

Let us pray.

Today we celebrate the life of St Mark whose gospel is the oldest surviving account of the life and work of Jesus, and to whom our church is dedicated. The gospel reading reflects on the difficulties we may encounter and holds out the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide and support us. We pray that we may be open to that guidance.

Risen Christ

**We long to see your love**

We ask for your blessing on today's Annual Parish Meeting when we review the past six months and take important decisions for the year to come. We give thanks for the dedication of the PCC and of the church's officers: Pat and James as churchwardens; David as Treasurer, Briony as convenor of the Finance and Fabric Group. And above all, we acknowledge with gratitude our clergy team who have led us through this most challenging of times.

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We give thanks that we have been able to appoint a liberal theologian to the post we advertised and look forward with eagerness to welcoming them to our community at St Mark's and as part of the Mission Partnership Area team.

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In our own community, we rejoice with Kat and Lu who celebrated their civil partnership on Wednesday.

We ask for your blessing on residents and staff in our local care homes:  
Aaron House, Broomgrove, Hallamshire, Taptonholme

We pray for all those for whom Coronavirus and its aftermath remain a reality that overshadows their lives. And we pray for those who are unwell, mourning, or recovering from illness or accident: Annick, Betty, David, Debra, Lee, Liz, Margaret & Susan, Marguerite, Mary, Norman, Patty, Pete, Sarah, Stuart

We pray for those who have lost loved ones as a result of Coronavirus alongside those who have died recently in this community and beyond:  
Eleanor Neely, Marina, Nathaniel and Pat Browning

and for their grieving families and friends

In remembrance of all those whom we love, but no longer see including:

Anthony Stretton whose anniversary falls at this time and whose ashes were buried at St Mark's yesterday.