

## GIVING TO MISSION

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 thankful 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

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Every penny donated to us is spent in support of the mission and ministry of the church.



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# PRAYER DIARY

FOR FEBRUARY 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:



Artizan International enabling, empowering and supporting differently-able people in the UK and the developing world.

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



In2Out changing lives from the inside to the out, supporting young people on their release from custody.

[in2out.org.uk](http://in2out.org.uk)

### **Sun 16th – Sat 22nd Jan**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this new year, we acknowledge our dependence on God, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End. Give thanks to God that “He is before all things, and in him all things hold together” (Colossians 1: 17). Thank God that, in Christ, we look ahead to the renewing of all Creation.

Thank God for our clergy, leadership team, and PCC. Let’s pray for individuals by name this week, asking God to equip them, and work through them in building up the life and mission of St Mark’s, and in bringing the good news of Jesus to our community.

### **Sun 23rd – Sat 29th Jan**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

We pray for the Holy Spirit to equip the staff and volunteers at In2Out, working with young offenders on their release from prison. May each one of these young people know the true freedom of knowing and belonging to Christ.

Father God, strengthen all working for peace in your world. We pray especially for those affected by tensions and conflict driven by the climate crisis. Where water and food are scarce, give wisdom to leaders, charities and

individuals to conserve resources and farm in new ways. Help those of us living in plenty to have the grace to live more simply and tread lightly on the earth.

### **Sun 30th Jan – Sat 5th Feb**

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Artizan International has projects in Ecuador and Peru, as well as the UK. We thank you Father for Artizan’s project leaders – messengers of good news, bringing purpose, life and hope to people with different abilities through craft workshops and training.

We lift to God all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit, remembering especially those listed below. Father, bring your peace and healing to each one, and help us as a church family to support and protect the vulnerable and strengthen the weak.

### **Sun 6th – Sat 12th Feb**

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this busy term, we pray for the students, schoolchildren and teachers in our community. Father, equip them all, to know your presence and protection in their everyday lives. Guard them from all harm, and protect the mental health of our young

people as they put their trust in you, Lord.

We pray for all our midweek groups, Toddlers, Toddler praise, the Thursday communion congregation, the Uniformed groups. As families, individuals and children enter the building may people strengthen their relationships with others but also with you, Lord.

### **Sun 13th – Sat 19th Feb**

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Our dedicated prayer ministry team offers prayer before and after church services, and through the week, praying for people to find release, healing and peace in Jesus’ name. Thank God for Shirley Jones as she leads the team, and pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work powerfully through St Mark’s prayer ministry.

Artizan’s work brings healing in so many ways – by restoring people’s self-esteem, bringing reconciliation in communities, helping people accept family members who have disabilities. Pray that the new café and shop in Harrogate will bring God’s healing and hope to many more.

### **Sun 20th – Sat 26th Feb**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give thanks for the diversity of the church family – for the different ages and backgrounds represented. We pray that St Mark’s would be characterised by a warm welcome, unity and mutual respect, as together we reflect God’s image, and demonstrate the likeness of Jesus in the world.

In2Out offers valuable support and mentoring to every young person who will engage with them, whatever their track record or background. We thank you, God, for this demonstration of your grace – the grace that forgives, accepts and works in and through us, imperfect people.

### **Sun 27th Feb – Sat 5th March**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the start of Lent, we pray that we would be ready to learn what God will teach us – about ourselves, about Him and about the world. We pray for all preaching on Sundays and those leading our small groups. Lord, enable us love you more and reflect your heart of generosity.

We pray this week for the office team, and all involved in the smooth and safe running of the church’s activities. Give your wisdom and insight to all who oversee safeguarding, operational issues, fire safety and so many other important areas. Thank you, Lord, that you care for each person and each part of our community.

**We pray for the continuing needs of Anne-Marie Atkinson; Christina; Merle Clayton; Peter Hamilton, Helen Hardie, Becs Harper; Will Howell; Frances and Andy Kershaw; Aidan and the Newton family, Janet; Julie; Margaret Osborne; Nancy; Maureen Preston, Rosie Rant, Liz and Shirley Ruddle, Amber Seaver; Carole Tooke. 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 Shirley Calvert, Louise Newton, Mike Resch and Barbara Shreeve, Hilary Whiteley .**