

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> – Sat 11<sup>th</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.

We thank God for our clergy, our preaching team, worship team, our choir and organist, readers and intercessors – for all who lead and enable our corporate worship. Lord, equip us with your gifts, so that the body of Christ might be built up and grow.

Thank God for Mission Without Borders, sharing the love of Jesus with children, families and older people across Eastern Europe. Pray for MWB summer camps in Moldova, Romania and many other countries, for fun, safety and encounters with Jesus.

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> – Sat 18<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. Pray today for all in local and national government in the UK. Pray for servant-hearted leaders, and pray for God's Spirit of peace to be at work, building trust, providing opportunities for integration and connection between people of all ages and backgrounds.

MWB Summer Camp is an island of joy for a Matei (age 12); a place where he can leave worries behind and simply be a child. And he can't wait to go again. Pray that many children will experience a touch of 'heaven on earth' this summer.

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> – Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July**

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. Pray that at St Mark's faith in all ages will grow as we make disciples. Pray for the Circus Adventure Holiday Club in August to be one way we can share Jesus's love with others. Join us to pray for our Holiday Club at 7.30pm on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Pray for God's healing presence amidst the

ongoing tragedies unfolding in the Middle East. In situations of conflict ask God to bring his peace and comfort to all caught up in violence, and praying for those with power to work for peace.

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July – Sat 1<sup>st</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.

Father God guide our PCC, our finance and buildings committees, and all of us at St Mark's. May we be a generous community, good stewards of all you have given us, and ready to share with all in need. We at St Mark's get to share in the life-changing work of our mission partner MWB, through prayer and financial giving. Father of all, provide for MWB as they help poor families, and provide practical help in communities across Eastern Europe. May all they do speak of You, Jesus.

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sat 8<sup>th</sup> August**

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 the children's and youth teams pray for, serve and witness to the next generation, pray for more servant-hearted adults to join the team to share Jesus with these precious young people. Pray this week for our wonderful admin team at St Mark's, office staff and volunteers who keep the building and the church activities running smoothly. From café volunteers and cleaners to the lock-up team, we thank you that we are all shaped for serving God.

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> August**

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.

We thank you for our older church members, our Mothers Union, our Thursday community, and the many older people who pray, and give so generously of their time and talents to serve among us. Father, bless those who can't come into St Mark's, and all involved in visiting our church family at home or in hospital.

Lord, give us courage and wisdom to pray into the Climate Crisis – to intercede for people and places affected by extreme weather or forced from their homes. Soften our hearts, God, and have mercy on us. Which country or issue is on your heart? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> – Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

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 students get their exam results this month. May each one know your hand of guidance, Father God, and your encouragement, as they receive grades and make plans for next year. What is more valuable than the Kingdom of God? Take time prayerfully to lay aside other priorities and seek first Jesus' kingdom in your life.

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> August**

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. Holiday Club is this week! Give thanks for all involved: cake-makers, games organisers, children's team, young leaders, first aiders, drama team, tech team, safeguarding and admin teams. Father, may children and families encounter Jesus this week. Pray for the children and adults involved in the MWB summer camps, asking God to bless them with fun, safety and positive relationships. Pray that many children will continue walking with Jesus as they go back to school and home life.

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Aug – Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Sept**

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.

As summer holidays draw to an end, ask God to strengthen any young people you know who are returning to school or college soon. Jesus, shine through them to their friends and classmates. On 1<sup>st</sup> September can you Pray and Fast for the Climate? Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire one change this month in your lifestyle that will lead to living more lightly on God's earth.

<https://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/>

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Join with others in this week of 24-7 prayer to pray for those you know who don't yet know Jesus. Ask Jesus, Lord of all, to reveal his love and mercy to individuals, leaders, families, nations, to the glory of God.

God of compassion, look with love on leaders in our nation and in our world. Remind them of your command to love and serve the poor. May they know that all authority comes from you, Lord.

## 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 JULY - AUGUST 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:



**Mission without Borders**, especially their summer camps for children happening across Eastern Europe: <https://www.missionwithoutborders.org.uk/appeals/summer-camps>



**Circus Adventure Holiday Club** at St Mark's, Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> August and Sun 30<sup>th</sup> August  
Church Prayer Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. On 22<sup>nd</sup> July we'll gather at church to pray together (no prayer meeting in August).

Get involved in the **24-7 Global Week of Prayer** from 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September: the Netmakers prayer room in Harrogate will be open to all. The theme is 'At the name of Jesus'. <https://www.24-7prayer.com/weekofprayer/>