Marksman

April / May, 2025



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From the Manse

It delights me that our church sanctuary is so often a place of welcome and hospitality. So far, within the last month we opened our doors wide and welcomed our members to a service of Holy Communion, welcomed family and friends of a grieving family for a Service of Thanksgiving, held the Annual Stated Meeting, ran Messy Church and hosted the Ralston Out of School Care Community Day.

We will soon have Ralston Primary School in for two Easter Services, and have possibly 80-100 children at the Holiday Club – most but not all activities take place in the halls, but we also overflow into the Church sanctuary sometimes when more space is needed for games. In addition, regular weekly Sunday services for ourselves and for the Paisley Church of the Nazarene, and the odd Parents' Meeting for the Brownies, and the occasional scavenger or Easter Egg hunt for the Boys' Brigade or the Brownies – I recently found a blackbird that had gone astray on a BB night – a picture of one, I should add, not a real one!

Our church sanctuary is as King David described it in Psalm 27:4-5, "the house of the Lord", the "Temple", a "shelter", and a "rock". It is a house, and one that should be lived in, not just occupied for an hour (or two) on a Sunday. We should be able to throw open the doors and invite people in as we did for the Community Day, when it was super to see the church functioning as it should, right at the heart of the community.

It is a place in which we can worship God, (but not the only place where we can do this) and is absolutely the right place to serve as our Temple – as long as we remember we are worshipping God, and not the building. It is good to be able to offer a worship space to the Church of the Nazarene. Psalm 133:1 says, "How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity."



It is brilliant that Ralston School still want to come to church for services to mark Easter and Christmas, and to celebrate their School Leavers' Event within our doors – many churches no longer have good relationships with their neighbouring schools, and the children and the churches miss out on these opportunities.

Equally important is the fact that our young people can spend time and feel at home within the church walls, that it can be a safe space for them to come and play, whether that be at the Junction, the Holiday Club or within one of the uniformed organisations. For too long churches have been spaces kept for Sundays, a place where you whispered, and kept guiet, where you sat still and didn't shuffle. God's house should be open to all, a place of welcome, and hospitality and refuge. Sadly, this can no longer be unlimited hours of "Come in when you want and sit and enjoy the peace", although there are places like Paisley Abbey where that is still possible, at least for some of the week, but I am happy that St Mark's can be used as widely as possible in as many ways as possible by our church family and the wider community.

Psalm 122:1 says, "I rejoiced with those who said to me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' "May people rejoice to be in our building, and may they always benefit from it. Psalm 122: 8-9 "For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be with you.' For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good."

May the peace of God be with you, may his love and welcome be found by all who enter our sanctuary, and may we rejoice to go there together.

I wish you every blessing as we journey through Lent and celebrate Easter together.

Your friend and minister.

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Worship Matters

Friday 4th April School Easter services in St Mark's

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

Monday 14th - Sunday 20th April Joint Holy Week Services across the Church of

Scotland Churches (see below).

Friday 18th April Paisley Walk of Witness

Sunday 20th April Early Easter service followed by breakfast. Main

11am service which will be followed by Church BBQ.

Sunday 4th May Joint Service with Sherwood Greenlaw - at

St Mark's with *Bring and Share* lunch afterwards.

Sunday 11th May Sonia on Holiday – Worship Leader, Eileen Wilkie,

will lead the service.

Funerals

27.1.25 Rachel (Rae) Ferguson of Nightingale Care Home.

5.2.25 Jean Ronald, Penilee Road.

13.2.25 Dorothy McKay, Glasgow Road.

14.3.25 Jean Bradley, Kelburne Court.

We were also informed of the death of Helen Mathie in January.



Easter Encounter 2025

Encounter the events of Holy Week at joint services held by the Church of Scotland congregations in Paisley. From Tuesday come early for tea and coffee at 7pm and meet people from other congregations before attending the 30-40 minute service at 7.30pm. Doors open 6.45pm. [On the Monday tea/coffee will be after the 7.30pm service].

Monday 14th: Oakshaw Trinity, Thursday 17th: Paisley West,

6 School Wynd, PA1 2DB. King Street, PA1 2LS.

Tuesday 15th : St George's, Friday 18th : Paisley North, 82 Causeyside St, PA1 1YP. Abercorn Street, PA3 4AB.

Wednesday 16th: The Abbey, Saturday 19th: St Mark's Oldhall,

Abbey Close, PA1 1JG. 334 Glasgow Rd. PA1 3DL.

Sunday 20th : Paisley South, 123 Rowan Street. PA2 6RZ.

Session Report



As we approach the year end and our upcoming Stated Annual Meeting, I am pleased to report that things are going rather well.

Financially, we are solvent and paying our way but, in common with everything and everyone else, our expenses are rising and although our accounts are healthy, we are due quite an increase in our contribution to head office to help support other churches who find themselves in poorer circumstances.

One way to offset this is for members to Gift Aid their weekly/monthly givings as St. Mark's can then claim back tax to allow an increase of 25% on any contribution without the member paying any more. So, if you pay income tax, please consider this.

I learned just last week that it costs £100 to heat the church and halls for the Sunday services.

As Spring is upon us and thoughts of gardening loom, I would be pleased if someone would volunteer to sweep the church paths of debris once a week. We have volunteers for the grass and garden areas.

Colin Reid

(Session Clerk)



Sunday Duty Team Rota

| DATE | TEAM | LEADER | DATE | TEAM | LEADER |
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| APRIL | | | MAY | | |
| 06/04/2025 | 2 | Mr A. Taylor | 04/05/2025 | 4 | Mr G. Black |
| 13/04/2025 | 3 | Mrs C. Hair | 11/05/2025 | 5 | Mr A. Boyd |
| 20/04/2025 | 3 | Mrs C. Hair | 18/05/2025 | 5 | Mr A. Boyd |
| 27/04/2025 | 4 | Mr G. Black | 25/05/2025 | 6 | Dr C. Reid |
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Peter's News

The past few months have been busy, but everything is going well and I'm looking forward to what lies ahead over the next few weeks.

In January I was at a Youth Workers' Retreat in Aviemore where I was able to spend time with other youth and church workers. It was a time with God to reflect and plan for the year ahead.

TRASH



As I have mentioned in the previous *Marksman* the numbers at TRASH have been down, but we still have a group of young people who are coming along and having fun. We are now meeting fortnightly from 7pm to 8.30pm.

We have kept the same format with a time for games, followed by Bible Study and then some more chilled time at the end. We have recently been looking at some of the characteristics of God and how we can show them to others.



The Junction Youth Café is a space for young people from P6 to S3 to come together and have fun with their friends.

The Junction continues to meet fortnightly and has been going well with most nights having between 25 and 35 young people there. We still have a significant waiting list as most of the 35 on the active list are coming regularly.

The night consists of time to do their own things at the start with the options of: crafts, consoles, table top games, hockey, pool, table football, table tennis or just chatting. The tuckshop also gets well used during this time.

We will then have a few *Big Games* where everyone is involved. We have recently started to do a short talk about God during the night.

The Junction is going really well and I'm encouraged that the young people are enjoying it so much.

Messy Church is on the last Saturday of every month from 2pm to 3.30pm. We have only had one Messy Church in 2025 and it went very well with 36 people attending. We were looking at the Story of Jesus as a young boy at the temple and also thinking about where we belong.

Ralston Primary School



Sonia and I took the school assemblies during the *Random Acts of Kindness Week* so we spoke about showing kindness. We did an experiment with water, showed a video about a dog and a heron and spoke about Jesus' meeting with Zaccheus.

I still go into the school on a Tuesday morning to assist both P7 classes with their maths work. I am also looking forward to going away with the P7s for their residential week to Lockerbie at the start of May.

Holiday Club

This year's Easter holiday club is *Knight of the King* (which was the first holiday club I led here back in 2017). The holiday club follows the story of a knight and his squire as they search for a true king to follow. The holiday club teaches through the life of Jesus taken from Matthew's gospel.

As I write this, we are still a few weeks away from the Holiday Club and we have 30 young people pre-registered to attend.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of me and the work I do at St Mark's.

Peter

39th Paisley Brownies (Tuesday)

Since our return in January, we've undertaken the *Past, Present and Future* Challenge. This has been a brilliant badge in the lead up to *Thinking Day*, as we've been able to incorporate Brownie activities from the 1970s, and Snowy Owl (Liz Forrest) from Sherwood Greenlaw came to visit us. We looked at uniforms from the past, and Liz told us about being a Brownie in the 1970s, inspection, and things we had in our pockets. We linked that in with a UMA about our *Pocket Inspection*, and what we might have used some of the items for. That inspired discussion about what we should carry with us, and what that might look like in the future.

We planted tête-à-tête daffodils as a *Random Act of Kindness*, and these were dispersed to folks in the community, or left on doorsteps with instructions for care.

We had a crazy night of 1970s style dancercise, where the girls dressed up à la *Flashdance*, complete with leotards, ankle warmers and head bands, where our Snowy Owl (Claire) took us through our steps for various anthems of the 1970s, including the *Birdie Dance*, a *Conga*, the *Slosh* and *Electric Slide*.

Part of our challenge was also to look at uniforms, so we compared what we used to wear in the 1970s, what we have today, and what we think the uniform of 2050 will look like. Always up for a challenge, Liz Morgan kindly knitted us Brownie dolls in uniform.

We had a fabulous debate as part of the *Parliament* Badge, about whether *GirlGuiding* should still be a girls only organisation, or whether we should be like *Scouting* and admit both boys and girls. Interesting thoughts were shared, and we also used this to kick off the *Speaking Out* Interest Badge. We had brilliant presentations from the girls to express their views by way of acrostic poems, songs, sketches and even a *Question Time* panel.









39th Paisley Brownies (Tuesday)







Three of the Brownies accompanied Leaders to the *Renfrewshire County Thinking Day Event* at Greenock Town Hall, where we undertook activities and crafts from countries representing the five World Centres (*Pax Lodge, Our Chalet, Our Cabana, Sangam* and *Kusafiri*).

Not only did the girls see that they were part of a uniformed organisation in Renfrewshire, but that they were also part of a World Organisation. They came home laden with the crafts that they had undertaken, including sand art from India, a Swiss hat, peace doves, paper weaving and Mexican face masks.

The girls also entertained everyone on the train to an impromptu concert on the way home, making up their own verses to *This Little Guiding Light of Mine*.

During the day we also paid a visit to *Greenock Fire Brigade Museum*, which had opened especially for the event. We were treated to an amazing exhibition of fire appliances and gear, and heard the story of *Wallace the Fire Dog*.

A few of the girls also joined in the *Thinking Day Service* at St Mark's.

The girls have worked really hard over these past few weeks, and as well as the *Parliament* Badge, and the *Past, Present and Future Challenge*, they have all completed the *Speaking Out* Interest Badge, *Influence* Skills Builder, and the *Brownies Take Action* Theme Badge.

Our next few weeks see us doing some crafts for Mother's Day and Easter, and we'll be looking at more outdoors type stuff when we resume after the Easter Break.

In May we'll be heading off to South Newton for our Pack Holiday weekend. Our theme is *SWIFTIES*, and we are going to immerse ourselves in everything Taylor Swift for the weekend. The girls are very excited about this, and are already thinking about dorms, bunk beds, entertainment, and helping me with menus. Wish us luck!

Sheena Tonner, Brownie Leader

39th A Paisley Brownies

Every Wednesday flies by with games and activity and lots of noise! We have welcomed another new start and are glad that Eliza is settling in well and enjoying all the activities.

The Brownies completed working through the Skill Builders in the *Have Adventure* Theme. This resulted in the presentation of 8 Explore badges and 20 Camp badges. Good work Brownies! Everyone is now working on the *First Aid* Skill Builder and learning how to deal with an emergency. They are loving 'acting' as a casualty or a First Aider.

At the end of January, we were delighted to welcome the County Commissioner, her Deputy and the County President for a very special presentation. The Pack was successful in the nomination of one of the Brownies, Keavagh, to receive the County Service Quaich. Keavagh suffers from Juvenile Arthritis and, with the help of her Mum, promotes the work of a charity that supports her. It was lovely to welcome members of her family to the presentation and to surprise Keavagh on the night. Well done, Keavagh – we are all very proud of you!!

February is always a special month for members of *Girlguiding* as it is when *Thinking Day* is celebrated. We had a fun night with an international 'flavour' which included tasting fruits from around the world and trying to guess where they had been grown and how far they had travelled.

Many thanks to Mrs Wright who came along as our visiting elder and helped with the preparations. We also prepared *Thinking Day* candles which we were able to give to members of the congregation when we attended the Church service on 23rd February. At this service, Georgia gave a clear and confident delivery of one of the Bible readings and Charlotte L 'held her own' with the Scouts as she carried the Brownie flag into Church.

In March, 14 Brownies and 2 Leaders visited the Glasgow Science Centre. This was an event sponsored by Scottish Power to celebrate International Women's Day. We had our packed lunch and then explored the top 2 floors of the centre. We were then able to join other Brownie and Guide units for a showing of Deep Space in the IMAX cinema. This left us with time to explore the final floor of activities before departure. It was a great day and a few of the girls have decided they want to work for NASA when they are older.



39th A Paisley Brownies

Some of the Brownies completed the *Big Garden Birdwatch* Challenge. This included taking part in the bird count promoted by *RSPB* in January. Most of the families joined in too.

As a result, the following Brownies have been presented with special challenge badges:

Aoife, Charlotte McN, Eve, Georgia, Jess, Tilly.

Many of the Brownies enjoy working on Interest Badges at home and they often share what they have been doing with the rest of the Pack. The following badges were completed recently and as a result we have also awarded theme awards. Well done Brownies!

Interest badges

Performing – Charlotte C, Tilly.

Collecting - Francesca.

Baking – Francesca, Maisie.

Inventing – Eve.

My Rights - Tilly.

Grow your Own - Georgia.

Mindfulness – Eve, Georgia, Poppy.

Charities - Anna, Georgia.

Aviation - Eve.

Local History - Eve.

Painting - Aoife.

Theme Badges

Express Myself - Charlotte C, Maisie.

Take Action - Anna McD, Keavagh, Tilly.

Have Adventures - Eve, Tilly.

Know Myself - Francesca.



Bronze Award – Anna McD, Francesca, Tillv.

Silver Award - Katie.

Anniversary Badges

2 year - Aoife, Eve, Lottie.

3 year - Keavagh, Maria.

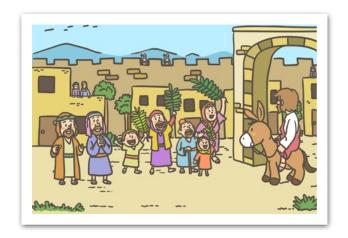
4 Year - Charlotte C, Francesca.

If you have any new neighbours with girls in the family, please encourage them to come along and enjoy the fun and friendship that *Girlguiding* offers. Local *Girlguiding* is desperate for adult volunteers and a very warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join in the fun. Interest should be registered at:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Christine Hair

Brown Owl



24th Paisley Company Boys' Brigade

The Company got off to a 'flying' start in February after the school break. We had a visit from Hoots Owls who entertained and educated all three sections of the company. The boys, parents and leaders were all captivated by these birds, many of which had been rescued from challenging circumstances. Young people, and the rest of us for that matter, seem to have a great deal to be concerned about given the state of world affairs right now. So it was good to be reminded on the night of what Jesus said: "Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds? Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it?" (Matthew 6:26-27)

It was a pure joy to have a Barn Owl fly silently and swoop down on to your arm. The appropriately named, Ghost, certainly helped us all gain some perspective.



Across all sections at this time of year there is a significant focus in our programmes on ensuring the boys cover the broad range of activities required to achieve their badges at the end of the session. Not least the senior boys, who will be attending specific courses run by the Battalion as part of their President's and King's Badge requirement.

The BB award scheme always ensures the boys have something to aim at, but recently that was very literally the case. The Anchors and Juniors enjoyed a night of Indoor Archery so much we hope to do it again before the year end. (Oliver Glancy, pictured, showed plenty of persistence and hit the target after a few attempts.)









24th Paisley Company Boys' Brigade

The older boys also hope to be on target with a session of Mini-golf with our friends from the 22nd Paisley Company (Sherwood Greenlaw) planned before Easter.

Both of these activities reminded me of another New Testament quote:

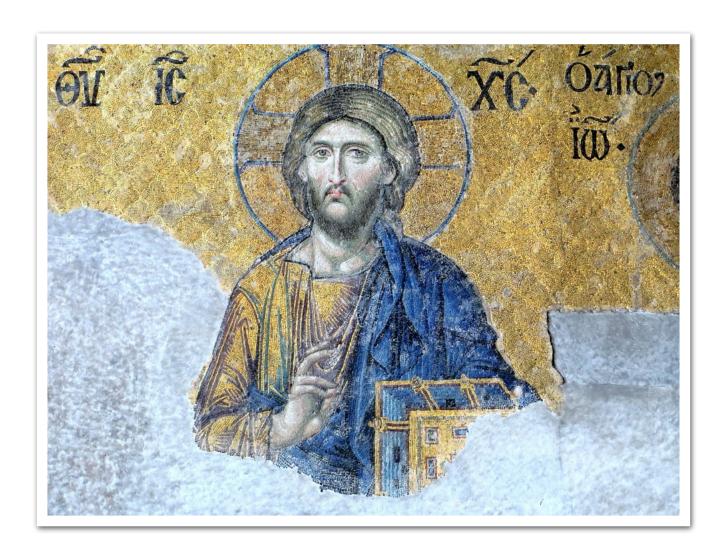
"So then, we must always aim at those things that bring peace and that help strengthen one another." (*Romans* 14:19)

What a difference it would make if we were all able to hit that target!

Jack Goodall (Company Captain)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3



Prayer Diary



| | | APRIL, 2025 |
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| Tue | 1 | Pray for all who are housebound and miss the company of others. Be with them and may they know your comfort. World Autism Awareness Day. |
| Wed | 2 | Midweek service this morning. Prayer Group on Zoom and in church followed by Bible Study in church. Easter Fun night for 39 th A Brownies. |
| Thu | 3 | Pray for the work of Messy Church, the youngsters and families who come along, and for the leaders. |
| Fri | 4 | Pray for the Café and all who help out. School Easter services in St Mark's. |
| Sat | 5 | Pray for those who use the church e.g. Little Kickers, ROAR, other churches. |
| Sun | 6 | Pray for Sonia this morning as she leads worship and for us as we come to share in that. Bake Sale on today. |
| Mon | 7 | Holiday Club begins today. Pray for the leaders, for all the preparation to be blessed and the children who come along to have a happy time and learn more of you. Streets for prayer this week are Golf Drive, Hawkhead Road, and Killearn Drive. |
| Tue | 8 | Holiday Club today. |
| Wed | 9 | Holiday Club today. Prayer Group on Zoom and in church tonight. |
| Thu | 10 | Holiday Club today. We remember The Haven and those who enjoy coming along each time to meet with one another. |
| Fri | 11 | Pray for the Anchor Boys, Junior and Company sections of the BB who meet tonight. |
| Sat | 12 | For our local community we ask that you will be with all the activities that take place, the businesses in our area and the local schools. |
| Sun | 13 | We bring our service before you this morning and ask that you bless us as we meet and worship you on this PALM SUNDAY . Help us to come ready to hear your word for us. |
| Mon | 14 | Remember all who live in Kinpurnie Road, Lanfine Road and Marchbank Gardens this week. HOLY WEEK SERVICES. Tonight pray for the service in Oakshaw Trinity. |
| Tue | 15 | Pray for the service tonight in St George's church. |
| Wed | 16 | The Abbey is hosting tonight's service. |
| Thu | 17 | Pray for the service in Paisley West tonight. |





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| Fri | 18 | Paisley Walk of Witness today. The service is in Paisley North tonight. |
| Sat | 19 | St Mark's Oldhall is where the service is tonight. Zoom Bible Study not on today, but will be on next Saturday. |
| Sun | 20 | Pray for all who come to the Early morning EASTER Service today as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, and at our main service later. Breakfast follows the Early service and BBQ following the main service – pray that the weather would be favourable and many from the community would come along to the service and stay on for fellowship. Thank you for all who help prepare the food. Tonight's service is in Paisley South. |
| Mon | 21 | Netherdale Drive, Newtyle Road and Newnham Road are in our prayers this week. |
| Tue | 22 | Pray for the local Community Council and the work they do. |
| Wed | 23 | Prayer Group on Zoom and in church tonight. |
| Thu | 24 | Pray for our Presbytery Elder and the meetings she attends and reports she brings back to us. |
| Fri | 25 | World Malaria Day today. |
| Sat | 26 | It's Messy Church this afternoon. Pray for all coming along. |
| Sun | 27 | Bless our worship to you this morning. Be with Sonia in her preparation and as she shares your word with us. Presbytery Worship Leader course begins today, and this will be co-led by Sonia. Pray for all who attend. |
| Mon | 28 | Bring the people who live in Oldhall Road, Ossian Road and Penilee Road before God in prayer this week. |
| Tue | 29 | Presbytery Ministers lunch – pray this will be a good time of building relationships and supporting one another. Our Kirk Session meets this evening. |
| Wed | 30 | Pray for the joint prayer group with Sherwood Greenlaw tonight, both in church and on Zoom. Bible Study follows this in church. |





He is Risen

Ralston Community Café

St Mark's Bike Library



You may have noticed the bike racks at both sides of the church and the yellow repair station outside the Café. They are assisting those in need to blow up tyres and repair their bike, but did you know we also have four adult bikes that can be borrowed?

They live alongside and can be borrowed from the Café Wednesday to Friday when the café is open. Yes, you can keep them overnight and at weekends and also for a week or two. The idea is to enable and encourage people to try cycling again.

St Mark's Bike Library is there to empower you and to see if cycling could help you and your community whilst allowing you to have fun and give yourself a health boost, all for free.

Like a book library, there are loan conditions and you need to care for the bike as well as bring it back, but there's no charge, although donations towards maintenance would be welcomed.

As the weather warms, and the evenings become lighter, qualified cycle coaches in the congregation have offered to support small groups on local rides or to improve their cycle skills.

If you're Interested in borrowing a bike, attend a supported ride or cycle coaching, pop into the café or speak with **Meena**, **Jok** or **Mari Everett**.

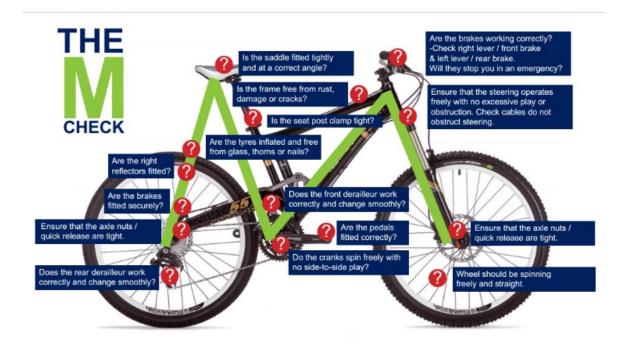


BIKE LIBRARY

LIKE A BOOK LIBRARY, JUST BIKES









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| Thu | 1 | Pray for Sonia, for her ministry, for her family and for the other things she is involved with e.g. Street Pastors, Safeguarding. Pray for Peter and Sonia as they lead school assemblies today. |
| Fri | 2 | Prayers again for school assemblies today. |
| Sat | 3 | We pray for all who work in emergency services and thank you for their service. |
| Sun | 4 | We pray for our joint service with Sherwood Greenlaw this morning in St Mark's and the 'Bring and Share Lunch' afterwards. May this be a good time of getting to know one another better. |
| Mon | 5 | We remember in prayer the families who live in Ralston Avenue, Roffey Park Road and Rosshall Avenue. |
| Tue | 6 | Pray for our wider world, for the many areas of conflict or war and for countries suffering from results of natural disaster. Be with the people who struggle to cope with such disruption and help them to know you are with them. |
| Wed | 7 | Prayer Group on Zoom and in church this evening. We pray for the 39 th A Brownies who meet this evening. 39 th A Brownies – 6 Brownies visit an owl demonstration. |
| Thu | 8 | Peter, our church worker, is the focus of our prayers this week. Pray that he will be upheld in all he does, in church and with Ralston Primary School. Give thanks for all his work and his commitment. Dementia-Friendly Film this afternoon – Bugsy Malone. May all who come enjoy this. |
| Fri | 9 | 39th Brownies head off on their Pack Holiday to South Newton today till Sunday. Pray for good weather and a wonderful time for them all – leaders and children alike! |
| Sat | 10 | Zoom Bible Study this morning. Last one in this series. |
| Sun | 11 | Be with Eileen Wilkie this morning as she leads our worship while Sonia is on holiday, and with all who participate in our service. |
| Mon | 12 | Rotherwick Drive, School Road and Southwold Road come under our prayers this week. |
| Tue | 13 | We thank you for the many gifts you have given us and ask that you help us to use them to your glory. |
| Wed | 14 | Prayer Group on Zoom and in church, followed by Bible Study in church. Last one in this series. |
| Thu | 15 | This week pray for all the organisations that take place in St Mark's. Pray for the leaders, the young folk who attend that they may see God's love and want to know of him. International Day of Families. |



Prayer Diary

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| Fri | 16 | Sonia on Street Pastors duty tonight. Pray for her and for the other street Pastors to know your protection as they help and support people. 39th A Brownies fun weekend of outdoor activities at PGL. |
| Sat | 17 | Plant Sale, Baking and Crafts Day. Pray many from the community will come along and join us and that there would be favourable weather to help everyone enjoy their time. |
| Sun | 18 | Pray for Sonia this morning. Make us receptive to what you want us to hear and apply this coming week. |
| Mon | 19 | Springfield Avenue, Strathmore Avenue, Tylney Road and Woodend Drive are our streets for prayer. |
| Tue | 20 | Pray for local, national and international leaders that they will look to you for wisdom and lead with integrity. |
| Wed | 21 | Prayer Group on Zoom and in church tonight. 39th A Brownies Promise Night for 10 Brownies. |
| Thu | 22 | Remember Fiona in the office and the administration work she covers to enable things to run smoothly. The Haven Café on today. |
| Fri | 23 | Pray for our Elders. |
| Sat | 24 | STOP and think about the many blessings God has given you and then give him thanks. |
| Sun | 25 | Give thanks we have the freedom to come together to worship you and pray for the many who are persecuted for their faith. May they have courage to remain faithful to you. |
| Mon | 26 | We pray for all those who live outwith our district this coming week. |
| Tue | 27 | We pray for all those who have been bereaved over the past few months, or more recently, and ask that your presence and comfort would be known to them. |
| Wed | 28 | Another Joint Prayer Group with Sherwood Greenlaw this evening in church and on Zoom. Pray God blesses our time together. |
| Thu | 29 | The media team are in our prayers this coming week. Pray for all who are involved as they help share our services with those who can't make it to church. International Day of UN Peacekeepers. |
| Fri | 30 | Remember all who have been bereaved and bring them your comfort. |
| Sat | 31 | Pray for all the aid agencies that seek to help those in need. |





Flowers in Church

| 06.04.25 Mr S Fergusson 13.04.25 Mrs M Currie 20.04.25 Mrs B Craig 27.04.25 Mrs S Smith 04.05.25 Mrs R Forrest 11.05.25 Mrs J Dempster 18.05.25 Mrs M Robin | | |
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Ladies Delivering Flowers

| 06.04.25 | Mrs K McLauchlan | |
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| 13.04.25 | Mrs S Tonner | |
| 20.04.25 | Mrs A Christie | |
| 27.04.25 | Mrs D Grant | Mrs M Adams |
| 04.05.25 | Mrs S Tonner | |
| 11.05.25 | Mrs I McBride | |
| 18.05.25 | Miss J Chapman | |
| 25.05.25 | Mrs A. Black | |

European Capital City Quiz Answers (Feb / Mar Edition)

- 1. Amsterdam
- 2. Brussels
- 3. Stockholm
- 4 Budapest
- 5. Edinburgh
- 6. Tallinn
- 7. Athens

- 8. Reykjavik
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