



Monthly Newsletter  
**markyate**  
baptist church  
**June 2024**

Prayer. If you're reading this message, you will have had some form of experience of prayer at various points in your life. Whether you were brought up hearing or being part of prayers in a church, had someone pray for you, quickly shot up a prayer to 'God... someone...anyone' in times of desperation, or pray daily or regularly yourself.

Prayer is a practice at the heart of the Christian faith. The Bible is filled with encouragement to pray, expressing its importance. In the Apostle Paul's letter to the early church in Philippi, he explains: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God". Prayer is the bedrock of how we can connect with God!

Whilst most Christians and Churches acknowledge how important prayer is, there can sometimes be a 'one size fits all' approach to it. People sometimes feel that prayer can only really impact when we gather in person to pray, or can feel very proud about praying out loud, whilst others may feel too nervous to pray out loud with others.

Prayer *can* and *should* come in all shapes and sizes.

When we pray, whether silently or out loud, alone or in person, in sheer

desperation or in quiet contemplation, God is there. God hears all that we bring in our prayers (1 John 5:14-15). Therefore, we shouldn't be afraid about 'praying the right way'...there is no right way to pray, other than to just speak to God about what is going on in the lives of ourselves and others. Don't over-complicate it or worry about whether you're prayers are 'good enough' or eloquent enough.

Christian author and prayer activist Pete Greig suggests "The best bit of advice I ever received about how to pray was this: keep it simple, keep it real, keep it up." That's all we need to do! Through our prayers, God meets us exactly where we are at, and can breathe life into our situations, our requests, and into the lives of ourselves and others.

At the end of this month, we will have prayer event at MBC (29<sup>th</sup> June – ask for more details!). This will be a valuable time for us to have intentional gathered prayer along with several prayer stations around the church to engage with. The hope and prayer for this event is that it provides us with multiple different opportunities to bring our prayers to God in various creative ways. Whether you pray every single day, or you've never intentionally prayed before, you are really welcome to drop into any part of this event. You won't be judged, just warmly welcomed!

The exciting thing about this prayer event is that we don't need to worry about whether God will 'turn up', or whether we need to pray in certain ways for our requests to be answered... God is already preparing that space for us, and we simply need to show up!

Whether you can make it to the event itself or not, I'd love to encourage you to use the turning of a new month to take the opportunity to pray to God. If you already do it lots, perhaps try a different way of engaging in prayer. If it's not something you're used to, just remember the Pete Greig quote above and simply give it a go. God will be there ready to listen and to speak into whatever you bring; in extraordinary ways you can't even imagine!

God bless you in your prayers this month.

Grace and Peace

*Nick Drury*

## zoom | PRAYER MEETING

Every Saturday Morning on  
**Zoom @ 9.30am**

Ask for log in details via  
[admin@markyatebaptist.org](mailto:admin@markyatebaptist.org)

## Giving at MBC

### Did you know?

Our church runs solely on the generous financial giving of our community. We are thankful for all that is given to this church through people's time, finances and more.

### Ways to Give...

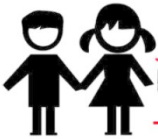
Many people give by standing order (which is helpful for our budgeting), but cash is also very appreciated through the box at the back of the church, alongside the card machine for one-off contributions by card. If you use the QR code below, you can also make a payment online.

Thank you!



Our Vision Statment:

Growing Together by loving God loving others & serving our community



**Jack and Jill's**  
baby and toddler group  
@mbc

Twice a month—term time

**2nd & 4th Friday**

Church hall 10am—11.30am  
in the Church Hall

£2.50 per family

Lots of toys, tea, coffee, juice  
& biscuits. welcome.

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Heidi Trew  
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**mbc café**

COMMUNITY FOR ALL



Every Monday

10-12pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday  
each month

Everyone is welcome  
to our warm and relaxed  
community café

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## What's On—June 2024

### Saturday 1st

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 2nd

10.30am Communion Service

With Nick Drury

### Monday 3rd

10-12pm MBC Cafe

All Welcome

### Friday 7th

10-12pm MBC Café

All welcome

### Saturday 8th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 9th

10.30am Morning Service

With Nick Dury

### Monday 10th

10-12pm MBC Cafe

All Welcome

### Wednesday 12th

Pop up life group

MBC Friendship room 7.30pm

### Friday 14th

10-11.30am Jack & Jills

Babies & pre schoolers, Mums,

Dads, Grandparents or Carers

### Saturday 15th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 16th

10.30am All age Service

With Graham Clarke

### Monday 17th

10-12pm MBC Café

All welcome

### Friday 21st

10-12pm MBC Café

All welcome

### Saturday 22nd

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 23rd

10.30am Morning Service

with Mark Buckley

### Monday 24th

10-12pm MBC Café

All welcome

### Friday 28th

10-11.30am Jack & Jills

Babies & pre schoolers, Mums,

Dads, Grandparents or Carers

### Saturday 29th

Prayer Event—details to follow

### Sunday 30th

10.30am Outdoor Service

With Nick Drury