

Sun 7th – Sat 13th September

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We give thanks for Holiday Club last week and ask for your Holy Spirit to continue to be at work in the lives of every child who participated. May there be evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in their lives, and transformation as they continue in their journey as disciples of Jesus. Give us opportunities to continue building relationships with the children and families involved. We thank you for all our musicians at St Mark's, for the organists, choir, band members, for all our younger musicians, and all who sing and dance. Help us to grow in our musical worship, in being able to include all ages in worship, and help us to lead humbly and effectively. Thank you, Creator God, for poetry, sound, song and dance, for the creativity that reflects your love.

Sun 14th – Sat 20th September

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We lift to God those on our prayer list this week, asking Him to draw close to each person named. We pray for God's comfort for all who are bereaved. May their days of sorrow end (Isaiah 60:20).

Many seeds of faith have been sown among our children and young people. Father God, may your Spirit produce fruit in their lives as they settle in at new schools, or go to college, university or work. Continue to be at work, Lord, in each of their lives, equipping them to build your kingdom in Harrogate and beyond.

Sun 21st – Sat 27th Sept

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.

A prayer for Fairtrade fortnight. Loving God, we give thanks for the opportunities that Fairtrade provides to those living in poverty. We thank You for the chance to participate in Your work of justice, lifting up the vulnerable and treating all people with dignity. Help us to live justly, reflecting Your love for the poor and oppressed through our choices. Teach us to lift others up as You lift us, and guide us to be agents of Your justice in the world.

Thank you for the opportunity to bless food-waste charity Resurrected Bites with donations this Harvest. May the food and monies we collect bring hope to the hungry in our community and those who feel isolated. Thank you for all your generosity to us, Father God, and for giving us a way to share your gifts with others.

Sun 28th Sept – Sat 4th Oct

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.

A Harvest prayer: Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord of all Creation, give us creativity and courage as we seek to safeguard our church and all Creation for future generations. Give our national government courage to enact energy policies that will use resources sustainably. On 1st October can you join with others to Pray and Fast for the Climate? [Pray and Fast for the Climate – Pray and Fast for the Climate](#)

Sun 5th – Sat 11th Oct

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.

We thank you for our mission partner Caring for Life, and their service of the marginalised and poor in Leeds. May the staff and volunteers demonstrate your unconditional love for the beneficiaries, Father, and always point to you in their conversations. Please protect any vulnerable beneficiaries on the days when they are not at projects on the farm.

We give thanks, Lord Jesus, for our all-age congregation – from the youngest baby to the oldest member of St Mark's. Thank you that no one is too young or too old to know you and be loved by you. Help us to disciple one another, looking out for ways we can encourage the weak and build up the next generation in our church.

Sun 12th – Sat 18th Oct

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.

Father God, we pray for all the churches in Harrogate, and throughout the Diocese of Leeds. May we be truly united in Christ, ready to grow in love and faith, and always listening and looking for where you are calling us to serve others in our community. We thank you for Netmakers in our town, bringing Christians together in mission.

We lift the dire situation in Gaza to you, asking, Lord, have mercy. We also pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Our world is crying out for peace, so we ask you, Jesus, Prince of Peace, to be at work in all peacemakers, and through those using diplomacy to seek to end conflict. Change the hearts of leaders who seem hungry for power and greedy for land, that lives may be spared and the devastation halted.

Sun 19th – Sat 25th Oct

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 providing for Caring for Life over many years. May the farm projects be a blessing to the beneficiaries, may friendships be formed and strengthened as people work together to care for your creation, Father God. Please enable those who need it most to have access to this vital service, and continue to provide funding, staff and volunteers for Caring for Life, we pray.

We pray for Mike, Liz, Simon, Esli, Hannah, our PCC, and all who serve in positions of leadership. May you draw them into harmony with your will, and, as they spend time with Jesus, mould them day by day into people who champion justice, mercy and the restoration that Jesus brings.

Sun 26th Oct – Sat 1st Nov

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.

In these times of global tension and conflict, we bring before our loving Father regions torn apart by war. God of compassion, hear our prayers for the vulnerable, the children, the families devastated by loss and communities wrenched from their homes. Bring peace and hope to them we pray, and may you change the hearts of leaders bent on violence to follow instead your way of peace.

As we reach the half term holiday, give refreshment to all school teachers and staff, and to our children's & youth teams. May they know your mercies, new every morning, and, as the nights draw in, may you kindle in them the light of your presence.

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 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 – NOV 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 especially for:



Caring for Life, a Christian charity, seeking to "Share the love of Jesus" with at-risk and hurting people, including those who are homeless.

[Caring For Life | A Christian Charity](#)



We give thanks for Resurrected Bites, our Harvest charity, filling bellies not bins: [Resurrected Bites](#)

This season we mark the Church's season of 'Creationtide', our Harvest Festival (28th Sept) and Fair Trade Fortnight (22nd Sept – 5th Oct) [Fairtrade Fortnight](#)

Join us to pray at our church prayer gatherings: Wednesday 24th Sept and Wednesday 22nd Oct, both at 7.30pm.