



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall
Living Thinking Loving Faith

2nd Sunday Before Lent
8 February
at 10.00 am

Gathering

Introit: **God be in my head**

H Walford Davies (1869 - 1941)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Please do not take photos or videos during the service.

Welcome

The President is Revd Dr Michael Bayley

The Deacon and preacher is Revd Dr Ian Wallis

Welcome and Singing Bowl

Opening Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
she doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance she guideth,
only good and only true.

God unknown, she alone
calls my heart to be her own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray her trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep her wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend her,
beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore, from her store,
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ her Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Text: Robert Bridges (1844 - 1930)
based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650 - 1680),*

Music: Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983)

Tune: Michael⁸

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you
and also with you.

Ever-loving God
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

Hear the teaching of Christ:
you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first commandment.
And the second is this:
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

In the light of Christ's teaching,
let us acknowledge our wrongdoing and failure,
seeking God's forgiveness.

Silence for preparation

God says: I will judge with fairness.

Let us not judge others with our pre-formed ideas.

God says: I will hear the cries of the oppressed.

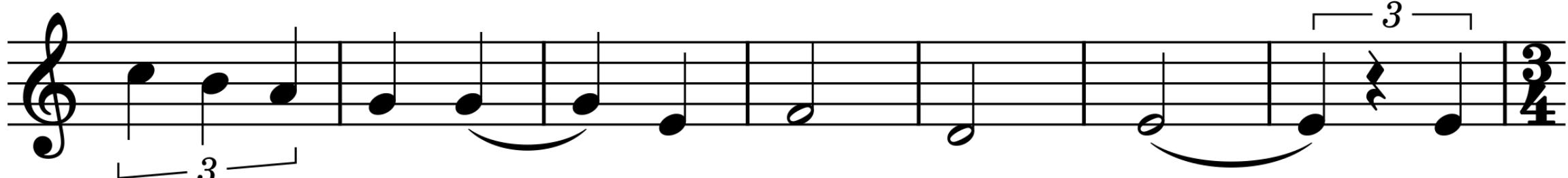
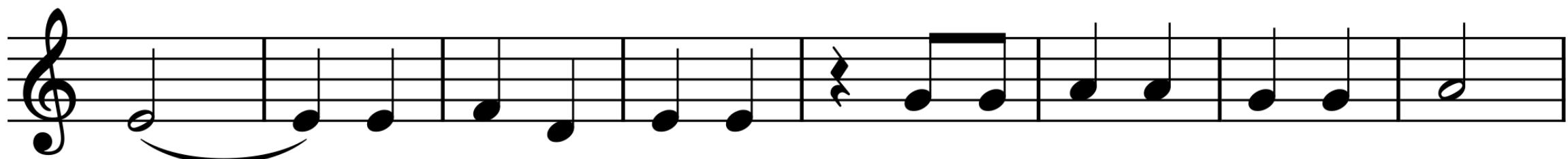
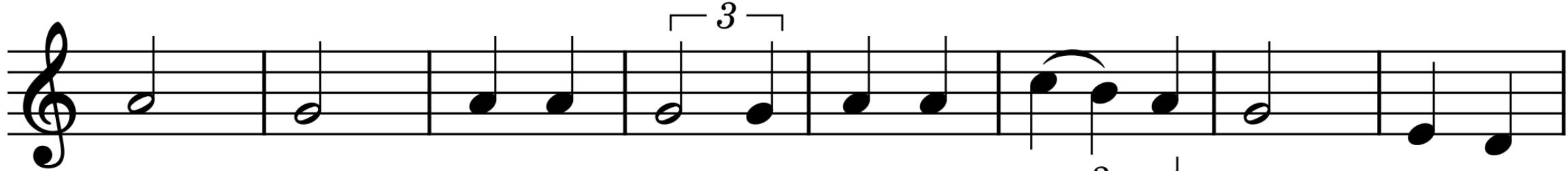
Let us hear them too, and act to help those who suffer.

Jesus says: Happy are those who work for peace.
**Let us do all we can to be channels of peace,
in our families, communities and world.**

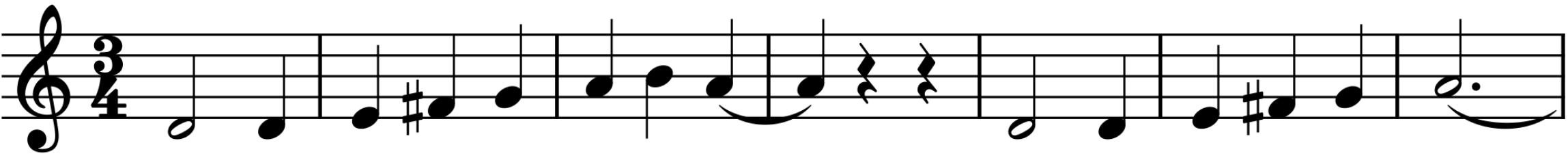
Jesus says: Peace is what I leave you.
**Let us accept the peace that Jesus offers,
and work to enable it to spread.**

May God's forgiveness be your freedom
and God's wisdom be your guide.
Amen.

Gloria, setting by John Rutter



For



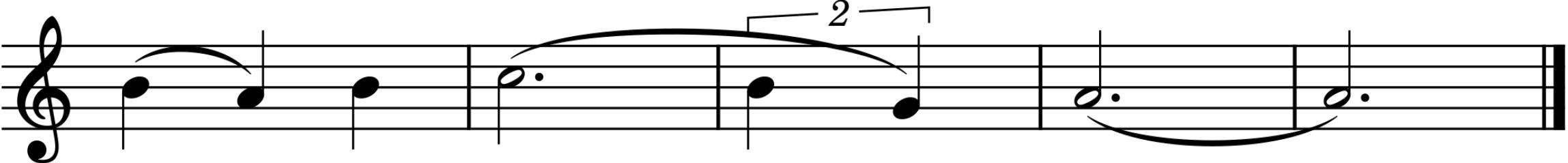
you a - lone are the Lord.



You a - lone are the most high Je - sus Christ,



In the glo-ry of God the



fa - ther, A - - men.

The Collect

Gracious One,
reaching our need, overcoming our alienation:
give us a spirit of gratitude for the abundance of the earth,
the wildness of its creatures,
the global threads that bind friend and foreigner;
may our thanks be the hope in which a dream of justice grows;
through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Steven Shakespeare

Attending

First Reading: Amos 5.14–24

Page 869 Old Testament, NRSVA

Read by Frances Gray

At the end the reader says:

How is this God's light in the world?

Gradual Hymn

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege -
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait for our legalised obedience,
defined by statute, to strict conventions bound:
Jesus is Lord; he has hallmarked true allegiance -
goodness appears where his grace is sought and found.

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord; in our present imperfection:
his power and love are for now and then for evermore.

Text and music: John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958 - 2019)
Tune: Heaven Shall Not Wait

Gospel Mark 12:18-34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Preacher: Revd Dr Ian Wallis

Followed by a time for quiet reflection

We sit or kneel for our prayers

This chant is sung before and after the prayers



O Lord lis-ten to my prayer, my

prayer as I call to you. O Lord lis-ten to my

prayer, my prayer as I call to you.

Prayers of the People *Led by David Price*

God of infinite compassion.

May our lives reflect your love.

At the end

Ever present Spirit of grace
you lead us into truth.

We open our hearts to your guidance.

Amen.

This chant is sung after the prayers

O Lord lis-ten to my prayer, my
prayer as I call to you. O Lord lis-ten to my
prayer, my prayer as I call to you.

Sharing Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

*Text: VI Karen Lafferty (b. 1948), Vs 2 and 3 unknown,
Music: Karen Lafferty (b. 1948), arr. Adrian Vernon Fish (b. 1956)*

Tune: Seek ye First
35

Abiding

Preparation

Gather us in, O God:
from every age and outlook.

Gather us in, O God:
from every creed and colour.

Gather us in, O God:
from every circumstance and walk of life.

Be found among us:

**in the sharing of bread and wine,
in the offering of friendship and service,
in the openness of thankful hearts
and outstretched hands,
be found among us.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Ever- beckoning God
we thank you that in every age you are calling people
to venture forth in faith –
leaving behind the securities of self-interest
in pursuit of justice, truth and peace.

We thank you that in Jesus your word has been fulfilled –
through life, through death, through life beyond death –
drawing humanity into your presence
that all may find their integrity in you.

We thank you that through him
we can approach this table,
no matter who we are or where life has led us,
no matter what our confusion or how deep our doubts.

And so we praise you
with the faithful of every time and place
who have struggled to embody your word
and live out your wisdom, singing:

We sing

Organ *Congregation*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord. God of truth and
love. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
God of truth and love.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna...

Organ *Congregation*

in the high-est Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

John Rutter

...in the highest.

Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And now, in obedience to his command,
it is our duty and our joy,
to remember the night he gave himself up
and was handed over to death.

Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread,
and after giving you thanks,
he broke it and offered it to them, saying,
‘This is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me’

Afterwards, he took the cup of wine,
blessed it, and offered it to them, saying,
‘This is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.’

As we remember his life,
proclaim his death
and celebrate his resurrection,
may your Holy Spirit inspire this communion
that all who share this bread and wine
may feed on Christ and become one with him.

Ian Wallis

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer & Communion

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The bread is broken

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

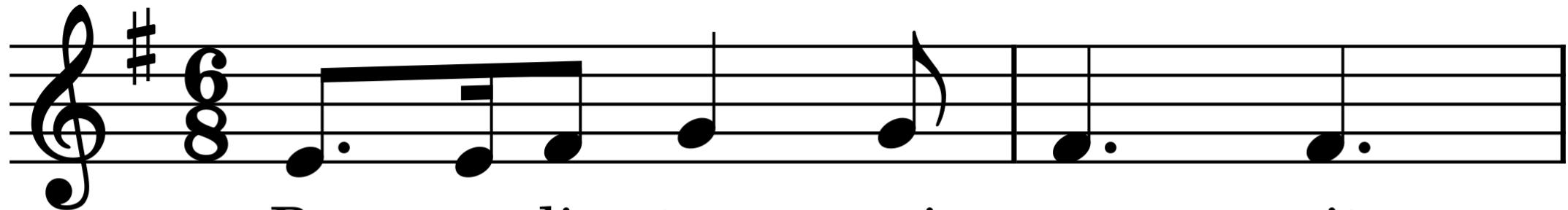
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The invitation is offered

Christ's table has been prepared
and Christ is the one who beckons.

Come take your place and feed on him.

During communion we sing the Taizé chant by Jacques Berthier



Musical notation for the first line of the Taizé chant. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 6/8. The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Be - ne-dic - tus qui ve - - nit,



Musical notation for the second line of the Taizé chant. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 6/8. The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: be - ne-dic-tus qui ve - nit, in no - mi-ne, in



Musical notation for the third line of the Taizé chant. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 6/8. The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: no - mi-ne, in no-mi-ne Do - mi-ni.

The choir sings **Look at the World**

John Rutter (b.1945)

Look at the world: Everything all around us, Look at the world: and marvel every day. Look at the world: So many joys and wonders, So many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts that we may see, All the gifts we share and every blessing, All things come of thee. Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower, Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain. Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river field and plain. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts that we may see, All the gifts we share and every blessing, All things come of thee.

Think of the spring: Think of the warmth of summer, Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, Till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts that we may see, All the gifts we share and every blessing, All things come of thee. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish Comes from the Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty, His is the earth and his the heavens above. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts that we may see, All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee, All things come of thee.

Prayer of Commitment

May we who have fed
at Wisdom's table
take her welcome out
to where tables are reserved
and doors are closed;
may the Spirit drive us
to break our bread
on the altar of the world.
Amen.

Announcements

To support our ministry and outreach financially please consider joining our regular giving scheme.
Information at the back of church or on our website.

For one-off donations please donate cash or use the card reader at the back of church.

Thank you.

Blessing

Go forth in peace:
let the wisdom of God guide your way,
let the compassion of Christ be your gift to the world,
let the fire of the Spirit be your inspiration;

and the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Spirit of Life,
rest upon you and all whom you love,
both living and departed, now and always.

Amen.

Final Hymn

We have a dream: this nation will arise,
and truly live according to its creed,
that all are equal in their maker's eyes,
and none shall suffer through another's greed.

We have a dream that one day we shall see
a world of justice, truth and equity,
where sons of slaves and daughters of the free
will share the banquet of community.

We have a dream of deserts brought to flower,
once made infertile by oppression's heat,
when love and truth shall end oppressive power,
and streams of righteousness and justice meet.

We have a dream: our children shall be free from judgements based on colour or on race, free to become whatever they may be, of their own choosing in the light of grace.

We have a dream that truth will overcome
the fear and anger of our present day;
that black and white will share a common home,
and hand in hand will walk the pilgrim way.

We have a dream: each valley will be raised,
and every mountain, every hill brought down;
then shall creation echo perfect praise,
and share God's glory under freedom's crown.

*Text: Michael Forster (b. 1946)
based on the speech by Martin Luther King Jr,
Music: Walter Greatorex (1877 - 1949)
Tune: Woodlands*

Commission

Go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Praeludium in D BuxWV 139

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

With thanks to Tom Corns for playing the organ

Friendship Time

Refreshments are served at the end of the service, please stay if you can.

For those on Zoom, we hold a breakout group after the voluntary to which you are welcome.



Lent group
Sign up sheets

on the table
at the back of church

THINKING FAITH

Tonight at 7pm



The Parting of the Ways:

Why did Judaism and Christianity become separate religions?

with Dr Meredith J C Warren

Director of the Sheffield Centre for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies

Jesus almost certainly understood his message and ministry to be an authentic expression of Jewish faith. His first disciples were Jews and the centre of the early Jesus movement was Jerusalem, overseen by Jesus' Jewish brother, James. In the light of this, how and why did the Jesus movement evolve into something that could no longer be accommodated within Jewish identity?

There is an ongoing collection at St Mark's of good quality warm clothes and coats, as well as toiletries, shower gel and feminine personal care products.

Thank you so much for your generosity.



Thanks to
Mabel Padfield, John Hall, and
Linda Kirk
for donating flowers
&
Rachel Pilkington and Briony
Tayler
for arranging them
during February

