



The **Methodist** Church
Northampton District

District Prayer
Diary
2019/20

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Day 1 - Oxford

The Oxford Circuit serves the city of Oxford, its suburbs, and villages and market towns to the north and east, from Woodstock to Watlington. Public worship is offered in thirteen places, including St Mary's Church in Chalgrove and Holy Family LEP in Blackbird Leys.

Give Thanks For:

- A new Leadership Team, including new Circuit Stewards.
- The joy of confirmations at Woodstock.
- Steady progress with the Open Doors Project at Wesley Memorial.
- Participation in the Oxford Winter Night Shelter.
- Ecumenical partnerships in Chalgrove and Watlington.
- The completion of a refurbishment scheme at Great Milton.

Please Pray For:

- Stationing, and consequent changes in the coming years.
- Work with young people at Bladon.
- Ecumenical work on the Rose Hill estate.
- The development of new outreach to students and young adults in the city centre.
- Continuing work among isolated and lonely people in Headington.
- Evolving relationships at St Mary's, Chalgrove.
- Responses to new housing developments.
- Plans for a new church at Holy Family, Blackbird Leys.



Prayer

God of light, guide us;
God of life, renew us;
God of love, transform us;
That we may bear witness to your grace,
And offer hope to the world;
In the name of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Day 2 - Wantage & Abingdon

Our circuit covers a large part of south Oxfordshire. We have nine churches, and a total membership of over 500. Our area is home to a number of scientific establishments and hi-tech industries. We are also an area in which a considerable amount of new housing is being built.

Give Thanks For:

- The on-going success of our Community Chaplaincy Project on Great Western Park, Didcot, new chaplains and the opportunity to extend the work into areas of new housing in Wantage and Grove.
- 60th Anniversary of All Saints, Abingdon in October 2019.
- 200 years of a Methodist presence in our Circuit and the 175th Anniversary of Wantage Methodist Church in 2020.
- The Circuit Leadership Team, Supernumerary Ministers and Local Preachers.
- Growing congregations.
- Closer ecumenical links in the village of Childrey as the Methodist Chapel and St. Mary's look to the future together.
- Trinity Learning in Abingdon as they begin a new chapter in their work with schools and children in the community.
- For exciting times and signs of God being at work in our midst.

Please Pray For:

- All the anniversary celebrations this Connexional year across the Circuit.
- "Saints Alive" - the District Re-Imagine Conference at All Saints Church on 5th October 2019 with Trey Hall.
- Our new Circuit Safeguarding Officer.
- All who hold office in our Circuit and churches.



Prayer

Tis Jesus, the First and the Last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;
We'll praise him for all that is past,
And trust him for all that's to come.

Superintendent

Rev'd Keith Underhill

Ministers

Rev'd John Anderson

Rev'd Jocelyn Bennett

Rev'd Ian Griffiths

Deacon Selina Nisbett

Rev'd Rebecca Peters

Authorised Presbyter

Rev'd Leonora Hill

Associate Presbyter

Supernumeraries

Rev'd Eileen J Appleyard

Rev'd Michael R

Appleyard

Rev'd Kenneth Blake

Deacon Maggie Blake

Rev'd Frances Blood

Rev'd Alan Grist

Community Chaplains

Libby Hawkness-Smith

Sarah Ifill

Circuit Stewards

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Rev'd Nicola Blois
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Rev'd Elgin Crewe
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Rev'd Michael Gilyead
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Circuit Stewards
Rosemary Britton
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Ann Jerome

Day 3 - Witney & Faringdon

The Witney and Faringdon Circuit is situated in rural west Oxfordshire and includes several picturesque rural towns and villages. The greatest challenge in both town and countryside, at present, is the large number of new housing developments and the impact this brings for communities and churches.

Give Thanks For:

- We give thanks for the appointment of the Reverend Jason Cooke, who takes up his first appointment at Witney High Street.
- Also, for the new children and families' worker, Anna Sbotneva Pile who will work across the Circuit.
- We continue to pray for ecumenical relationships in Witney, Charlbury and Carterton, together with the covenanted relationship between the Methodists and Anglicans in Long Hanborough.
- We thank God for every opportunity to meet with those who are yet to experience God's love for themselves.

Please Pray For:

- We pray for growth in terms of awakening faith, of deepening understanding of scripture and our relationship to God and one another.
- We pray that the discussions on Marriage and Relationships may be enriching and challenging.
- We pray for our young people who attend junior church, Messy church, parent and toddlers, Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade, and for all who work tirelessly to encourage and support them.



Prayer

Jesus, with all your Church I long to see your kingdom come;
Show me your way of righting wrong and turning sorrow into song,
Until you bring me home.
Amen
Thomas Caryl Micklem (StF 520)

Day 4 - Chipping Norton & Stow

Having been a circuit for the last 207 years, it ceases to exist at the end of this connexional year.

Over the last two centuries, our circuit and its churches bore witness to the love and grace of God through their faithful worship, service to the community and ecumenical activities.

Give Thanks For:

- The commitment and hard work of church leaders and members.
- Preachers and Ministers for their faithful service and ministry.
- The Curve Project in Upper Rissington and the Youth Project in Shipston; both reach out to many people.

Please Pray For:

- God's gentle guidance for the members of the circuit as they face big changes.
- A deeper commitment for our members to learn and grow in faith.
- New opportunities for growth and mission to emerge as the churches merge with the neighbouring circuits next year.



Prayer

Most holy and loving God, may your peace and presence fill us each day. May your love and grace surround us each moment. May the mind of Christ our Saviour live in us from day to day. May your Spirit continue to assure us that you are with us and for us always. Amen.

Superintendent
Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Ministers
Rev'd Malcolm Cook AP

Supernumeraries
Rev'd David Buckley
Rev'd Stephen Bywater
Rev'd Alan Wright

Circuit Leadership Team
John Bentley
Helen Blight
Alan Philips

Circuit Administrator
Ian Philipson

Superintendent
Rev'd Lin Francis

Ministers

Rev Steve Swann
Rev'd Chris Gaynor AP
Rev'd Lynda Spokes AP

Supernumeraries

Rev'd Chris Eddy
Rev'd Jean Fletcher
Dcn Margaret Hale
Rev'd Robert Jones
Rev'd Mary Pheasey
Rev'd Jeff Smith
Rev'd John Warren
Rev'd Barrie Lawless AM

Circuit Steward

Mrs Janet Jones
Miss Mary Tanner
Finance

Children & Families Worker

Mrs Julie Swann

Pastoral Worker

Mrs Hazel Stagg

Day 5 - Banbury

Eleven churches make up the Banbury Circuit including St. Francis, the LEP. The Circuit operates a Team Ministry style of ministry which is working well across the circuit. We are a mixture of rural and town churches. All are looking to how they can be church in the coming years.

Give Thanks For:

- The collaborative nature of our ministry and mission.
- How the Children and Families work is taking off in both Hinton and Marlborough Road Churches through Funstation and Messy Church events.
- How people from various congregations are sharing in the work with the young people.
- For the willingness of people to engage in conversations about mission and the witness to Jesus.
- For the supportive Leadership Team.
- How amazing the Holy Spirit has been, inspiring and pushing us onwards.

Please Pray For:

- The Circuit as it prepares to encompass two extra congregations that will join us in September 2020.
- Discernment and vision as all the churches look to the future.
- God's guidance in how we seek to employ people to help us fulfil our mission.
- The folk at Middleton Cheney coming to terms with the closure of their chapel and the circuit as it explores how the building could be used.



Prayer

Ever living God, you have created us and gifted us. Jesus, you have shown us how to live and serve you. Holy Spirit, you have inspired and encouraged us. Three-in-one, show us some more, use us some more and encourage us always. Amen.

Day 6 - Buckingham, Bicester & Brackley

Our circuit loosely fills the gap between the M40 and M1 with four town churches and four village churches spread across the counties of Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire.

Here there is lots of history; lots of good people; lots of house building and lots of opportunity.

Give Thanks For:

- Rev'd Pat Olivent-Hayes in her year as Mayor's chaplain in Brackley and the opportunities this presents.
- Our Well Street Church in Buckingham; their ongoing ministry on the Lace Hill estate and recently appointed youth worker, Bev Hamilton.

Please Pray For:

- The building up of our circuit leadership team with three relatively new circuit stewards.
- Creativity in reaching out to those in areas of new housing around us.
- Our Bicester church as they seek to employ a mission enabler;
- All of our churches as they develop growth plans that seek to bring Jesus to those who do not know him and provide the means of growth for those who do.
- Refreshment and renewal for those who are weary; Peace and assurance for those who are anxious; Company and fellowship for those who are lonely; and Encouragement for those whom the Spirit is leading on to new responsibilities.



Prayer

Holy and Gracious God
We praise you for calling us
To serve you in this broken world.
Fill us with your Spirit as we share
Christ's life and love with our communities.
May our lives bear witness to hope
And peace that reflects your healing for all.
Amen

Superintendent
Rev'd Steve Mann

Ministers

Rev'd Tim Edworthy
Rev'd Patricia Olivent -
Hayes

Supernumeraries

Rev'd Michael Langley
Rev'd Roger Lee

Lay Pastoral Workers

Katy Morris
Malcolm Bromhall

Circuit Stewards

Peter Butcher
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Claire Herbert

Circuit Secretary

Linda Paice

Circuit Treasurer

David Teckoe

Superintendent
Rev'd Paula Hunt

Ministers

Rev'd Edson Dube
Rev'd Jenny Impey
Rev'd Saidu Kanu
Rev'd Derek McLean
Rev'd Fran Rhys
Rev'd Jervis Daniel Yovan

Circuit Stewards

Richard Cawthorn
Diane Allen
Pedzi Katsande
Julie Manning

Supernumeraries

Rev'd Peter Brooks
Rev'd John Clarke
Rev'd Jack Hanson
Rev'd Albert Mosley
Rev'd Tony Pick
Rev'd Vincent Price
Rev'd Arthur Rowe
Rev'd Gordon Webb

Circuit Administrators

Laurie Rowell

Day 7 - Leicester Trinity

The Circuit encompasses the area spreading north, west and south from the city centre out to encompass the villages around the city. It is a hugely varied circuit, and we seek to welcome all people with the love of God.

Give Thanks For:

- The commitment of those who work and pray so that the Gospel will be seen in our life together.
- The preachers and worship leaders – especially those in training, and their tutors and mentors.
- The diversity of our worshipping life.
- Our growing identity as a single circuit.

Please Pray For:

- The Children's Worker, as he develops the work in local schools and communities.
- The work of the city centre mission.
- The chaplaincy work in the hospitals and universities.
- Residents and staff of both Foxton Grange and Aigburth (the two MHAs in Leicester), including their chaplains and volunteers.



Prayer

O God of endurance and encouragement,
grant that we may live in such harmony with
one another,
in accord with Christ Jesus,
that together we may with one voice glorify the
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen
Rom 15:5-6 (adapted)

Day 8 - Children & Young

Give Thanks For:

- The outreach of churches through Playgroups, Pre-School groups, Parent & Toddler groups.
- Outreach to families through Messy Church in many different forms.
- For Sunday Schools, Junior Churches, Fellowship groups, Membership and Bible Study groups.
- Weeknight activities such as Youth Clubs, Uniformed Organisations.
- The dedicated work of all those who lead and inspire children and young people.

LORD WE PRAY:

In the Autumn Term:

- For young children beginning Nursery or Pre-school groups and starting school or moving school.
- For young people commencing GCSE or "A" level courses, Apprenticeships or work and for those going to College or University.
- For 3Generate in Southport in November.
- For the Year of Testimony, that children and young people may hear from older people about their faith journey.

In the Spring Term:

- For churches seeking new ways of working with children and young people.
- For action on the Environment which children and young people are championing.
- For our churches to become safe places for children and young people.

In the Summer Term:

- For children and young people taking exams that local churches may support them and their families.
- For various summer activities.

Gracious God.

May children be protected, nurtured and encouraged.

May they have the chance to learn and the room to grow.

May young people be valued and heard, supported and challenged and have opportunities to help in the reshaping of the church and the world.

Amen



Superintendent
Rev'd Novette Headley

Ministers

Rev'd Stephen Clark
Rev'd Judith Lincoln
Rev'd Jill Marsh
District Missions Enabler
Rev'd Joy Langford
Authorised Presbyter

Supernumeraries

Rev'd Douglas Brewer
Dcn Judith Wray
Rev'd Peter Sowler
Rev'd Pam Bolas

Family Worker

Mrs. Claire Sutcliffe

Circuit Stewards

David Postlethwaite
Edith Cobby
Sandra Andrews
Carol Long

Circuit Treasurers

Liz Clarke
Andrew Paul

Circuit Administrator

Marilyn Draycott

Day 9 - Leicester West

Our Circuit consists of ten congregations over eleven sites, situated in the inner and outer suburbs of Leicester city, extending west and northwards into the Leicestershire villages along the M1 corridor. We have sixteen active Local Preachers, five Preachers in training and thirteen Worship Leaders.

Give Thanks For:

- The appointment of our Authorised Presbyter, Rev'd Joy Langford who is joining us from the Congregational Church, and will have pastoral care of two congregations.
- The appointment of the new Anglican vicar at our St. Andrews Anglican-Methodist LEP, Rev'd Dave Hover.
- For the Children & Family Worker's engagement with the local primary schools, parent and toddlers' groups, and support given to the youth and children's workers across the Circuit.

Please Pray For:

- The 20-20 Vision building work at our Glenfield Methodist Church to make those premises more accessible and inviting.
- The New Parks Methodist Church – Linking Lives Befriending service, praying for funds and volunteers to expand this service to the housebound and the lonely.
- Our church members to discover, and make use of opportunities, to share the good news of Jesus Christ in their conversations with the hundreds of people that come onto our church premises each week for Coffee mornings, Lunch Clubs, Play-groups, Dance classes, After-school Clubs and Drama groups, etc.



Prayer

Faithful God, may our churches be lights set up on a hill, glowing with the radiant love of Jesus Christ; and may each member live in your Way, Truth and Life, so that people all around will be drawn to you, and discover for themselves, your everlasting grace. Amen

Day 10 - Loughborough

Eleven churches centred on Loughborough diverse in many ways, yet united in our love for God and in service to the communities. We strive to be a stable Christian presence and a prophetic witness in an age of uncertainty and growing divides in society.

Give Thanks For:

- The enthusiasm of those willing to try something different which is able to connect with a new generation.
- The growing monthly all age congregation at Christchurch Methodist Church, Shepshed.
- Outreach through the weekly Coffee and Crafts event at Knightthorpe Methodist Church, which serves a need and introduces people to church.
- The four Local Pastors and the inspiration they bring to their roles.

Please Pray For:

- The opportunities presented by the redevelopment at Barrow-upon-Soar Methodist Church.
- The Rev'd Martin Swan taking on a part-time role in the circuit in his retirement.
- The Chinese Methodist Congregation led by Rev'd Calvin Cheung as they witness to the Chinese community in the area.
- The schools' work at Wymeswold and in Quorn using Open the Book.



Prayer

Living God, by your Spirit you hold together perfectly all that has been created, in you there is fullness of life. May we, your church be so filled with abundant living, that your goodness and love transform our relationships, revealing your presence and purpose in all we do. Amen.

Superintendent
Rev'd Andrew Lomax

Ministers:
Rev'd Calvin Cheung
Rev'd John Pugh
Rev'd Martin Swan
Rev'd David Bowler AM

Chaplains
Dcn Jan Sutton
Loughborough University

Supernumeraries
Rev'd David Blatherwick
Rev'd Hugh Cade
Rev'd Hedley Cousin
Rev'd Douglas Maw
Rev'd Donald Wilkes

Local Church Pastors
Margaret Williams
Chris Watkins
Granville Mercy
Elerj Bristow

Circuit Administrator
Josephine Wills

Circuit Stewards Margaret Williams
Les Longmire
Trevor Ranson

Circuit Treasurer
Jim Riddell

Superintendent
Rev'd Dr Tim Woolley

Ministers
Rev'd Wesley Hampton
Rev'd David Haseldine
Rev'd Vivienne Atter
Other Appointment

Associate Minister
Rev'd Michael Haighton

Supernumeraries
Rev'd Stephen Hoggar
Rev'd Keith Ledson
Rev'd Graham Miles

Lay Local Pastors
John Cooke
Judith Cooke
Anne Haddon

Youth Workers
Chris Newlyn
Lynn Adderley
Netty Alesbrook

Circuit Stewards
Cyril Fennell
Sheila Grice
Colin Haddon
Will Taylor

Circuit Administrator
Christine Bacon

Day 11 - Hinckley

The Hinckley Circuit comprises eleven chapels in towns and villages half-way between Coventry and Leicester. Many are in areas previously heavily dependent on hosiery, boot and shoe making, knitwear, and coal mining. The personal and social cost of the transition to other industries, including high technology and distribution, is still evident today.

Give Thanks For:

- The way Churches have been engaging with "Our Calling" and exploring "Planning for Growth", for instance in the desire for greater diversity in how we worship God.
- All the leaders in the teams and committees in the Circuit and all the Churches.
- The vision God has given to people to reach out and engage creatively and ecumenically with others, including: street pastors, food banks, family lunch clubs, and the substance mis-use Early Intervention Worker in schools.

Please Pray For:

- The employment of one (or two) new under 18s and families' worker(s) in the Circuit.
- Wes Hampton and his family as they move in 2020, and the Circuit Leadership Team.
- The next steps that the Churches and Circuit take following "Our Calling" and "Planning for Growth".
- The grace of God as we engage with "God in Love Unite Us", the report on Marriage and Relationships.
- More Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.



Prayer

Amazing God, help us to:
love you with all our heart, mind and strength;
love one another as Christ loved Peter, and Judas,
love any other as much as we love ourselves;
and make disciples of all, so we all follow Jesus'
commands. Amen

Day 12 - Melton Mowbray

Melton Mowbray consists of seven societies across its market town and rural villages, all of whom serve their local communities and are engaged in mission and worship. The circuit is served by two ministers, one presbyteral and one diaconal who contribute to good local ecumenical links.

Give Thanks For:

- Many mission opportunities across the circuit and dedicated volunteers who make this possible – including Messy Church, Mother & Toddler groups, Bereavement Support Group, Pastoral Visiting, Time Out and Tea Shop, Hot Potato meetings, Café Church, Prayer Quilt Ministry and 'Holiday at Home' outreach to senior citizens in the community during summer.
- 'Lunch is on us' initiative providing hot lunches in the town centre for those in need.
- Work with ecumenical partners.
- Chaplaincy work in the town centre and markets.
- Work in the local schools.
- The Friday Shoppers' service at Sage Cross.
- All our local preachers, worship leaders and those in training.
- Our Supernumerary Ministers.

Please Pray For:

- Mission across the circuit and the building of the Kingdom.
- Our outreach to those who use church premises.
- Continued development of ecumenical links.
- For the circuit as it considers how best to use our buildings for God's purpose and glory.



Prayer

Speak in the stillness, God we pray,
Come into our hearts and meet us here.
Bring us your peace for each new day
The gift of grace to earth from heaven. Amen
(Gareth Hill b. 1956 Sf 511)

Superintendent
Rev'd James Skinner

Minister
Deacon Alison McCauley

Associate Presbyter
Rev'd Canon Jeffrey
Hopewell

Supernumeraries
Rev'd Douglas Dennis
Rev'd Ronald Dyer
Rev'd David Key
Rev'd Dr Eric Lott
Rev'd Jeffrey Ward

Local Lay Pastors
Jenny Oliver
Janet Norburn

Circuit Stewards
Jenny Oliver
Sue Gowin
Pauline Holbrook

Circuit Treasurer
Barbara Cresswell

Superintendent
Rev'd Romeo R Pedro

Ministers
Dcn Richard Beckett
Rev'd Francis M'itiiri
Rev'd Philip Snelson

Supernumeraries
Rev'd Brian Kennard
Rev'd Alan Sharp
Rev'd John Smith
Rev'd Martin Swan

Lay Workers
John Brown
Pastoral

Circuit Stewards
Margaret Littlecott
Elizabeth Hale
Pam Kirkland

Administrator
Sarah Eason

Circuit Treasurer
Keith Brooks

Day 13 - Northampton

We seek to concentrate our prayers, resources, imagination and commitments on the sharing of the good news of God's love.

We are committed to:

Inviting and calling all people to discipleship, evangelism and service.

Equipping and resourcing people for mission.

Encouraging and participating in networks of Church to Church relationships.

Give Thanks For:

- The collaborative way in which we work.
- Several churches that are embracing and celebrating their ethnic diversity.
- The many community links that we have; including Live at Home, Luncheon Clubs, School Pastors, Street Pastors and Food Banks.

Please Pray For:

- Kingsthorpe Methodist Church. They are currently sharing worship with the local Baptist church pending a re-development project on the site.
- The conversation we will have about the efficient use of our resources for mission.
- A greater involvement in the communal prayer life of the circuit. We are planning various prayer events for the year.
- Our focus on faith sharing this year; that we will have greater confidence to tell others about Jesus.
- Those who are offering to be trained as Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.



Prayer

Loving God, we pray that the divine presence of Your grace, love and communion will reform, renew and release us to live lives in which people will see and experience grace, love and unconditional acceptance. Amen

Day 14 - Rugby & Daventry

Twelve Churches in the very heart of England. It's here that Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire embrace. There is wealth and poverty, history and opportunity, new roads and new housing. Our buildings in the towns of Lutterworth, Rugby and Daventry, the villages of Broadwell, Grandborough, Dunchurch and Long Lawford are hubs of outreach.

Give Thanks For:

- Duffy Place, reaching out to the community.
- 8 new congregations in Care Homes (The Gift of Years; Rugby).
- The Easter and Christmas stories told interactively to hundreds of school children.
- Secret Christmas angels in shopping trollies.
- Mission through music.
- An ecumenical review.
- International partnerships.
- Making connexions with the Mobile Food Pantry.
- Winter night shelters, food banks, Christians Against Poverty, Street Pastors, Holiday Clubs.
- A new garden in Newbold.

Please Pray For:

- Dunchurch as it prepares to close.
- Those with Autism and depression.
- All on the Pioneer Pathways in the circuit.
- Ruth Henderson and her work with young people and Mental Health issues.
- For the Hub Café and Time Builders.
- Welcome Wednesdays at Bilton.
- New Worship leaders.
- Long Lawford wrap around care and job club.
- Daventry Intergenerational community appointment.
- Those with dementia.
- New expressions of church.
- Children and family workers in RMCC and Paddox.
- Village Chapels.



Prayer

God; we invite you to set us free from sterile religion.
Come now Lord, touch us with your love and burn in our hearts
So that all may know the transforming power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

Superintendent
Rev'd Andy Hardwick

Ministers

Dcn Georgina Brooks
Rev'd Diane Bussey
Rev'd Jane Gaffney
Rev'd Charity Madenyika

Supernumeraries

Rev'd Robert Anning
Rev'd David Collinson
Rev'd Christine Dybdahl
Rev'd Margaret Hadfield
Rev'd John Horner
Rev'd Irene Lincoln
Dcn Mary Neal
Rev'd Iain Rennie

Lay Workers

Lucy Catling
Pioneer Pathways
Sian Asbury
Ruth Henderson
Emily Fallen

Circuit Stewards

Andrew Downey
Rosemary Mason
Karen Miles

Circuit Treasurer
Kathy Brooks

Superintendent

Rev'd Andy Fyall

Ministers

Rev'd William Booker

Part Time

Rev'd Ruth Charlesworth

Rev'd Helen Fyall

Minister in other appointment:

Hospital Chaplain

Rev'd Canon Leo Osborn

Lay Workers:

Luke Denley

Stamford Youth Outreach

Worker

Phil Jones

Circuit Mission Enabler

Sarah Lamb

Circuit Children & Family

Worker

Supernumeraries

Rev'd John Ansley

Rev'd Neville Ashton

Rev'd Christopher Bamber

Rev'd Richard Baggott

Rev'd Fred Day

Rev'd David Bosworth

Rev'd Julia Dowding

Rev'd Barry Gent

Rev'd Maureen Jones

Rev'd Peter Lemmon

Rev'd Brian Lewis

Rev'd Brian Newbold

Rev'd Dr Christine Pocock

Sister Eileen Rogers

Circuit Administrators

Rowan Scholtz

Circuit Stewards

Sarah Burke

Moyra Collins

Ian Husbands

Anne-Marie Niemann

Chris Barber

Circuit Treasurer

Nina Rawlins

Day 15 - Stamford

Stretching from South Lincolnshire into Rutland, the smallest county in England, the Stamford Circuit serves four market towns and six villages offering the hope of the Gospel in word and deed. We seek to be relevant in our witness, active in our challenge and loving in our care for all.

Give Thanks For:

- Our outward facing ministry offering grace, hope and love in the communities we serve.
- 'Second Helpings' pay-as-you-feel café in Stamford, serving meals and offering food to all.
- The diverse team of God's people working together to offer excellent worship and dedicated service across the circuit.

Please Pray For:

- Somerby Methodist Church ceasing worship after many years of witness in the village.
- Growth in spirit, faith and number across the circuit.
- The changes we are facing in terms of Ministry Leadership across the circuit in the next year, giving thanks for the appointment of Rev'd William Booker from September 2019.



Prayer

Gracious God,
Grant us love without limit,
Peace without reserve,
Hope without measure,
Faith without boundaries
And the knowledge that we can do nothing
without you.
In the name of Christ our Saviour and Lord.
Amen

Day 16 - Northampton District

As Methodist people of the Northampton District, living alongside those of many different Christian traditions, different faiths and those of no faith, we celebrate God's abundant generosity to us. Our neighbours come from every part of the globe and our lives are enriched by their presence. We seek to offer loving service to others. As a District we seek to offer support, encourage and enable the ministry and mission of everyone across the District by confident, imaginative and thoughtful use of our resources. We pray for God's blessing for this District.

Hear when we call thee from the deep; still walk beside us on the shore;
give hands to work, and eyes to weep, and hearts to love thee more.

- Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895)

Give Thanks For:

- Our new presbyters in the District, especially our probationer presbyters Georgina and Jason, and for their flourishing among us.
- For those who serve as District Officers and those taking up new roles.
- The work of our District administrators Jenny and Susie.
- For faithful, hard-working generous people throughout the District, busy serving and loving their communities.

Please Pray For:

- Those seeking to maintain a Christian presence in rural communities, for creative use of resources and ecumenical co-operation.
- The Regional Learning Network team as they continue to support and resource the life of the District.
- Our supernumerary ministers, and the widows and widowers of those ministers who have died.



Prayer

Help us, again and again, to boldly and confidently respond to your love we see in Jesus, To share that love, making it real and obvious in our communities.

Help us to stop bothering with the inessentials and to focus on being good news. Amen

Chair of District
Rev'd Canon Helen
D. Cameron

Deputy Chair of District
Rev'd Dr Martin Wellings

Presbyteral Synod Secretary
Rev'd Alan Bolton

Representative Synod Secretary
Derek Beaumont

Assistant Synod Secretary
Susan Bayliss

District Mission Enabler
Rev'd Jill Marsh

District Ecumenical Officer
Rev'd Andy Fyall

District Treasurer
Andrew Lewis

District Methodist Council Representative
Rev'd Novette Headley

District Property Secretary
Chris Linford

Synod Representatives
Wendy Curtis
Dcn Richard Goldstraw
Rev'd Romeo Pedro
Rev'd Dawn Saunders
Rev'd Kim Shorley
David Sparks

**District Safeguarding/
Officer Team Leader**
Gill Crippen
Sue Ioannou

District Administrators
Jenny Phillips
Susie Palmer

Ecumenical Development Officers

Canon Vic Allsop
Leicestershire

Rev'd Stuart Jenkins
Northamptonshire

Vacancy
Peterborough & Rutland

Rev'd Canon John
Robertson
*Ecumenical Director of
Mission, Milton Keynes*

John Rose
Lincolnshire

District Ecumenical Officers

Rev'd Andy Fyall
*Northamptonshire,
Rutland & Peterborough*

Rev'd Gordon Webb
Leicestershire

Rev'd Nicola Martyn-
Beck
*Buckinghamshire
& Milton Keynes*

Rev'd John Anderson
Oxfordshire

Day 17 - Ecumenical Work

Your District Ecumenical officers work alongside various denominations on your behalf towards unity in ministry, worship, prayer and mission. We offer the gifts and graces of our Methodist tradition in order to enhance the whole Church of God in Christ.

Give Thanks For:

- The opportunities to share with and learn from brothers and sisters who worship and witness differently to us.
- the ways in which we can see God at work in the world through ecumenical projects such as Foodbanks, Street Pastors, Praying on the Streets, Healing on the Streets and in many other ways.

Please Pray For:

- Churches working together as formal LEPs in the District; the complex work towards unity in mission in Milton Keynes Ecumenical Area.
- The DEOS in our District representing the Methodist Church on various ecumenical bodies.
- The continuing journey of 'Mission and Ministry in Covenant', seeking a way of exercising interchangeability of ministry between the Church of England and the Methodist Church.

Prayer

Not simply in holy places, shrines and churches,
But also in the everyday ordinary comings and
goings. You are there, Lord.

There to be found, waiting to be greeted,
Encountered, Embraced.

I met you today, God –
in the smile of a stranger on the way;
in the joyful sight of lambs at play;
in the whisper of the wind;
in the sunlight at play on the flowing stream;
in the heart-warming sight of home.

Open my eyes to perceive you, open my ears to
hear you,
Open my heart to receive you, wherever I am –
For you are there.
Amen



Day 18 - Methodist Women in Britain

President
Mrs Janis Bayley

Secretary
Mrs Pam Sitford

Treasurer
Mrs Elizabeth Marriott

Forum Rep
Mrs Mary Gill

Give Thanks For:

- The partnership between MWiB and the Touchstone Centre in Bradford.
- The election of the new Connexional President, Hilary Evans, and for the continued work of Sandra Goodwin in her final year as Vice President.
- The election of Carolyn Lawrence, World Federation representative, as Vice President designate of the Methodist Conference for 2020.

Please Pray For:

- Mary Gill, our Forum representative and Nina Rawlins, the Connexional Finance Officer.
- Circuits within our District who have applied for Grants or Gifts to support projects local and overseas.
- Inini, or Mindful Me, a project supported by MWiB which seeks to raise awareness and support women living with family members with mental health issues in Leicester West Circuit.
- For Promotion to attend the next residential weekend 3rd-5th April 2020 at Hayes Conference Centre led by Jill Baker.



Prayer

God our creator, redeemer and guide, bring unity to your Church, peace and concord to the nations, harmony in our homes, and wholeness in our hearts. Amen

Superintendent
Rev'd Andrew Farrington

Minister
Rev'd Neil Clarke

Supernumerary
Rev'd Jean Holyhead

Circuit Leadership Team

Ian Basson

Joan Catherall

Wendy Curtis

Alan Joyce

Maureen Ownsworth

Don Spooner

Caroline Barratt

Carolyn Rice

Circuit Treasurer

Peter Candlin

Circuit Administrator

Mary-Ann Ansdell

Day 19 - Kettering & Corby

This year we welcome a new Superintendent, Rev'd Andrew Farrington. We pray that God has equipped him with the skills needed to take our Circuit forward so that we may be more effective in spreading the message of the Gospel and in showing God's love in action.

Give Thanks For:

- God's continuing work in our Circuit.
- The work carried out by our CLT through the stationing process and the appointment of a new Superintendent.
- The continuing pastoral care which is evident in all our churches.
- The modernisation of facilities which will enable us to be more effective in reaching out to our communities.
- The establishment of a group focussing on Mission.
- 50 years of worship at our LEP in St Giles, Desborough.

Please Pray For:

- Andrew and Fiona as they settle into our area and begin their ministry.
- Martin and Marilyn as they move to pastures new.
- Wisdom for our CLT as they consider possible further staffing.
- Caroline, our Circuit Youth Worker as she continues to increase both outreach and nurturing events for our young people.
- Support for our Circuit events such as Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies.
- Our teams of volunteers who contribute so much to the lives of our churches.



Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for the many blessings you have showered upon our Circuit. We pray that with the help of our new minister we may move forward together as one in Jesus and that we will be able to show your love and care throughout our communities. Amen

Day 20 - Market Harborough

Our churches are Market Harborough, Kibworth and Naseby. Across the Circuit, Jesus is inspiring us in ministry and mission: from pastoral work with the elderly, to children's outreach and schools work. We are trying to ensure that everything we do is joy-filled and prayerfully relying on God.

Give Thanks For:

- The ministry of our stewards, pastoral visitors, preachers, treasurers and secretaries.
- Susie Colliss, our development worker, working with children, families and schools.
- Our supernumeraries and associate presbyter, each bringing their distinctive gifts to ministry in the Circuit.
- Churches Together in Harborough, working together in evangelism and social action projects for the Kingdom of God.
- 24 new members in the last three years.
- Growing relationships with the Preschool at Kibworth.
- Continued mission among families and young people at Naseby.
- The Pizza Club at Market Harborough – with 20 children aged 8-12, exploring faith and having fun together.

Please Pray For:

- Explorations and discernment about the future shape of this very small Circuit, in relation to neighbouring Circuits.
- The people of Husbands Bosworth after the closure of the chapel there in May 2019.
- Work among children and their families bearing fruit in faith and discipleship.
- Continuation of Kibworth's renovation project, with a renewed sense of vision.



Prayer

Redeemer God,
When we're tempted to dwell on mistakes, give us courage in knowing your grace as we grow;
When we're tempted to lament falling numbers, give us joy in knowing your love for each individual;
When we're tempted to think it all depends on us, give us faith in knowing that your Kingdom will stand for ever.
In the name of Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen

Superintendent
Rev'd Andy Murphy

Supernumeraries
Rev'd Stephen Beer
Rev'd Martin Hounsfield
Rev'd Brian Kennard
Rev'd Peter Molcher
Rev'd Trevor Thomas
Rev'd Alison Tomlin
Rev'd David Tomlin

Associate Presbyter
Rev'd John Rackley
Baptist Union

Circuit Development Worker
Susie Colliss

Circuit Stewards
Peter Arnold
Marilyn Calvert
Sue Nixon

Circuit Safeguarding Officers
Neil Hadkiss
Maggie Hadkiss

Superintendent
Rev'd Dr Langley
Mackrell-Hey

Ministers
Rev'd Shameela
Jameelee-Samuel
Rev'd Sarah Gower AP

Supernumeraries
Rev'd Raymond Garfoot
Rev'd Joseph Goodridge
Rev'd David Parkes
Rev'd Douglas Stevens
Rev'd Graham Tooth
Rev'd Dale Sheriff

Lay Employees
Anita (Neat) Gordon
Pioneer Team Leader
Sue Moore
Circuit Administrator

Circuit Stewards
Mrs Sue Keeney
Mr Simon Stewart
Mrs Ann Tooth
Mrs Christine Kell

Circuit Treasurer
Mr Giles Armstrong

Day 21 - Peterborough

From the heart of the city of Peterborough, the Circuit reaches out into three counties. Worship, Mission and Ministry is known across the city, market towns and villages. We are greatly heartened to be a circuit which includes local ecumenical partnerships. We are readily encouraged by pioneering forms of ministry.

Give Thanks For:

- Growing community engagement and fruitful partnerships where the love of God is being shared through new initiatives, offering friendship and support.
- Continuing strength of the Light Project Peterborough, the Winter Night Shelter and the development of 'The Garden House' and the lives of rough sleepers being transformed.
- Faithfulness of those who live out their discipleship in meaningful ways with a generosity of using their gifts and skills to serve God and others.

Please Pray For:

- Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, both emerging and long serving.
- Pioneer Neat Gordon and the Pioneering team in their ministries.
- MHA 'The Maples' Retirement Living Apartments, the residents, the staff team and the chaplaincy team.
- Those new to the Circuit and for transformation within a time of transition.
- The outworking of the Circuit Mission Strategy and the impact of the Circuit Reimagine gatherings.



Prayer

God of all, help me to love mercy, act justly and walk humbly with you.

I ask that my encounters this day with friend or stranger be tangibly filled with Your Grace and Peace. Give me encouragement to be a courageous disciple in how I follow and serve You. Amen.

Day 22 - Mission

The Mission Support Group seeks to recognize, celebrate, support and help to develop the mission of the churches and circuits within the Northampton District and, in particular, to serve as a reference group for the work of the District Mission Enabler.

Give Thanks For:

- The 'Together' missions pilot of the Summer 2019: for laughter and Good News shared, for conversations begun and for new friendships.
- A growth in evangelism, by a range of Methodists individually and by churches and circuits.
- The new, and continuing, members of the MSG and the gifts they bring.
- The district commitment to the Young Leaders Scheme (ONE programme).
- The increasing community engagement for many of our churches.

Please Pray For:

- The Young Leaders Scheme and its Coordinator, Ollie McAllister, as the first placements get underway this year.
- The appointment of a Community Chaplain at Overstone and the work on new estates in the Northampton, Nene Valley and Kettering & Corby circuits.
- Your own role in the mission of your church.
- The courage to speak of Jesus Christ in whatever ways and places God prompts you as you serve your communities and friends.



Prayer

Spirit of love, speak through us, in our actions, in our silences and also in our words, that our conversations and our relationships may tell of the overwhelming goodness of the presence of Jesus Christ in life. Amen.

District Mission Support Group

Rev'd Canon Helen D.Cameron
Chair of District

Rev'd Jill Marsh
District Mission Enabler

Jennifer Weston
Secretary

Phil Jones

Rev'd Steve Swann

Superintendent
Rev'd Lesley Dinham

Minister
Rev'd Kim Shorley

Assisting Ministers
Rev'd Michael
Alderson AP

Supernumeraries
Deacon Sylvia Kempson
Rev'd Shirley Baker
Rev'd Gordon Chisnall
Rev'd Michael Langstaff

Day 23 - Nene Valley

Nene Valley Circuit comprises of 7 churches spread along the Nene Valley from Raunds to Earls Barton. The churches are Raunds, Irlingborough with Yelden, Irchester, Hope at Higham Ferrers and Rushden, Wollaston, Earls Barton and the formation this year of Wellingborough Methodist Church, a joining together of Great Park Street and Kingsway.

Give Thanks For:

- The appointment of the Rev'd Lesley Dinham as our new Superintendent. May she know God's love and strength in her time among us.
- The Rev'd Kim Shorley and her continuing work in this circuit.
- Our Lay Worker, Rachel Lawrence.
- The work and energy that has brought Great Park Street and Kingsway churches together, making the new church of Wellingborough Methodist Church.
- Those who are taking on new roles and using their gifts for the work of this circuit.
- The growing of prayer groups and Bible study groups in the circuit.

Please Pray For:

- Continued vision for the work of God and all that He is challenging us to be here in this place.
 - All the churches of this circuit as they continue to seek God's vision for the future.
 - Irchester Church as it celebrates 150 years of witness in 2019.
 - The Circuit and its work as it deals with a time of great change and challenge in our communities, as we seek to see God's vision for our churches and the people we serve.
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Prayer



Loving Father, we give thanks that we have seen your hand at work in our churches in this last year. We see shoots of new growth, confidence in using the gifts you have given us and a desire to work together and with others to serve our communities. Lord, we face many challenges in the work you call us to do and we become tired and disheartened. Give us the strength and courage we need Lord to conquer the fear, and trust in you. Speak to us; guide us in our thinking; encourage us all to work for your glory and to use the opportunities you give us to share your love with those around us. Amen

Day 24 - Preachers & Worship Leaders

District Local Preachers
Secretary
Andrew Maisey

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the son. But purer and higher and greater will be, our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

StF 94 Frances Jane van Alstyne (1820-1915)

Please Pray For:

"There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to helping others without expecting anything in return." - Nelson Mandela

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

- For the Good News of forgiveness, assurance, love, joy, peace and strength.
- For callings that challenge and enable us to grow our relationship with God.
- For all those we know who inspire us by their selfless lives.
- For each new day, entrusted into our care together with the people God has sent us to love.

"If you want the cooperation of humans around you, you must make them feel they are important, and you do that by being genuine and humble." - Nelson Mandela

Pray for those who lead us in worship and preach

- That their hearts be so warmed by God's love for them and their personal salvation that we may through them see heaven on earth. That they pursue their calling with determination, expectation and joy.
- That they are open to the many things God reveals to them through others.
- That they are passionate about their calling and are quick to share it with others.
- That what they experience informs their whole lives; all their words and actions.
- That they have wisdom when talking with fellowships about their mission.
- That they may challenge us all to love and serve the marginalised and oppressed.
- That they are open to new ways of witnessing and demonstrating God's love.
- That those they serve upload them in prayer.

In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

John 20: 30-31 (Good News Bible)



**Team Leader
Safeguarding**
Gill Crippen

**District Safeguarding
Officer**
Sue Ioannou

Chair of District
Rev'd Canon Helen
D. Cameron

**Connexional Casework
Supervisor**
Grahame Snelling

**Director of Safeguarding
Connexional Team**
Tim Carter

Day 25 - Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Team in Northampton District is a combination of 2 part time lay employees, the District Chair and a Connexional Casework Supervisor, supported by the District Administrator Jenny Philips.

The team have now been working together for 2 years and working to the safeguarding strategy agreed by the District.

Give Thanks For:

- The Safeguarding Team in the District.
- The work being done in our churches to enable each and everyone to flourish and become missional communities with safeguarding core to the mission of the Church.
- A fruitful year of partnership in the work of safeguarding.
- All those who freely give their time to working with children, young people and vulnerable adults and support the work of safeguarding.

Please Pray For:

- The work of safeguarding in the mission of the District.
- The church and circuit safeguarding officers all who are volunteers in these roles.
- Those who are suffering as a result of past hurt and find worshipping in our Methodist Churches challenging and painful.



Prayer

Lord of all, thank you for all those engaged in the work of safeguarding in the District and for their willingness to undertake this demanding work.

We acknowledge the pain of those who are struggling within our communities. May they know the deep love and grace of your healing power in their lives. Amen

Day 26 - Milton Keynes

There is wide ranging work undertaken by lay and ordained, active and supernumerary with our ecumenical partners. The circuit comprises seven Methodist churches, one free, one united, and twenty churches within five LEP's.

Give Thanks For:

- Six local preachers in training, their mentors and tutor and for all they contribute to the life of our churches.
- The strengthening ties amongst the individual churches and those within LEP's.
- The many volunteers who generously give their time and skills.

Please Pray For:

- Vision, sensitivity and honesty amongst members of our new Circuit Leadership Team.
 - All who serve the church as safeguarding officers in this complex, ecumenical environment.
 - The learning church project undertaken between the circuit and the University of Roehampton.
 - The five denominational presidents as they provide oversight to the LEP's seeking to meet the diverse needs of their local communities.
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Prayer

Incarnate God who calls us as we are, walk amongst and beside us as we go out into your world; be there in the hearing and telling of stories. In the face of others may we see Jesus, feel your guiding hand and be strengthened by your life-giving Spirit. Amen.

Superintendent

Rev'd Nicola Martyn-Beck

Ministers

Rev'd Charles Connor WA
Rev'd Barry Lotz
Rev'd George Mwaura AP
Rev'd Jenny Mills AP
Rev'd Liz Morris - *Teacher*
Rev'd Dawn Saunders
Rev'd Nicola Vidamour

Supernumeraries

Rev'd Chris Batten
Rev'd Glyn Collins
Rev'd Peter Dudeney
Rev'd Dr David Easton
Rev'd Dr Margaret Goodall
Rev'd Stephanie Hibberd
Rev'd John Lusty
Rev'd David Marshall
Rev'd David Moore
Deacon Stephen Peck
Rev'd Beatrice Quayle
Rev'd Ken Renouf
Rev'd Peter Sharrocks

Circuit Officers

Barbara Blyth
Katy Gillam

Circuit Secretary

Chris Linford

Circuit Treasurer

David Harbey

Superintendent
Rev'd Nick Thompson

Ministers
Rev'd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

Rev'd Vida Foday
Deacon Richard Goldstraw

Lay Workers
Vicky Everitt
p/t Flackwell Heath Families Worker

Carolyn Luscombe
p/t Administrator for the Superintendent

Lynda Hopkins
p/t Marlow Children & Families Worker

Supernumeraries
Rev'd Alan Bolton
Rev'd Mike Hill
Rev'd Angela Singleton

Circuit Stewards
Nigel Sweet
Senior Steward
Duncan Booth
Graham Everitt
Alan Kingsnorth
Roberta Lunt
Pam Sweet

Circuit Treasurer
David Sparks

Circuit Meeting Secretary
Alison Simpson

Day 27 - High Wycombe

The Circuit is changing its focus this year as we welcome a Probationer Presbyterian, Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson to work in a new Wycombe Town section based on Wesley and the Avenue Churches alongside our Deacon, Richard Goldstraw. This is in the more urban part of the Circuit with a remit for mission. We are also broadening the focus of our Lay Employee enabling work at Flackwell Heath from Children and Families Work to Community Mission across all ages.

Give Thanks For:

- The significant work in Community Mission through the week in Flackwell Heath led by Vicky Everitt.
- The appointment of a Children and Families Worker at Marlow.
- The new opportunities for outreach in the Town Centre and Castlefield with the beginning of the shared work of Richard Goldstraw and Georgina Bondzi-Simpson.

Please Pray For:

- Marlow Methodist Church as they have appointed a part time Children and Families Worker, Lynda Hopkins, and as they further their plans to redevelop their premises to exercise a more overt ministry of hospitality.
- The members of Stokenchurch Methodist Church following the end of worship there and the whole Circuit as we discern how to use the building there.
- Wesley and the Avenue Churches as they share the ministries of Georgina Bondzi-Simpson and Richard Goldstraw and begin to work together in a more missional way in the more urban areas of Wycombe.



Prayer

Gracious God, enfold your people and give us strength and new purpose in your unconditional love, seen in the life and death and rising of Jesus. Open our hearts and minds always to your endless possibilities to serve you in the world and to be Good News in the communities where we are placed. Amen

Day 28 - Amersham

The circuit is situated at the southernmost part of the district, sweeping north and west from Gerrards Cross to Prestwood. It comprises 9 churches, including one LEP with the URC. Ecumenical relationships are good. Falling membership and lack of volunteers to take on key roles continues to be a major concern.

Give Thanks For:

- The ministry of church and circuit stewards.
- The Movers and Shakers programmes at Gerrards Cross.
- The continuing mission of the C2C project at Chesham.
- The ongoing ministry of 'small' things: coffee shops, cell groups, toddler groups, attending safeguarding training, printing notices, Sunday schools, flowers, visiting, fellowship groups, preparing the communion table, cleaning the gutters, buying loo roll... to name a few. Remembering there is nothing that goes unseen, or unappreciated, by the One who loves.

Please Pray For:

- The Rev'd Adam Wells and his family as he moves into the circuit;
- The Disciple Group as they continue to engage with the word of God.
- The expansion of messy church at Chesham.
- Discernment in the allocation of resources.
- A deepening understanding of the meaning of genuine welcome and loving hospitality.
- The appointment of a circuit administrator and treasurer.
- volunteers for key roles in the life of the church.



Prayer

O thou who camest from above the pure
celestial fire to impart.
Kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar
of my heart.
There let it for thy glory burn with
inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return in humble
prayer and fervent praise. Amen

Superintendent
Rev'd Adam Wells

Minister
Rev'd Nigel Wright

Lay Worker
Gill McNab

Supernumeraries
Rev'd Cesar Guidi

Circuit Administrator
Vacant

Circuit Stewards
Gill McAllister
Pam Sitford

Superintendent
Rev'd Richard Atkinson

Ministers

Rev'd Donna Broadbent-Kelly

Rev'd Charlotte Collins
Hospital Chaplain

Rev'd Keith Edwards

Rev'd Anthony Howells AP

Rev'd Romilly Micklem AP

Supernumeraries

Rev'd Hayford
Ofori-Attah

Lay Workers

Mr Arthur Sara

Mrs Jennie Marriner-Kyle

Circuit Administrator

Mrs Shirley Francis

Day 29 - Vale of Aylesbury

The Vale of Aylesbury Circuit comprises 17 churches, of which 4 are LEP's, situated in towns and villages across North Bucks and East Oxfordshire. Like many circuits we are experiencing substantial change as thousands of new houses are being built in our communities and significant infrastructure changes are taking place.

Give Thanks For:

- Significant children's and youth work across the circuit including engagement with schools.
- Growing variety and diversity of worship across the circuit.
- 30 people who have been trained or refreshed as worship leaders.
- 'Talking of God Together' sessions that enabled fellowship and faith sharing to take place across the circuit.
- Willingness to try new things.
- The ordination of Rev'd Donna Broadbent-Kelly.
- The work of Karibuni Children.

Please Pray For:

- Rev'd Richard Atkinson and his wife Louise as they begin their life and ministry in the circuit.
 - The churches who have engaged with 'Plans for Growth' that they may continue to have a vision for the future.
 - The ability to respond creatively to growing communities with limited resources.
 - The farming communities who are significantly affected by major road and rail developments.
 - The many new initiatives that are starting across the circuit.
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Prayer

Gracious God, we give thanks for your faithfulness through each generation. We offer our lives for your service. Equip us with all we need to be your presence in the world today; give us a vision for the future and the courage to live up to that vision. Amen

Day 30 - Trichy Diocese

The Church of South India (CSI) Trichy Diocese serves part of Tamil Nadu in South East India. It has been linked to Churches Together in Leicestershire since 2002. CSI was formed in 1947 by the union of Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches.

Give Thanks For:

- The Church's outreach ministry through women missionaries who are planting new congregations in remote village communities.
- The Church of South India's work in Health Care, giving thanks for its pioneering work over many years and for the dedication of nurses, doctors and those who work in supporting roles.
- Bishop Heber University College in Trichy, for all the achievements of learners over more than 50 years.

Please Pray For:

- Christians in India, who along with other non-Hindu faith groups are facing increasing difficulties in the current national political climate.
 - People working to reconstruct homes, workplaces and churches following the devastating cyclone that hit western parts of Tamil Nadu in the Autumn of last year.
 - Tea plantation workers of the Valparai district, who work long hours for small pay, whose livelihood is threatened by cheaper labour from elsewhere and who face daily dangers from wild animals.
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Prayer

Almighty God, your Son prayed that your children all may be one, and that the world may believe that you have sent him: we pray for the peace and fellowship of the Church of South India so that it may be an effective instrument for the proclamation of the Gospel. Amen.

Bishop

The Right Rev'd Dr D
Chandrasekaran

Clerical Secretary

Rev'd S Sudharsan

Lay Secretary

Mr D Ravikumaran

Diocesan Treasurer

Mr S Rajendran



Day 31 - Vocations

'Vocation' begins with the gentle call of God. It starts to take shape in prayer, and develops in quiet conversations within churches and circuits. The work of the District is to further encourage and resource, and – where a calling may lead to a recognised ministry – to listen carefully and test it. Helped by the wider Church, all our callings can be continually equipped and shaped by God.

Give Thanks For:

- That extraordinary things are made possible through the power of the Holy Spirit, who brings power and wisdom to ordinary people, called to serve the churches and communities within the District, and beyond.
- For the wide variety of ways people are called to serve and minister in this district.
- For a loving God, who calls us each by name, in spite of our lack of understanding, or our fear of the unknown.

Please Pray For:

- All those discerning God's call on their lives. May they respond with generosity and find joy in their vocation.
 - All those who use their gifts to serve the district by providing time and space for people to explore where God is calling them.
 - Those who will be entering the candidating process this year and those who have recently begun ministerial training.
 - The Candidates Committee, whose careful consideration and prayer, discerns the call of those who have offered for training for ordained ministry.
 - Probationers in the district as they continue to grow into the ministers God has called them to be.
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Prayer

Loving God, you have called us to be your people, each in our unique way. Help us all to fulfil our calling as your disciples to bring healing to a hurting world, and comfort, peace and hope to people in despair. May we each contribute to the life and witness of the church in extraordinary ways.
Amen.