



Prayer Diary

October 2020

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

- Thur 1st Pray that the number of new cases of Coronavirus, and deaths resulting from Coronavirus, would decline in the UK and in the local area.
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 2nd **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.
- Sat 3rd Give thanks for **WOW (Women of the Word)**, for those who attend, and for the way God is working amongst them at present. Pray for the ladies of the church, that they would continue to grow in faith at this time, and that God would lead them in the good works he has prepared for them.
- Sun 4th **"Celebrate God's goodness!"** We have our **Harvest celebration** today, at St Mark's church at 10am and also online. Pray that we would rejoice in God's goodness to us even in these challenging times. Pray also that many friends / from the community would join us online. Is there anyone you could invite?
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 5th Please pray for the **men of the Anlaby Churches**, as they seek God as to the future of the Men's ministry. Pray that during this time of crisis **Christian men** would be increasingly encouraged in their faith and friendships. Pray also 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.
- Tues 6th 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.
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.
- Wed 7th Give thanks for **James Munro**, who has recently started as 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 8th Give thanks for our **midweek groups**, including Noah's Ark, Stars, Light Lunches, 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 9th Give thanks for our **buildings**, and for all those who work hard to maintain them, including cleaning them week by week. Pray for God's joy and sustaining of them in their labours. As we prepare to embark on the development of the St Peter's building, pray that our Father would provide the finances needed for the completion of this much needed work.
Ablaze, our Youth group, meets tonight.
- Sat 10th Following the popularity of the last event in the summer, there is a **Scarecrow event** around West Hull from today until 18th October. Give thanks for the opportunity to build connections through the scarecrows in the Community Garden run by the Anlaby Communities Trust (ACT), and at St Peter's. Pray that God would use this and other activities to help us build connections with the community, and to draw people to himself.
Pray also for the process underway for ACT to appoint a Christian basketball coach. Pray for the right person to be appointed at the right time.
- Sun 11th 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.
We have our delayed **Annual Meeting** after the service. Please give thanks for all those who serve in the life of the church, as wardens, Church Council members and in other ways. Pray that the newly elected church leadership would be led by God's Spirit in the year ahead.
- Mon 12th 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. Pray for wisdom and unity for the warden team as they meet this evening.
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 13th Pray for **Hull 2030**, as an online church planting conference takes place today. Praise God for bringing up to 15 leaders together every six weeks or so to plan and pray for churches to be planted across Hull. Pray for encouragement, and wisdom to know how we can keep reaching out with the gospel during this time of lockdown. Pray that 20 healthy churches would be planted across Hull by 2030.
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 14th 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.

Thur 15th 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 also for **Hull Saints**, a Christian football organisation led by members of the Wood family. Pray for wisdom, energy and godliness. Pray that God would be honoured through this ministry, and that many might ultimately be drawn to faith in Jesus Christ.

Fri 16th Give thanks that we are made for personal relationship with the living God through Jesus Christ. Pray that we would look forward to the day when we will see him face to face and enjoy him fully, and that we would experience some measure of the joy of that relationship day by day.
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Sat 17th 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 18th “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 19th An **Essentials course** is due to start this evening. Pray that a number of people would join, and that God would use the course to help them to know Jesus Christ better, and the difference he makes to life.

Tues 20th Pray for our **local schools** – Rokeby Park, Acre Heads, Anlaby, Springhead, Hull Collegiate and Thomas More. 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.
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Wed 21st 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 22nd 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 23rd 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 24th 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 25th “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 26th “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.

Tues 27th 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.
“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 28th 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 29th 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. Pray for wisdom, energy and love for her as she carries out her vital role.

Fri 30th 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 31st Give thanks that **Jesus is the light of the world**, and has decisively defeated the devil at the cross (Colossians 2:15). Pray that the powers of evil in Hull and surrounding area which draw people into spiritualism, tarot cards, mediums, etc. will be overcome by the power and a greater presence of the Holy Spirit.

' 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).