

## Sun 10<sup>th</sup> – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this season of Creationtide, help us to pray and work for the good of the world. Inspire Deborah Booth and our PCC to help us move towards the Gold Eco Church Award. Give courage to our global leaders and corporations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions drastically in the coming months.

As the summer ends we pray for the staff team and clergy in their responsibilities at St Mark's. We thank you for our children's and youth teams re-starting groups. Please build strong relationships among them, as they learn and have fun together, and may we all grow together into Jesus who is our Head.

## Sun 17<sup>th</sup> – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Alpha starting this week, for all the hosts and all the guests. May the discussions be honest and open, and may the Holy Spirit enable questions to be asked and answered graciously. Open people's eyes and hearts through Alpha, Lord, to receive your love and life.

In a world seeing the impact of the Climate crisis in extreme weather events, droughts, floods and fires, give us compassion and grace to take seriously your call to care for your Creation, Lord. Give energy to all of us at St Mark's as we seek to reduce waste, care for our grounds, invest in Fair Trade, and reduce our building's carbon footprint. May we be

kingdom people who champion Creation care in our schools, homes and workplaces.

## Sun 24<sup>th</sup> – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Take time this week to "wonder"... maybe look at the sky or the stars, or at the colours reflected in a bubble in the sink. Father God, your creation is marvellous – we stand in awe of your power and goodness. Inspire us to worship you in response and to be open to your presence everywhere we go.

This Harvest Sunday, we thank you for your generosity, Lord God, and we pray for Caring for Life and IDAS as St Mark's gives them financial support. Please provide for these charities as their staff and volunteers walk alongside vulnerable people, bringing hope and healing to body, mind and spirit.

## Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A prayer for Ukraine: God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name

of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Many people in our community are in need of God's healing. Take time to pray for those listed below, knowing that each person is known, held and deeply loved by God.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October we stand with other Christians who mark the first day of each month by praying for the Climate. Join in here: [Pray and Fast for the Climate – Pray and Fast for the Climate](#)

## Sun 8<sup>th</sup> – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

We thank you for Paul and Ruth Turner, and for their long-term work in Latin America with church leaders and mission partners. Thank you that your gospel knows no boundaries, Lord God, and your truth and justice is not limited by geography. Give Paul and Ruth grace and wisdom in their leadership roles, and bring peace and stable government to Peru where they live.

St Mark's has many different congregations and groups. Unite us, Lord in your love. Give wisdom to our clergy and PCC. Help us take every opportunity to build one another up in love so that we trust you for our life together and hold out your word of life to others.

## Sun 15<sup>th</sup> – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> October

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.

We thank you for Ann and for all on our flower team, who spend time reflecting and

praying and preparing beautiful displays in church. Thank you for the way they share their gifts, blessing us with a glimpse of your beauty, Lord God.

God of Justice, Creation groans for liberation, the poor cry out for justice and mercy. Help us to be people of action, not just words. May our faith be alive, not dead. May we each use the power and opportunities you have given us to bring about change that reflects your kingdom values on earth.

## Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sat 28<sup>th</sup> October

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.

At the end of October we pray for God's Light to shine in the darkness. As the clocks go back and as many people mark Halloween, may Jesus' truth and goodness shine brightly through the local church, through Light Parties, and through each of us individually.

As we pray for St Mark's we also pray for the church in Peru, where Paul and Ruth Turner live and work. Use your church, Lord Jesus, both in Peru and here in Harrogate, to equip the next generation to proclaim and demonstrate your goodness and mercy in their lives. May we all, young or old, draw others to know Jesus and to find their identity in Him.

We pray for the continuing needs of Anna; Anne-Marie; Marian; Carol; Christina; Chris H, Helen; Will Howell; Andy and Frances Kershaw; Iris Lindford-Myers; Mellon; Janet; Julie; Nancy; Barbara Shreeve; Susanne. We pray for those recently bereaved including David, Cathy, Kerry and Shirley.

## 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 SEPT- OCT AT ST MARK'S

Join with us to pray for our church, our mission partners, the world and the local community.

We focus our prayer this season for our Harvest partners Caring for Life and IDAS, and for:

Latin Link, and our friends Paul and Ruth Turner in Peru, working to equip churches and church leaders across Latin America. [Latin Link Britain and Ireland – Latin American mission](#)

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September everyone is invited to "An Evening for Ukraine". Mission Without Borders is bringing a world-class Ukrainian pianist and award-winning soprano to St Mark's, to perform music that reflects the rich culture of Eastern Europe. Buy your tickets – only £8 each – online ( [Click](#) to buy a ticket), or via the church office.