



Yorkshire North & East District

Prayer Diary 2019 – 2020



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2019-20

Romans 12 v 12:

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.

Psalms 17 v 6:

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me, turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Ephesians 6 v18:

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

The District continues to encourage the growth of Flourishing Missional Communities

Our current priorities are to:

- Grow Lay Leadership
- Re-imagine Worship
- Develop 'Our voice'
- Remodel Governance

On the following days you are invited to pray for:

- 1. Pocklington & Market Weighton Circuit:** We pray for wisdom, obedience and courage as we continue to implement actions the Circuit has agreed including moving to a new model of ministry with less ordained ministry and more lay leadership as we serve God in our communities & help people to grow in Discipleship, share faith and make new disciples.
- 2. Hull (Centre and West) Circuit:** Please pray for the incoming Superintendent Revd Ann Rigby-Jones and the leadership team of the Circuit as they seek to enable all the Circuit churches to fulfil their mission.
- 3. For the York Circuit:** We pray for the Ministers in the Circuit as they explore new ways of team working, particularly remembering Steve Barlow and Ruth Duck as they join us, and for Andy Lindley and Helen Freeston as their roles change. We ask God's blessing on the Leadership team as they seek to discern God's direction for the Circuit.
- 4. Ryedale Circuit:** please pray for those who live, work and holiday in this beautiful and diverse area; for God's blessing on Circuit staff, lay employees and congregations as we settle into new ways of being Circuit following staff changes. May we all bear fruit that will last – in Jesus name.
- 5. Drifffield- Hornsea Circuit:** Lord we thank you for the varied beauty of your creation in this Circuit on land and sea. We pray for guidance and wisdom as each church focuses on their mission plans to bring vision and transformation for the sake of God's kingdom.
- 6. For the Goole and Selby Circuit** that together they may continue to step out in faith and take risks for the sake of the gospel. We pray that the churches continue to enable both lay and ordained to use their gifts to develop growth and mission.
- 7. We pray for the South Holderness Circuit** to continue to unite and grow together as we strive to be ambassadors for Christ, witnessing in all that we say and do, so that more & more people may come to know Jesus as their Lord & Saviour.
- 8. Beverley Circuit:** We pray for all members of the Beverley circuit, lay & ordained as we consider changes of organisation & administration to translate vision into action and face the unique challenges and opportunities of the communities we belong to.
- 9. Chair of District Leslie Newton** as he leads the District in the challenges facing the Church in the coming year & encourages growth of flourishing missional communities.
- 10. For the Bridlington Circuit:** as they develop a mission strategy of touching lives for Jesus, of those who live in, and visit, our town and surrounding villages.
- 11. Methodist Women in Britain:** we pray for all women working together, encouraging, equipping & enabling them to serve God in the Church, the community and the world.
- 12. For the Connexional Team,** and for their organisation of the Methodist Conference each year, and all the resources available on its website.
- 13. Those seeking to be a Christian presence in new situations and responding with Fresh Expression of Church and Pioneer Ministry.**
- 14. North Yorkshire Coast Circuit:** Following a Circuit Review in 2018/19, we are now seeking God's guidance as we rise to the challenge of fewer Presbyters being available in the active work. We are seeking to staff our circuit with a complementary team of Active Presbyters, Supernumeraries and Local Pastors. Each church is also being encouraged to develop mission in its local community. May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 15. Tadcaster Circuit:** Please pray for the CLT as they discern a way forward with a reduced number of presbyters and an increased number of Lay Pastors. Pray for wisdom, grace and courage for all the Circuit members to try new models of ministry.
- 16. Ask for forgiveness** for all that has been revealed as wrongdoing by the Past Cases Review and ask God to give wisdom and an awareness of the role we all play in creating a safer space for those who are vulnerable. We pray for our Safeguarding officers.
- 17. The Nidd Valley Circuit:** We pray for the Nidd Valley circuit in another year of change. We continue to seek God's guidance as we reorganise and reshape ministry for mission. We pray for our 14 flourishing missional communities as each seeks to be an expression of God's love in their situation.
- 18. For those who bring a Christian presence into schools, universities, prisons, hospitals, and a variety of workplaces as Chaplains.**
- 19. For Circuit and Church stewards & those who give of their time in service to the church through a wide variety of roles.**
- 20. For The Learning Network** as they continue to support our District with training and development.
- 21. For the Pateley Bridge Circuit:** For our minister and our congregations, that we continue to support one another in uncertain times; that we find effective solutions to ever-increasing administrative burdens facing our churches; for the Holy Spirit to lead us in mission. For our partners in Church in the Dale; that together we meet the needs of our communities making Christ known.
- 22. For the young people of our District** as they engage with the **One Opportunity Scheme & Youth Leadership** throughout District/Circuits.
- 23. For Thirsk & Northallerton Circuit:** Please pray for God's blessing upon circuit ministers, lay employees & congregations as we prepare for staffing changes in 2020. Pray that the mission of Christ may flourish.
- 24. Ripon & Lower Dales Circuit:** We pray that people will be moved towards a vision for mission and that we will find ways to respond to the many who have a yearning for spirituality, yet for whom the church does not offer the answer. We pray that we may find new ways to bring those people to the love of God.
- 25. For the challenges of living in an interfaith society** and for all those who help us to respond well, particularly **Touchstone.**
- 26. Ecumenical Partners** as we look for new ways of growing closer together and new ways of working.
- 27. For a growing sense of our responsibility in caring for the world in which we live,** and for wisdom in discerning a more sustainable way of living as individuals and as a church.
- 28. District Office holders** recognizing those who have stepped up to take on new responsibilities and those who continue to serve the church at District level. We also pray for the new **Circuit Support Team:** Steve, Heather and Ruth.
- 29. Think of yourself.** This is the day when the Connexion are praying for our District. What do you most want to talk to God about?
- 30. For those who seek justice.** For the work of The Yorkshire Joint Public Issues Team and their work on social justice issues
- 31. District, Circuit and Church Committees.**