

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

13th After Trinity

30th August, 2026



St Mark's is part of
Inclusive Church

Bishop Michael's Pilgrimage — This Friday, 4th Sept.

To celebrate the *Feast of Creation in Christ*
Bishop Michael will be undertaking a pilgrimage on
Friday 4th September following a number of churches
who have committed to eco church.

***Bishop Michael will be visiting
St Mark's at approximately 10:25 a.m.***

If possible it would be lovely if you could be here to
greet the Bishop when he arrives.

Intercession Rota

The PCC would like to set up a rota again for
the leading of intercessions during services.

**Please could you let a member of the
Ministry Team know if you are interested
in volunteering?**

*Volunteers would need to be happy to make
the prayers not too long.*

Rev. Jenny can offer a workshop to discuss
different styles and tips & tricks, if people are
interested.

Please pray for... Sue J., Tash & girls, Mandy, Sita, Myra, Joy,
Colin W., Nicola, Marilyn & David, Paddy & Family, Lianne,
Andy's Father-in-Law, Young Andrew, Chris, Matthew, Pat,
Cisne & Andre & Caleel & Dajshon & Yahkhushi & Shakudo &
Shakeba & Christilyn & Chandra & Melissa, Steven, Martin L., Ann,
Margaret, Bridget, Trevor & Susan, Anne J., Elena, Alice, Andrew,
Samantha, Wayne, Michael, Jonathon, Little Anna, Elaine M.,
Alice, Samuel, Winnie, Julia, Pamela, Pete, Adam, Kyle & family,
Martin, Julie, Mavis, Tina & Paul, Ann, Maurice & Margaret,
George & June, Pat, Mandy, Mike, Alainea, Tanya & Ian.

And those whose illness is more long term...

Carol & Malcom C., Ron W., Connie, Kitty, Gill, Wyn,
Natalie, Marion C., 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 the Loss of Their Loved Ones.

*If you have an update on the situation of anyone we have been praying
for please contact a member of the ministry team, a Church Warden or
Louise (email address on back of this sheet). **Thank you.***



Lord we pray for these organisations:

Walsall North Foodbank,
Shelfield & High Heath Youth Support Group

Our Prayer for Today . . .

We thank you, gracious God, for Jesus:
for his confidence that beyond his suffering would be glory
and beyond his death would be new life.

Keep us firm in our hope that he is both Saviour and Redeemer,
and that your kingdom is both here among us and yet to come.

Help us to let go of our fear of the costliness of following his
way, and to trust that although, like Peter, we get so much wrong,
you will not give up on us. **Amen.**



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



Vacancy-in-See — Consultation Forms

Your views are sought on 100th Bishop of Lichfield.

There are forms at the back of Church, or you can fill in the form online at the Diocesan Website

(<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/about-us/vacancy-in-see/vacancy-in-see-consultations/>).

The consultation process is running until the end of August.

Daily Readings for next week...

Monday Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651		2Samuel 18: 1-18 Acts 10: 34-end
Tuesday Giles, hermit, c. 710		2Samuel 18: 19-19: 8a Acts 11: 1-18
Wednesday Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942		2Samuel 19: 8b-23 Acts 11: 19-end
Thursday Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604		2Samuel 19: 24-end Acts 12: 1-17
Friday Birinus, bishop, 650		2Samuel 23: 1-7 Acts 12: 18-end
Saturday		2Samuel 24 Acts 13: 1-12
SUNDAY Creation in Christ 14 th Sunday After Trinity	Isaiah 55: 12-end	Exodus 12: 1-14 / Ezekiel 33: 7-11
	Colossians 1: 15-20	Romans 13: 8-end
	John 1: 1-14 or Matthew 8: 23-27	Matthew 18: 15-20

***Please pray for the people of
Tibet, Venezuela, Gaza, Ukraine, Iran & The Middle East,
Sudan, Yemen & all war zones.***

A word for the week

What parent hasn't had the experience of holding a squirming and crying child while putting stinging antiseptic on a cut? The parent's action causes pain for the child, surely not because the parent wants to hurt the child but because the parent fears infection or even greater harm. The parent desires only good for the child. God does not desire pain for pain's sake. What God desires for us is new life, the life that comes only through conforming ourselves to God's will (as the prophet Jeremiah says and Jesus in the gospel). This always entails "pain." We embrace the pain of dying to self, losing our life, self-giving for the sake of others to the extent that we think like God: see beyond the immediate "death" and seek the only thing that is lasting—a share in the new life God offers. Our instinctive reaction, like Peter's, is to recoil in the face of the demands of living the gospel. What motivates us to choose to be faithful despite the cost to self is Jesus' promise of new life and God's continued love and presence as we journey toward the fullness of life.

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