



Prayer Diary

August 2020

St. Peter's & St. Mark's Intercessions for August 2020

- Sat 1st Pray for the **countries which are currently most affected** by the Coronavirus pandemic: For God's grace and mercy; and for many to be drawn to him during this time.
Give thanks for **WOW (Women of the Word)** and those who attend. Pray for the ladies of the church, that they would be able to connect with one another and with God during this time of isolation.
- Sun 2nd "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:1-2).
We hope to **meet physically for the first time since March today, 10am at St Mark's church**. The service will be streamed online for those who are unable to join us.
Please pray for safety for all God's people, that the technology would work, and that each of us would encounter the living God whether at St Mark's or at home.
- Mon 3rd **Give thanks** that at time of writing the number of new cases of Coronavirus, and deaths resulting from Coronavirus, is in decline in the UK. Pray that this trend continues.
Give thanks that churches can meet physically, while taking appropriate measures to control the spread of Coronavirus. Pray for **wisdom for the church leadership of the Anlaby Churches** as they continue to work out how and when we should meet physically, on Sundays and midweek.
- Tue 4th We meet to pray **at church family night** tonight. Why not join us if you are able? Please pray that we would be increasingly dependent on our good God for everything, and that we would pray without ceasing.
- Wed 5th Pray during this time of crisis for **Christian men** to be encouraged in their faith and friendships. Pray that God would lead us to the men in the community that he is drawing to himself (Acts 13:48).
- Thur 6th "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Pray for **our government** - for wisdom in all decisions that have to be made at this time.
Pray for **those taking annual leave** this month, whether at home or away. Pray for refreshment, rest and encouragement, and that they would return ready to enjoy and serve the Lord and his people in the year ahead.
- Fri 7th Pray for **church family members at work**, including those working at home at the moment – that they might be equipped to serve and honour God in all that they

do (Colossians 3:23).

- Sat 8th Pray for our online presence as a church – website, Facebook, and Youtube channel, as well as livestreaming of services. Give thanks for all who make this presence possible. Give thanks in particular this month for Chris Finney and the team that have worked so hard to enable us to stream our Sunday services from St Mark's. Pray that God would draw many people to himself through these platforms.
Pray that as a church family we would continue to pray for our neighbours and friends, and to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith.
- Sun 9th We come to God today in **great need of his grace**. As we complete our short series looking at some of the **Psalms**, pray that God would use the Word, prayer and our heartfelt praise to build us up and equip us for his service in the week ahead. Please also continue to pray for God's protection over his people, and for the technology to work.
- Mon 10th Give thanks for our **midweek groups**, including Noah's Ark, Stars, Light Lunches, Ablaze, the midweek communion, and the Saturday Coffee Morning. Pray for wisdom for the leaders to know how to keep in touch with members during this time.
- Tue 11th **Church Society** is an organisation seeking to promote evangelical ministry within the Church of England. Pray for the Church Society Annual Meeting taking place today, and that evangelical ministry would continue to thrive within the Church of England. Pray that God would continue to use the Church of England to reach the nation with the gospel for many years to come.
Life groups are not meeting during August, but our **summer church night** will meet this evening. Please pray for a time of spiritual growth and encouragement of one another. Why not join us?
- Wed 12th "**Out of the depths O Lord I cry to you**" (Psalm 130:1). Bring before the Lord a situation that you find frustrating or challenging, and ask him to work. "My soul waits for the Lord" (Psalm 130:6) – Commit yourself to wait for him to answer in his way.
- Thur 13th Give thanks for our **Church Wardens, Chris and Jenny**, and pray for God's strength and guidance in their work and responsibilities, including during this time of uncertainty. Give thanks also for our **pastoral team**, led by Tony King and Hannah Johnson. Pray that together we would effectively care for all in the church family at this time. Pray that the Lord would give us the leaders we need as we look to the future.
- Fri 14th Pray for those in the church family who are **struggling** at the moment – with ill health, relationship problems, bereavement, depression, stress, discontentment, or financial or work difficulties. Pray that God would be their shepherd in the darkness (Psalm 23).
Pray for those on the **parish sick list**, that God would strengthen them in their faith and would bring healing.
- Sat 15th Give thanks for our generous God and the many gifts that he has given you, and the church family, recently. Following our recent sermon series on Generosity,

pray that he would **increasingly form us into a generous people**, reflecting his character of joyful, other-person-centred, generous love.

Sun 16th “How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen?” (Habakkuk 1:2). We begin a short series considering God’s mysterious ways in the book of Habakkuk today. Pray that our worship would honour God’s name and be attractive to newcomers as we express our delight in and dependence on Jesus Christ.

Mon 17th Give thanks for the gift of **marriage**, and for godly Christian marriages within our church family and those that are known to us. Pray for any couples who are struggling in their marriage at the moment, following lockdown or for some other reason. Pray that they would receive the support they need, and that their marriage would be strengthened. Pray also for those who are **single, divorced or widowed** – for the Lord’s gracious provision for all their needs.

Tue 18th Give thanks for the **young adults** at the Anlaby Churches. Pray for the group for young adults – that they would be encouraged in their faith and grow in friendship and number.
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Wed 19th Pray for the work of the **Anlaby Communities Trust**, which exists to serve the Anlaby Communities in the areas of education, youth work, relief of need, and advancement of the Christian faith. Pray for the trustees as they meet this evening.

Thur 20th Pray for **Steve Wilcox** as he continues to lead the church family through this difficult time. Pray for good health, energy, wisdom and refreshment.
Give thanks for **Jo Hepworth**, working hard in her role as church administrator, currently working from home. Pray for wisdom, energy and love for her as she carries out her vital role. Pray also for a good time of rest and refreshment over the summer.

Fri 21st Give thanks for **Nicholas and Amanda Haydock, and for Adam Young**, who have plans to serve God overseas in the next few months. Pray that travel would be possible, for funding, for safety, and for visas so they can serve the Lord in the areas he is calling them to.

Sat 22nd Give thanks for the many ways in which members of the church family are using their gifts and time to build up the church and to support the community at this time. Pray for those in the church family lacking a sense of purpose – that God would lead them in the good works he’s prepared for them (Ephesians 2:10).

Sun 23rd “The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life” (John 6:63). Pray that as we hear God’s Word today we would **encounter Jesus Christ** by his Spirit and be renewed to rejoice in him and live for him in the week ahead.
Give thanks for the new people who have joined our church family recently. Pray that God would continue to bring into our family one new family, couple or individual.

Mon 24th Pray for those in our church family and in the community who are **vulnerable or at high-risk** in the face of the Coronavirus. Pray for God’s protection. Pray also that he would help his people to trust him (Philippians 4:6-7).

Give thanks for all who are **seeking to help vulnerable people** at this time. Pray for the Foodbanks in Hull, and the initiatives of the Parish council and the NHS.
Pray for the many **older people** in the community, including in care homes. Many older people are lonely and vulnerable – particularly at this time. Pray that many more older people would find rest and hope in Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:28-30).

Tue 25th Pray for our focus this year, to **“Be transformed into the likeness of Christ as a church family and as individuals, by God’s grace and through prayer”**. Pray that this would be true of each of us individually, and as a church, as we focus our attention on Jesus Christ and become more like him by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Pray for a particular aspect of your own character that you are asking God to transform to be more like the Lord Jesus.

Wed 26th Give thanks for the **West Hull Churches** with whom we work closely – All Saints North Ferriby, St Barnabas Swanland, St Andrew’s Kirk Ella, St Luke’s Willerby, St Nicholas Hull, St Martin’s Hull, and Living Hope Church. Pray that the Lord would use our partnership in the gospel to grow his Kingdom. **The West Hull prayer meeting** gathers this morning (presently via Zoom), and each Wednesday during term time.

Thur 27th Give thanks for the **Coronavirus Emergency Network** seeking to bring relief to Christians facing the triple challenge of Coronavirus, locust plague and persecution. Pray that financial support would go to those who need it most. Pray also for persecuted Christians throughout the world, that God would give them grace to keep trusting him even unto death. Pray for their persecutors to be convicted of their sin and to trust Christ as their Saviour.

Fri 28th Pray for **Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**, that he would lead with wisdom at this time of turbulence and uncertainty for the nation and the Church of England. Pray that he would encourage the Diocese to continue with the task of taking the gospel to the ends of the earth and the ends of the Diocese, and pray for faithfulness in word and deed as he embarks on his charge to teach the whole counsel of God as revealed in his Word the Bible (Acts 20:27-28, 2 Timothy 4:1-5).

Sat 29th Pray for those among our church family who are **lonely or anxious** at this time. Pray that they would find all that they need as they cast their burdens on the Lord Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7).

Sun 30th Pray for an **area of the Anlaby Communities** that we are not currently reaching with the good news of Jesus. Pray that God would raise up a ministry to reach the people living in that area.

Mon 31st Give thanks for **James Munro**, who is due to join us as Intern / Ministry Trainee from tomorrow (he will also be based at All Saints North Ferriby). Pray that he would quickly settle into life here, that he would feel at home, and that the Lord would use his involvement here in the coming year for his glory: both in James’s life and in the church family and surrounding community.

‘ This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...”’ (Matthew 6:9-10).