaders, Janet, Liz and Kath, to be bearers of your life-giving light, illuminating many lives.

We give thanks for the faithful members of all ages of our church, attending the Thursday Communion service, one of our Sunday Services, or connecting through a mid-week small group. As we meet in different groups, Father, unite us in Jesus Christ. Give us compassion and care for one another, and we ask your blessing in particular on Catherine Gibbin and the pastoral team, as they play such a valuable role sharing your love in practical ways.

### Sun 24th – Sat 30th Oct

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As schools break for half term, we pray for all teachers and support staff in our education system, thanking you, Father, for their gifts, patience and skills as they work with our children and young people. Restore them this week, we pray, and renew their vision, energy and calling. We pray too for our children's and youth ministry teams, that they will obey you with loving hearts, and be equipped by you, Lord in discipling our children and young people.

We pray, Father God, for Wellspring, for their trustees, their staff team and all the volunteers. We thank you, that you are the Wonderful Counsellor, and we ask that your wisdom inspires each person who comes to Wellspring so that positive change and hope can take root in people's lives.



### Sun 31st Oct – Sat 6th November

A prayer for All Saints Day, 1st November: God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We trust that you, Lord God, are faithful and unchanging. Keep us close to you, individually, and as a church family. As we shape our lives around the UP / IN / OUT dimensions of GOD / EACH OTHER / THE WORLD give us humility and grace to worship you in Spirit and in Truth, to see the best in one another, and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to sharing your love in our community and the world.

Monday 1st to Friday 12th November sees Climate talks, COP26, happening in Glasgow. Father God, empower us to pray for your world during these talks which stand to have such an impact on humanity's very survival. Unite us in prayer and petition for courage and action to be taken by our leaders now for the sake of the future.

A prayer for the Climate talks, COP26, 1st - 12th November

Creator God, this earth is miraculous and beautiful. Forgive our confusion and inaction as we confront the challenges of climate change. In the light of your truth, seen so clearly in the life and teaching of Jesus, help us to re-examine ourselves and our lifestyle choices and see clearly the implications of how we live on all that sustains life on this earth. May we follow your leading in caring for every aspect of this precious world, which you made and love. We pray for world leaders to agree radical actions in Glasgow this November that will help protect our world from the impact of global heating for future generations. Throughout history you have moved people to do amazing things for the sake of their neighbours. Inspire us now to work together, as your people, to change priorities in the way we live, so that we build a fair and safe world for all your creation; a world where your will is done as it is in heaven. Amen