

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

18th After Trinity

19th October, 2025



Christmas Fayre
Saturday 22nd November



We are asking for kind donations of
**Grand Draw prizes, bottles, chocolate,
biscuits, sweets & bric-a-brac.**

The Painting for Pleasure Art Group

at **St John's Methodist Church**, Victoria Avenue, Bloxwich WS3 3HS

would like to invite us to an Exhibition of their Paintings

this Saturday, 25th October, 10 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Art work will be available to purchase at reasonable prices.

Refreshments will be available.

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.*

**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).**

Please pray for... Jean & Annette & Family, Elena, Alice, Lea,
Tony & Sita, Trudi & Lauren & Josh, Michael, Matthew, Jhool, Pat,
Marilyn, Steven, Myra, Martin Leech, Young Andrew, Joy, Sue J.,
Dave L. Margaret, Bridget, Trevor & Susan, Anne J., Andrew,
Samantha, 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 Coleman, Matt & Nicola, Lisa, Ron W., Connie, Beryl, Kitty,
Gill, Wyn, Marion C., Winnie Allen, Bettie, Alan, Chris, Karen,
Steph, Jackie, Evelyn & Peter, Revd. Mike.

Lord we remember those we have loved but see no longer.

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

Please Pray...

That all members of the church be persistent in prayer
and steadfast in faith. . .

That world leaders be persistent in securing justice for all. . .

That those without hope find support in the faith and prayer of
others. . .

That all of us here deepen our prayer in such a way that we are
expanded in mind and heart. . .





St Mark's is part of
Inclusive Church

Service times for next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Communion	10.00 a.m.

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.

Daily Readings for next week...

Monday	2Chronicles 17: 1-12 Mark 15: 1-15	
Tuesday	2Chronicles 18: 1-27 Mark 15: 16-32	
Wednesday	2Chronicles 18: 28-19: end Mark 15: 33-41	
Thursday	2Chronicles 20: 1-23 Mark 15: 42-end	
Friday	2Chronicles 22: 10-23: end Mark 16: 1-8	
Saturday Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs, c.287	2Chronicles 24: 1-22 Mark 16: 9-end	
SUNDAY Last Sunday After Trinity	Joel 2: 23-end	Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17 or Jeremiah 14: 7-10 & 19-end
	2Timothy 4: 6-8 & 16-18	
	Luke 18: 9-14	

A word for the week

Sometimes to accomplish a task we need other people to encourage and strengthen us, giving us confidence and support. At other times, to be persistent we need to have our expectations expanded beyond a narrow perception of how to proceed. Our expectations are expanded by receiving challenges from other people; by remembering what we have learned from past, similar experiences; by realizing the direction we are pursuing is too limited. Prayer leads us to expand our minds and hearts beyond our own limits, entrusting ourselves to the God who always acts justly and wills only good for us. In the gospel parable, the widow kept returning to an unjust judge whom she could petition face-to-face, and whom she could concretely judge for his lack of just action. When we pray to God, we do so personally, but we cannot judge how God responds to our prayer. The challenge of the gospel is to keep on praying to a God who wills only good for us. Sometimes this requires that we must change our minds about that for which we pray or about our perception of how God answers our prayer.

Jesus' admonition to "pray always without becoming weary" says something about persistence in prayer as well as how we ought to pray. We become weary and discouraged in prayer when our expectations of God are too narrow either in what we want or how soon we want it. Prayer opens up for us a deeper relationship with God that expands us and our expectations of both self and God. Prayer leads us to expand our minds and hearts beyond our own limits, entrusting ourselves to the God who always acts justly and wills only good for us.

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CANCER SUPPORT

Charity No. 261017

Christmas Bazaar



CRAFTS, FOOD & VINTAGE

Saturday 15th November, 10:30—3:30. Entrance £1

Aldridge Community Centre, Middlesmore Lane.



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new page on
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"Marks Church"*

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