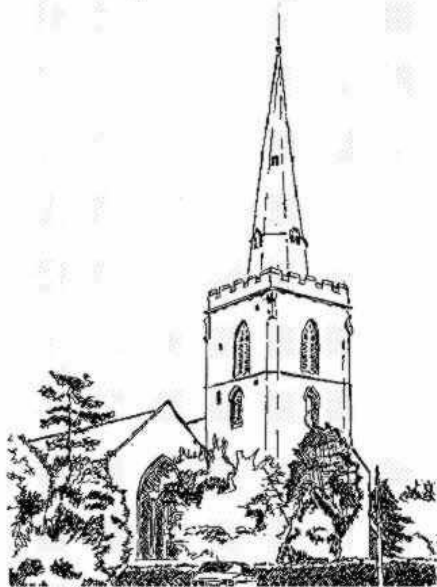


St Mark's Bilton
Monthly Prayer Cycle
August 2010



Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

St. Mark's, Bilton

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1st Our New Musical Director Ps 106:1-10

Gracious God, you call us to sing a new song! We pray today for David Noble as he takes up his role as Musical Director at St Mark's. We ask for your blessing on him, our Choir, Sub-organists and all who provide music for our services, leading and inspiring our worship.

2nd Heyford Leys Acts 1:1-14

We pray today for those who live in Heyford Leys on Hillside. Be with them, Lord, in all their activities so that they may feel your presence in their lives.

3rd Manor House Acts 1:15-end

Loving Father, we pray for the residents of Manor House Care Home in Bawnmore Road. Grant them your peace, Lord, and guide and inspire the staff in their daily tasks.

4th Awaiting Examination Results Acts 2:1-21

Be with those, Lord who are awaiting examination results at this time. Help to calm their nerves and to remind them, whatever the results may be, that, if they always do their best and show honesty and kindness, they will find ample reward.

5th Oswald, King of Northumbria Acts 2:22-36

Lord God Almighty, who so kindled the faith of King Oswald with your Spirit, that he set up the sign of the cross in his kingdom and turned his people to the light of Christ, grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit, may always boldly bear our cross before the world.

6th Transfiguration 1 Jn 3:1-3

Heavenly Father, you showed your glory in your son, Jesus, to chosen disciples on the 'Holy Mountain'. May we catch a glimpse of that glory and may it transform our lives so that we reflect your light to those around us.

7th Chernobyl Children Acts 3:1-10

Loving Jesus, we pray for the 8 youngsters currently staying with Rugby families as part of the Chernobyl Children's Project (UK), as a respite from the high summer levels of radiation in their homeland. We pray that these weeks free of contamination will improve their health.

8th 'God on the Beach' Ps 115

Let us pray for all at the Family Service at St Mark's this morning. Help all the children to remember, Lord, that you are with them on their holidays – that 'God is on the beach' just as much as in the Church.

9th Mother's Union Acts 3:11-end

Loving Lord, today we remember Mary Sumner, who in 1876 founded the Mothers' Union, which now has 4 million members across 81 countries. We give thanks and pray for the MU at St Mark's and worldwide as its members support family life, spreading your Love.

10th Nelson Way Acts 4:1-12

We think today of all who live in Nelson Way and ask God to give them friendship and fellowship with one another. May the light of Christ enrich their daily lives.

11th Claire of Assisi Acts 4: 13-31

Claire caught the joy of a new vision of the gospel direct from Francis' preaching, founding her own community living in corporate poverty, whilst supporting Francis' early companions after his death. Help us, Lord, like Claire, to shine as lights in this World.

12th Church Building Acts 4:32-5:11

We pray that you will give your blessing, Lord, to the plans to modify the church building at St Marks. We pray too, that all members of the church will support fund-raising efforts and give generously to ensure the success of this exciting project.

13th Florence Nightingale Acts 5:12-26

Caring Lord, on this, the hundredth anniversary of her death, we give thanks for the life of Florence Nightingale who devoted her life to the reform and development of nursing and established it as a profession. We pray for all nurses and those in their care.

14th Those Unable to Take a Holiday Acts 5:27-end

Lord, we ask you to be with those who are unable to take a holiday this year. May they find joy in their homes and gardens and be refreshed in the places they have to be this summer.

15th Mary, Mother of Christ Pss 98, 138

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

16th VJ Day Acts 6

Yesterday was the 65th anniversary of VJ Day when victory over Japan brought peace to the world. Lord, we give you thanks to those who secured this peace and pray that we remain on good terms with Japan and all nations in the year to come.

17th Dorset Close Acts 7:1-16

Today we pray for all who live in Dorset Close on Cawston Grange. Guide them, Lord, when life is difficult, and may they feel your presence with them always.

18th Lime Tree Village Acts 7:17-43

Let us pray today for all who live at Lime Tree Village off Cawston Lane. May it remain a place of peace and harmony. We give you thanks, Lord, that many of the residents are members of St Mark's congregation.

19th Rugby in Bloom Acts 7:4-53

Lord, we thank you for the flowers that brighten the streets of our town, lifting our spirits, as gardeners, both public and private, compete to produce the best displays.

20th William & Catherine Booth Acts 7:54-8:3

Let us remember today the Booths, the 19th century evangelists who worked amongst the poor and started the Salvation Army. We give thanks for all the work which has been done by the Salvation Army since then and pray, Lord, that you will continue to guide and encourage them.

21st Water Resources**Acts 8:4-25**

Creator God, as rainfall patterns seem to be changing to give more extremes of flood and drought both in Britain and worldwide, we pray for those who manage our water supplies, as we remember those in other lands where obtaining water is a major concern every day.

22nd St Leonard's, Willey**Ps 119:73-88**

We pray today for the congregation of St Leonard's, Willey, one of the smallest parishes in our Deanery. Help them through their interregnum, Lord, and enable them to continue to bring your light and life to their community.

23rd Harvest Time**Acts 8:26-end**

Loving Father, despite the sophistication of our life in the developed world, we still depend on suitable weather to grow and harvest our crops. As the time of the grain harvest approaches, we pray for farmers, here and worldwide, that they will gather a good harvest.

24th St Bartholomew**Mt 10:1-22**

We remember today the apostle, Bartholomew. Let us be guided by his honesty and devotion to Jesus so that our lives can be filled with the joy of feeling close to God and learning his ways.

25th Those who are Ill**Acts 9:19-31**

Lord of Life, we pray for all those known to us who are ill, whether in body or spirit. Give them your peace Lord, and we ask your blessing on those responsible for their care and treatment, and your comfort for those who love and support them.

26th Fighting Cocks**Acts 9:32-end**

Let us pray today for all who visit the Fighting Cocks pub in Cymbeline Way. May they find good fellowship with their food and drink and feel refreshed and cheered before they go on their way.

27th Montague Road**Acts 10:1-16**

Father God, we pray for all those who live along Montague Road on Woodlands Estate. May they have good relationships within their families and with their neighbours and enjoy your peace in their lives.

28th God-given Gifts & Talents

10:17-33

We thank you, Lord, for the amazing range of gifts and talents that you have bestowed on all your people. Help us all, young and old, to discover and develop our particular gifts so that we may serve you and our neighbours in the best possible way.

29th John the Baptist

Ps 119:161-end

On this day the Church commemorates the execution of John the Baptist by Herod. Almighty God, as we remember how John called for repentance, speaking out fearlessly against in and against corrupt leadership, help us to spread the Good News of Jesus with confidence.

30th Bank Holidays

Acts 10:34-end

We give you thanks, Lord, for the refreshment and enjoyment of holidays. Let us pray for all those doing something different and having a change on this Bank Holiday Monday. May it brighten their lives for the rest of the week.

31st Aiden, Bishop of Lindisfarne

Acts 11:1-18

Everlasting God, you sent the gentle bishop, Aidan, to proclaim the gospel in this land. Grant us to live as he lived and taught - in simplicity, humility, and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.



(Bible reference abbreviations: Jn – John; Mt – Matthew; Ps – Psalm,)

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