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### **Sunday Worship**

18<sup>th</sup> October – services at 8.45am and 6pm

25<sup>th</sup> October – 10.30am (pre-book via the office)

On 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, we will be live-streaming the 1030 service

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarksWoodthorpe/live/>

This will be uploaded to YouTube - *St Mark's Church Woodthorpe* - at around 12.30pm.

On 1st and 3rd Sundays, we'll add a fresh St Mark's YouTube teaching video at 9am.

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**Light Trail** - Since we are unable to host our Really Bright Party this year, we have organised a circular 'Light Trail'. Several houses in streets around St Mark's Church have designed window displays based around bible verses for you to discover on your own or with members of your household.

These displays will be lit from **4-9pm on Sunday 1st November**. The trail is available to all - just order a trail map and stickers using this [link here](#) and you will receive everything you need through the post.

See the attached flyer for further details. Please invite those you know to sign up too!

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**Gift Aid** - £560m in Gift Aid goes unclaimed every year

#tickthebox at [stmarksonline.co.uk/giving](http://stmarksonline.co.uk/giving) if we can claim gift aid on your giving.

Send to Jackie Carey (Treasurer) at [smwft@outlook.com](mailto:smwft@outlook.com). Thank you.

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**'Be still and know...'**

Prayer & Reflection: **Wednesday 28th October 7.30 - 8.15pm**

We would like to invite you to join us for 45 minutes of quiet prayer and reflection on 28th October. Jack will lead us through the Ignatian *Prayer of Examen* - which is a gentle, contemplative way of identifying the Spirit's movement in our lives, helping us to become more self-aware and more God aware. Although we cannot sing together, Rich will play acoustic guitar, and the vibe will be relaxed and reflective. Please sign up by contacting the church office: [stmarks.woodthorpe@ntlworld.com](mailto:stmarks.woodthorpe@ntlworld.com). Social distancing and face coverings are mandatory.

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### **Arnold Food Bank**

Harvest is coming up and although we will not be having a big collection of food at church, the need is still great. Please leave your donations in my porch at 16, Willerby Road.

#### **Urgently needed food items**

- tinned tomatoes

- Pasta sauces
  - tinned vegetables
  - Tinned meat and fish
  - Tinned fruit and puddings
  - Biscuits, chocolate, snacks
  - Sugar
  - Coffee
  - Rice
  - Potatoes
  - Tea bags (80's)
  - Toiletries -toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, sanitary supplies
  - Shower gel, toilet paper
  - Breakfast cereals
  - Cleaning products
  - Can openers
- They have plenty of beans!!

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### **Hope into Action House**

Following on from a talk by Laura Cuthill, St Marks have committed to work alongside the charity *Hope into Action* in supporting a house nearby which will be used to provide a home for two homeless people with their babies / toddlers. This is a great way of putting our faith into action and helping people who are in need. In my new role as Friendship and Support Group Coordinator for this exciting project I am looking for people to help me in this new and exciting venture! Here are the main ways to get involved which I have briefly summarized;

#### *Becoming a Befriender*

This will involve spending time visiting, getting to know the tenants and supporting them (appropriate safeguarding training and DBS checks will be needed).

#### *Setting up & maintenance team*

This will involve helping with setting up the house ready for the tenants and also help in ongoing small maintenance jobs and repairs.

Donations of appropriate furniture and items for the house

The house will be empty so we need to furnish the house appropriately with furniture and provide the basic needs e.g. cutlery and crockery, baking equipment and utensils, indoor clothes dryer, appropriate bedding... If you have anything suitable to donate or wish to purchase something, please let me know via the church office.

#### *Prayer support*

This is a vital element to the project and a group of people are needed who will commit to regularly praying as a group as well as praying individually for the people involved both tenants and the volunteers.

If you would like to join in with any of these areas or have further questions, please do get in contact with me via the church office, Linda Sheppard

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### **Home Groups**

At St Mark's we have always believed in the value of Home Groups - Home Groups are small groups of people who meet regularly to support one another and grow as disciples of Jesus together. Being part of a Home Group enables us to get to know people, to feel supported and to stay connected. The Covid-19 pandemic has

brought home to us the importance of being *connected*. Many Home Groups have continued to meet together - via Zoom (and in other ways) - throughout lockdown, ensuring that they feel connected to St Mark's and the wider community.

Home Groups vary in size and flavour – some groups meet in the daytime and others meet in the evening. Some groups emphasise prayer and bible study, some groups have a more social flavour. What they all have in common, is a commitment to support one another and grow in understanding and practice of what it means to follow Jesus with our whole lives. If you are not part of a Home Group but are interested in joining one, we would love to hear from you. For more information please contact Jack or Matt on [stmarks.woodthorpe@ntlworld.com](mailto:stmarks.woodthorpe@ntlworld.com)

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### **Lectio 365**

Daily devotional app: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

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**Prayer request** - Please pray for Peter and Margaret Icke who are both facing health issues.

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### **Church Office**

The church office will be closed from 19th - 23rd October and will re-open again from Monday, 26th October 2020.

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