

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 NOVEMBER 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



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

Let's not COP out! Cover COP26 in prayer: 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.

****Come along to watch the inspiring film "2040" on Saturday 13th November at 7pm in church**

Sunday 7th – Saturday 13th November

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We continue to pray for all meeting at COP26 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.



We pray for Wellspring, providing much needed counselling and support to many people who are in need of peace and hope. Thank you, Father for all the Christian counsellors who volunteer their time and expertise with Wellspring. Please encourage them, and give more human resources to Wellspring, as more people offer their time and their training. We meet to pray with staff and volunteers from Wellspring this Tuesday 9th November at 7.30pm on Zoom.



Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th November

A prayer for Remembrance Sunday: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. We ask you to provide the funding and resources they need, and bless the Made for Giving events this week.

This week we pray for those fleeing war, now stuck in refugee camps in Turkey, Greece and the Middle East, facing a long, cold winter. Lord God, we pray that aid agencies and governments will bring relief, clothing, food and healthcare to these refugees. Give us compassion, we pray, and help us to use our freedom and our relative wealth to effect change for the good of all.

Sunday 21st – Saturday 27th November

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

We pray for Mission Without Borders as they distribute thousands of 'Operation Christmas Love' boxes. Thank you, Lord for these tangible signs of your love, and for the very practical help given to so many families living in poverty. Strengthen MWB's teams in each country, and provide resources to enable them to support many families and communities in Jesus' name.



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.

Many people work hard behind the scenes in our church, in the church gardens and in our local community. We ask God's blessing on all who serve us, sometimes quietly, invisibly, but faithfully. Hold before God and thank him for those you know who, for example, take people to church, lock up the building at night, work in administrative roles, Hoover the carpets or operate the sound desk.

Sunday 28th Nov – Saturday 4th December

A prayer for the first Sunday in Advent: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Christmas season is a busy time for everyone, so we pray especially for the Holy Spirit's empowering for Mike and Liz, Dan, Kim, John and James, and all involved in planning and leading services at Christmas. We ask you, Lord, that all of us at St Mark's may be faithful in declaring the good news about Jesus to our friends and neighbours, inspired by your Holy Spirit.

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.