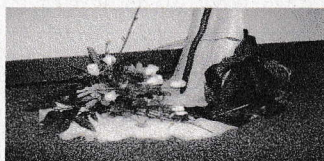


# St. Mark's Prayer Calendar for April 2026

Jesu, the King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess, that we may give thee all our days the tribute of our grateful praise.

*CP 149.11 (Latin 4<sup>th</sup> century)*

Wed 1 *Wednesday in Holy Week*  
Give thanks for these spring months when nature comes to life again in wonderful displays of all colours.



Thu 2 *Maundy Thursday*  
Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption.

Fri 3 *Good Friday*  
Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross.

*Collect*

Sat 4 *Easter Saturday*  
Pray for all who will be busy getting the hall and church ready for a joyful Easter morning.

SUN 5 **EASTER DAY**  
Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever more. Alleluia.

*Rev.1.17-18*

Mon 6 *Easter Monday*  
Pray for all who live in **YEOVIL ROAD** and **CLOSE**. Pray also for all at Our Lady Help of Christians.

Tue 7  
Pray for the children who come to church, may they become secure in their faith and receive grace to live out what they have learnt.

Wed 8  
Give thanks for Jacque Nicol, for everything she and Harry contributes to church life. Bless them in the work they do for the Children's Society. Also for Sherona Hood who have taken on the collecting boxes for the charity.

Thu 9  
Give thanks for all kinds of good works that happen and few people see or recognise.

Fri 10  
Pray for Jim Elder Ennis and Sarah and give thanks for Penny who comes to the children's group.

Sat 11  
Pray for our service tomorrow. Give thanks for every single one that will be there. May everyone receive something to sustain them.

SUN 12 *Easter 2*  
Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

*Ps. 16.1-2*

Mon 13  
Pray for all who live in **SHERBORNE ROAD**. Pray for a good outcome for the land where the abattoir was.

Tue 14  
Give thanks for all we have to look forward to in the coming year, all God has in store for us.

Wed 15  
Give thanks for Sue and Mike Evans, for all they contribute to church life of wisdom and grace.

Thu 16

Pray for those who have no family that other people will step in and be helpful.

Fri 17

Give thanks that the church is open on Friday mornings. May people find their way in out of need or curiosity.

Sat 18

Give thanks for Dianna's sermons which always has something in them to hang on to and remember.

**SUN 19** *Easter 3*

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

*Ps. 116.4*

Mon 20

This week we pray for all, who live in **YORK ROAD**. Pray for all at the Methodist Church.

Tue 21

Give thanks for the Hartley family and all they contribute to our church family, from choosing hymns to getting a choir together, and for the children's involvement.

Wed 22

We give thanks for Dianna and Martin in their leading of the Lent groups and we give thanks for everyone taking part.

Thu 23 *George, martyr, patron of England*

A big heart for his roots however little we know about him. He died for his faith.

Fri 24

Give thanks for our neighbouring Anglican churches and the people we know who belong there.

Sat 25 *Mark, the Evangelist*

We are about halfway through the Easter season and pray that we keep the resurrection close to our hearts and share it whenever challenged or not.

**SUN 26** *Easter 4*

Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you.

*Collect*

Mon 27

Remember this week all who live in **SOMERSET ROAD** and **CHURCH PATH**. Pray for all at the Baptist Church.

Tue 28

Pray for our politicians, having to navigate a difficult world, like the rest of us. Give thanks, that we have a God, who is in charge, no matter what people say.

Wed 29

Give thanks for those who are brave enough to offer their services in public office, and for those who were born into that 'privilege'.

Thu 30

Give thanks for Sarah and Robert Wingrove and their family. May they all know God's presence with them and know his strength.