



# Prayer Diary

## September 2020

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### St. Peter's & St. Mark's Intercessions for September 2020

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- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).  
Give thanks for our **Life group leaders**. Pray for them as they meet this evening.
- Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Pray that the number of new cases of Coronavirus, and deaths resulting from Coronavirus, would decline in the UK.  
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.
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Today we begin a short series considering some of the **39 Articles of the Church of England**. Give thanks for the biblical foundations of the Church of England, and pray that those foundations would remain for many years to come. Pray that those who would seek to change those foundations to reflect contemporary culture would be frustrated. Please pray for safety for all God's people, and that each of us would encounter the living God and be changed to be more like him - whether at St Mark's or at home.
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Sandra Carmichael. 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.

- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Pray for our **local schools** – Rokeby Park, Acre Heads, Anlaby, Springhead, Hull Collegiate and Thomas More – as they return. Pray for wisdom and energy for the staff. Pray also for many opportunities for staff and children to hear the glorious good news of Jesus Christ who changes everything for the better.  
**Tuesday Life groups** meet today. Pray for good rhythms of growth in faith, fellowship, hospitality and outreach to continue to be established. Why not join a Life group if you haven't already?
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Pray for **James Munro**, who is starting as Intern/Ministry Trainee at the Anlaby Churches and 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.
- Thur 10<sup>th</sup> 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 whether and when to restart meeting, and how to keep in touch with members in the meantime.
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> The **Finance team** are meeting today. Please give thanks for the team and pray for their ongoing work. Give thanks also to the LORD for providing for all our financial needs as a church, and pray that he would continue to do so.  
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.
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> **"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.
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> We come to God today in **great need of his grace**. Pray that he 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.
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> The **ReNew conference** takes place online today. Pray for wisdom for evangelicals across the nation as they consider together how to continue to pioneer, establish and secure healthy congregations. Pray for those attending from the Anlaby Churches and other local churches, for encouragement, unity and wisdom.
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> "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.
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> "When the Holy Spirit comes he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement..." (John 16:8). "All who were appointed for eternal life believed" (Acts 13:48). Pray that all in the Anlaby Communities would be led to reflect on eternal realities during this time of uncertainty, and that the Lord would bring many people to himself.

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> **Ablaze** meets tonight, and every Friday during term time: Please give thanks for the young people who attend, and pray that they would grow to maturity in Christ (Colossians 1:28). Pray that they would have courage to invite their friends and numbers would grow. Pray also for “people of peace” in the community who might encourage others to come. Please also give thanks for the leaders and pray for one or two more.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 20<sup>th</sup> “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 21<sup>st</sup> There is a **Joint church council meeting** this evening. Give thanks for the great PCC members God has given us at the Anlaby Churches, and for our unity. Pray that we would discern God’s will for the church family and our ministry to the Anlaby communities.

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Tuesday Life groups** meet today. Pray for good rhythms of growth in faith, fellowship, hospitality and outreach to continue to be established. Why not join a Life group if you haven't already?

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> 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).

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Pray for Christians in **Northern Nigeria**, who are facing what has been described as genocide perpetrated by Islamic Fulani herdsmen and the Boko Haram group. Pray that they would know God to be their Rock and Refuge. Pray also that through their witness many of their oppressors would come to put their faith in Jesus.

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> “Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs” (Psalm 100:1-2). Pray that each of us would encounter the living God in worship today, and find our joy in him.

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Every year more than 200,000 babies are aborted. As many as 98% of these involve a physically healthy foetus and mother. Many of them under coercion from the father. Pray for God's mercy, a growing sense in our society of the infinite value of human life, and that the demand for abortions would come to an end. Pray too for organisations such as the Christian Institute and Christian Concern which seek to bring an awareness of God's good ways into public discourse.

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

“People from all nations whom you have made shall come and worship before you O Lord; and shall glorify your name” (Psalm 86:9). God always works for his glory, and this gives us great confidence that he will continue to build a people for himself. Pray that God would glorify his name by building his church here in the Anlaby Communities!

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

*' 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).*