

# St Mark's Parish Church, Shelfield & High Heath

## 11th After Trinity

31<sup>st</sup> August, 2025



Lea Davis is organising a **TABLETOP SALE**  
to help raise funds for a trip to Uganda to  
volunteer for Sustainme.



Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1-4 p.m.

**Stall holders are wanted...**

£10 per table plus a donation of a raffle prize.

*Please speak to Lea for more details.*

**St. Mark's is supporting the Rotary charity Books4Home.**

1 in 8 children in the UK do not own a book of their own.  
Books4Home collects pre-read books for children to choose, take  
home, read & keep forever. **You can help by donating pre-read  
children's books.** Please bring books to St Mark's on Tuesdays  
between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### Hymns

<b>Introit</b>	I the Lord of Sea and Sky	332
<b>Gradual</b>	I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus	300
<b>Offertory</b>	Father, I Place into Your Hands	162
<b>Communion</b>	Father, we Love You	167
<b>Communion</b>	O Lord, Your Tenderness	515
<b>Recessional</b>	O Jesus I Have Promised	503

**Please pray for...** Jean L., Trudi & Lauren & Josh, Michael,  
David & Marilyn, Matthew, Jhool, Pat, Steven, Myra, Martin L.,  
Young Andrew, Joy, Sue J., Dave L., Margaret, Bridget, Anne J.,  
Trevor & Susan, Andrew, Samantha, Sita & John, Natalie,  
Malcom C., Jonathon, Janet, Gary, Little Anna, Shelley & Bobby,  
Ann, Wayne, Samuel & his family, Winnie, Julia, Pamela, Pete,  
Elaine M., Alice, Kyle & family, Adam, Martin, Julie,  
Tanya & Ian & Anne & Olivia, Maurice & Margaret, Tina & Paul,  
Mavis, George & June, Ann, Pat, Mandy, Mike, Lianne.

**And those whose illness is more long term...**

Carol C., Matt & Nicola, Lisa, Ron W., Connie, Beryl, Kitty,  
Gill, Wyn, Marion C., Winnie A., Bettie, Alan, Chris,  
Karen, Steph, Jackie, Evelyn & Peter, Revd. Mike H.

Lord we remember those we have loved but see no longer  
especially: **Mick, Beverley, Ramlal & David**

*We Pray for All Those Who Grieve.*

**Please pray for the people of Gaza & The Holy Land,  
Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine, Yemen & all war zones.**



**Lord we pray for these organisations:**

Walsall North Foodbank,  
Shelfield & High Heath Youth Support Group

**Our Prayer for Today...** based on Luke 14.7-14

Loving God, I offer to you those times  
when I have been put squarely in my place, and been made to feel  
small...  
when I have tried to find my place, and been too conscious of my  
own self-importance...  
I offer to you those times  
when you have taken me in your arms and loved me...  
when you have whispered in my ear and called me yours....  
Help me when I fall short and need your support,  
lead me where you want me to go,  
so that I find myself in you and you in me. Amen.



<b>Service times for next Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>8.30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Morning Praise</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>



St Mark's is part of  
**Inclusive Church**

**Eve is collecting children's / baby clothes, children's shoes and baby blankets for charity.**  
**For Sunnyside Dog Rescue Eve is collecting old blankets towels etc, (nothing feather and no pillows please).**

#### Daily Readings for next week...

<b>Monday</b> Giles, hermit, c. 710	Proverbs 8: 1-21 Mark 5: 1-20	
<b>Tuesday</b> Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942	Proverbs 8: 22-end Mark 5: 21-34	
<b>Wednesday</b> Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604	Proverbs 9 Mark 5: 35-end	
<b>Thursday</b> Birinus, bishop, 650	Proverbs 10: 1-12 Mark 6: 1-13	
<b>Friday</b>	Proverbs 11: 1-12 Mark 6: 14-29	
<b>Saturday</b> Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851	Proverbs 12: 10-end Mark 6: 30-44	
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>After Trinity</b>	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	Deuteronomy 30: 15-end
	Philemon 1-21	
	Luke 14: 25-33	

#### **A word for the week. . .**

In both the Jewish and Greek worlds, mealtimes were an opportunity for religious debate, philosophical conversation, and the telling of stories. The Greek symposium was where men of good family (and very occasionally women) could enjoy convivial discussion over a feast. In Jewish homes, the Sabbath meal was the ideal time to linger over table-talk. Jesus often uses the image of a banquet to symbolise the kingdom of heaven. Here he has been invited to dinner on the Sabbath. Luke tells us that he was being closely watched – there was anticipation about what he might do or say next. And he doesn't disappoint. He first heals a man of dropsy (vv.2-6, omitted from the lectionary reading), and then lives up to his reputation for memorable, if controversial, anecdotes. He starts by taking a dig at his fellow guests. As he notices people jockeying for position, he produces a vignette reminiscent of the advice in Proverbs. But he turns it into something else: an example of a gospel paradox. The humility Jesus calls for is not self-abasement, a show of false modesty, or a clever move in a political power game. He advocates freedom from the need for invidious comparisons, a trust in one's authentic self, including an acceptance of one's weaknesses. True humility is being present to each other as fellow human beings, without worrying about making an impression. Then we will experience true joy, true exaltation.

**Shelfield High Heath Youth Support Group**  
**need volunteers to help with the running of our charity shop.**

*Should you know of anyone that might be interested,  
please speak with Dave Lymn for details.*



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