

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

A prayer for the Sunday after Ascension Day: 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.

We pray for wisdom and strength for the Queen, giving thanks for her long life of witness and service and use the blessing from Numbers 6:24-26 in this Platinum Jubilee year: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.



On 1<sup>st</sup> June can you join with other Christians to Pray and Fast for the Climate? Take a walk through your local area and pray into the Climate Crisis, or take a virtual prayer walk with our latest Pray for the Climate video: [Pray for the Climate - YouTube](#)

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June

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.

Latin Link works to empower and equip church leaders and mission partners around the world. We pray for Paul and Ruth Turner in Peru, praying especially for them to walk closely with you, Lord Jesus, each day. Please give Paul insight and discernment as he leads and trains church leaders all over the country, and give Ruth energy and wisdom as she leads an online course supporting mission workers in Peru over the coming months. We pray too, Lord, for political stability in Peru, so that all its people can live in peace and safety.

We pray this week for our church leaders at St Mark's, especially for Mike, Liz, Dan and Kim. Please equip them, Lord Jesus, for their ministry now and into the future. We also pray for wisdom and grace for all on the PCC, and for our church wardens Mel and Dave, thanking you for their service.

### Sun 12<sup>th</sup> – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June is our **Church Eco Sunday**. We give thanks that St Mark's has received a Silver Eco Church Award from the charity A Rocha. We thank God for the time, creativity, planning and effort that many are putting in to help us to reduce our energy footprint, through renewable energy sources such as solar panels, increasing biodiversity in the church grounds,

and changes to materials and food products used in the life of the church. Give us wisdom and courage to continue adapting and growing in this new way of life, Father God, and bless Deborah Booth our Parish Environment Officer.

Father God, we pray for all students sitting exams this season, for many of whom this is a new experience. Give them peace, courage and confidence, and give wisdom to all parents and teachers as they encourage and nurture young people. We thank God, too, for the counselling and therapy provided by Wellspring for so many facing anxiety and other issues.

### Sun 19<sup>th</sup> – Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. This coming weekend, Kim and Chris will be leaving St Mark's after four years with us. We thank you so much for them, for their gifts of preaching, teaching and leading worship, and we pray for God's blessing on them, and on Evie and Flo, as they leave Harrogate. Father God, may you use each one of them in their new home, neighbourhood, and church to bring many people to Jesus. Father God, thank you that St Mark's is now a Fairtrade Church. Help us as individuals and as a church family to take responsibility for what we buy and how we look after your world, Lord. Give us generous and compassionate hearts for those who may live far away from us, but who grow and



harvest the produce that we take for granted every day.

### Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Our annual Baptism picnic takes place this afternoon, welcoming children and families who have come to St Mark's in the past year. Father God, we pray that good relationships will be built between these families and the toddler and children's ministry at St Mark's. Give wisdom to Liz and Gail and all involved in planning children's groups, events and holiday clubs, so that we can be an open and welcoming church family for our local community.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July why not join with other Christians to Pray and Fast for the Climate? Father God, you have given us a beautiful and intricately balanced world. Help each of us to take steps to reduce our own energy footprint, by buying locally grown produce or by switching to a green energy supplier.

We pray for the continuing needs of Anne-Marie Atkinson; Christina; Chris; Charmeon Carneson; Peter Hamilton, Helen Hardie, Becc Harper; Will Howell; Jeremy and Mellon; Frances and Andy Kershaw; Aidan and the Newton family, Janet; Julie; Jonathan; Linda; Jeanne Morrell; Nancy; Margaret Osborne; Maureen Preston, Rosie Rant, Liz and Shirley Ruddle, Amber Seaver; David and Stephen O'Neill; Carole Tooke; Dave Worthington; Wendy Wren. We also pray for their families and friends and all those who care for them.

## 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:

1. **Regular giving**
2. **One-off giving**

To find out more, download a form or make a one-off donation visit our website: [smch.org.uk/give](http://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.



## PRAYER DIARY FOR JUNE 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, a local charity offering counselling, therapy and support to young people and adults.

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



Paul and Ruth Turner based in Peru working with Latin Link, partnering with churches to share the love and hope of Jesus in Latin America and Europe.

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

Join us to pray for the church, the world and our mission partners at our monthly Prayer Gathering on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 7.30-8.45pm at St Mark's.**