

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July**

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm is a special Climate Prayer meeting in the church garden. We pray for your earth, Lord, for a big shift towards renewable energy and sustainable industry both locally and nationally. We thank you for the strides that are being taken at every level and ask, Lord God, that you help us to “live more simply so that all may simply live”.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Father God, thank you for Wellspring, and for all the expertise their counsellors bring to people in our local area, working to restore good mental health and bring about positive change in those they serve. Provide the resources Wellspring needs, Father, for the ever-increasing number of people seeking help. Thank you for our close ties with Wellspring, and we ask you to bless and guide all their staff and volunteers.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. As we pray this week with our mission partners Paul and Ruth Turner, at our Zoom Prayer Gathering, we ask God to encourage and bless the Turners in their work in Peru. Lord Jesus, guide and inspire Paul and Ruth in their teaching, their mentoring and their leadership roles within Latin Link. Walk closely with them, Lord, and may your Spirit equip them with everything they need.

We pray for those recently ordained, including Michelle Lepine, and for Kim Mason moving on to a new church. Kindle your gifts of grace in each of them we pray, Lord Jesus.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

We pray for children and young people on summer camps, ventures and at Christian festivals, where they will have opportunities to hear more about your love and your work in the world. Inspire all young people, Father God, and bring them to a personal knowledge of your saving love in Christ.

Help us as a church family to continue to disciple them in the coming year. We ask your blessing on Liz Resch, our children’s and families worker, and Hannah Ferguson, our new Youth Pastor, as they encourage the younger people in our community to follow Jesus.

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> July – Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Aug**

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.

Thank you, Father, that each of us is called to work for your kingdom of peace, justice and mercy, wherever we are and however weak our faith. Take time to ask God to show you how you can grow Jesus’ kingdom. Who will you meet or talk to? Where will you work or go? What will you be doing?

Can you join with others on 1<sup>st</sup> August to Pray and Fast for the Climate? Pray for Fossil Fuel companies to pivot quickly to renewable energy, and by so doing, to safeguard jobs and our planet’s future.

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> – Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Aug**

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.

Many have been driven to despair by the war in Ukraine and the untold suffering inflicted on its people, and the sadness of those forced to flee their homes. We stand in prayer with the people in Ukraine, asking you, Lord of love and power, to bring peace in that nation. Stay the hand of the aggressors, Lord, and enable world leaders to work together for justice and harmony once more.

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> – Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory’s sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. As we pray for the whole church we also pray for revival within our community at St Mark’s, for the various congregations on Thursday and Sunday, for our Toddler Praise groups, and all our small groups, that you, Lord would make us holy, strong and faithful. We ask you to lead and guide Mike, Liz and Dan, and our leadership team, as we all seek to disciple one another and grow.

Thank you for all farmers and producers around the world who grow so much of our food. Thank you especially for the Fairtrade Foundation as it ensures fair wages for so many producers in the Global South. Gives us compassionate and thankful hearts, and help us work for justice.

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we pray, Lord Jesus, give us the grace to

know that you hear and answer prayer. Give us a delight in the things that you delight in, Lord, so that we might follow after your heart. For young people starting new courses, colleges or schools in the new term we pray for your peace and presence. For adults returning to work after a summer break, give your energy, vision and strength. Father God bless all involved in the Dance Ministry workshops next week. May you encourage our children, reminding them that you have created them to worship you, Lord, and we ask your blessing on Ruth as she leads this creative project.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> – Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Many people suffer just for professing faith in Jesus. Lord, give hope and strength to all who are persecuted, or fleeing persecution. Help all your children to count knowing you, Jesus, as the greatest treasure, and keep us praying and working for freedom and justice in your world. Pray for anyone you know who is in danger because of their faith, and ask God to protect and deliver them.

We pray for the continuing needs of Anne-Marie Atkinson; Christina; Chris; Charmeon Carneson; Peter Hamilton, Helen Hardie, Will Howell; Jeremy and Mellon; Frances and Andy Kershaw; Aidan and the Newton family, Janet; Julie; Jonathan; 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

### SUMMER 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 Latin Link at our monthly Prayer Gathering on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30-8.45pm on ZOOM**. See [www.smch.org.uk/calendar](http://www.smch.org.uk/calendar) for login details