

**We pray for
justice, mercy, and love.**

You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John 15:16-17

**We pray for refugees,
migrants, and the displaced.**

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:5**

**We pray for the vulnerable,
the lonely, and the homeless.**

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. **John 15:12-13**



**Yorkshire North & East District
Prayer Diary
2020 - 2021**



On the following days you are invited to pray for:

- 1. Pocklington & Market Weighton Circuit:** We pray for wisdom, obedience & courage as we intentionally implement a new model of ministry with less ordained ministry & more lay leadership using the gifts, experience, calling & commitment of all in God's service. We pray the number of house groups, bible study groups, Talking Jesus Courses & ALPHA groups continue to grow & flourish as we help people to grow as Disciples, gain confidence in sharing faith & seek to make new disciples of Jesus.
- 2. District, Circuit and Church Committees:** We pray for all the groups and committees that meet in local churches, circuits, district and Connexion as they seek to discern God's good and pleasing will for our way forward.
- 3. Hull (Centre and West) Circuit:** Please pray for the Ministers and the leadership team of the Circuit as they seek to enable all the Circuit churches to fulfil their mission.
- 4.** We pray for our **ecumenical partners** and a deeper commitment locally, regionally, and nationally to working together in sharing our faith.
- 5. York Circuit:** We pray for the Leadership Team as they seek a new Superintendent Minister through stationing & discern God's direction for the Circuit. Please pray for those in each local community as they continue to discern how God is calling them to respond to the opportunity to "reframe" Church.
- 6.** We pray for initiatives within the District that encourage us to be **good stewards of the earth** & respond urgently to the climate crisis in our world.
- 7. Ryedale Circuit:** Please pray that the future we seek for our circuit will be the future God wants for us. As we prepare for the return after the COVID lockdown, may the Spirit lead us in renewed worship and service in our communities. May we learn from past experience, find God in the present, and receive guidance for the future. God bless our churches, our communities, and our souls.
- 8. District Office holders:** We pray for the District's "Circuit Support Team" as they help Circuits around the District re-shape ministry and encourage strong relationships between ordained and lay ministry.
- 9. Driffield - Hornsea Circuit:** Lord we thank you for the varied beauty of your creation in this Circuit on land & sea. We pray for guidance & wisdom as each church focuses on their mission plans to bring vision & transformation for the sake of God's kingdom.
- 10.** For those who seek justice. For the work of The **Yorkshire Joint Public Issues Team** and their work on social justice issues.



- 11. Goole and Selby Circuit:** We hold in prayer the people of our circuit. May God's spirit fill us all with the love & compassion offered through Jesus Christ, as we seek to serve others & reach out to all who may be struggling throughout the Pandemic & beyond. In all that we do let us not forget, God is with us always.
- 12. South Holderness Circuit:** we pray for all who live & worship in this beautiful rural, urban & coastal area. We seek renewal in God's vision & guidance, as lay & ordained together, we journey forward in mission & service.
- 13. 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 & face the unique challenges & opportunities of the communities we belong to.
- 14. Chair of District.** We pray for our Chair as he leads the District, together with all who serve in District roles. We pray for the Spirit to inspire and guide their work in encouraging the growth of flourishing missional communities.
- 15. For the Bridlington Circuit:** as they develop a mission strategy of touching lives for Jesus, of those who live in, & visit our town & surrounding villages.
- 16. Methodist Women in Britain:** we pray for all women working together, encouraging, equipping & enabling them to serve God in the Church, the community & the world.
- 17.** We pray for members of the **Connexional Team**, & for all the ways in which they support & lead our Church, offering resources, vision, coordination & encouragement.
- 18.** We pray for the new Connexional Evangelism & Growth Strategy, "**God For All**" & for the **pioneer ministry** within our District being led by Revd Andy Lindley & Liane Kensett.
- 19. North Yorkshire Coast Circuit:** As we adjust to new ways of working, new members of the staff team, lay & ordained, we pray that God will continue to do new things among us and through us.
- 20. Tadcaster Circuit:** We pray for the Tadcaster Circuit, for our staff & congregations as we embrace the changes and new ways of being Church. Pray for guidance, inspiration, and grace as we seek to share in God's mission within our communities and across the Circuit.



- 21.** Reaffirming our commitment to protect those that are vulnerable, we pray that God will show each of us how we can promote and apply good **safeguarding** practice; creating churches of sanctuary and refuge, free from abuse and the devastation it causes. We pray that God will grant wisdom to safeguarding officers across the District in their important work.
- 22. The Nidd Valley Circuit:** as we return from the exile of lockdown we pray for new beginnings with our new member of staff Lesley, 'restarts' as we seek to reopen our buildings, 'continuations' as we work to continue the amazing reach of our online presence & grow our Local Pastor work, & 'endings' as we work across our circuit to see what activities have ceased & what God is raising up in their place.
- 23.** We pray for those serving as **Chaplains** in schools, universities, prisons, hospitals and other workplaces, & for all who seek to live out their faith in daily life.
- 24.** We pray for those who offer leadership in our churches and circuits, as **stewards, worship leaders and preachers, local pastors**, and in a wide variety of other roles.
- 25.** We pray for the **Learning Network**, and in particular our Yorkshire Plus team, as they offer support in training & development within the District.
- 26. 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.
- 27.** We pray for your **children and young people**. We ask that your hand be upon them as you call them into relationship with you and mission in your name.
- 28. For Thirsk and Northallerton Circuit:** Pray for this largely rural Circuit that it will seek God's wisdom and the courage of the Spirit as we seek to follow Jesus' way. May we creatively use the resources that we have to serve our communities in the current times.
- 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. Ripon & Lower Dales Circuit:** Please pray for the cultivating & nurturing of growth in discipleship, unity & missional communities seeking to flourish with God. Please pray for the strengthening of relationships as we discover God in new ways through reimagining an accessible and inclusive approach to Our Calling
- 31.** For the challenges of living in an interfaith society and for all those who help us to respond well, particularly **The Touchstone Centre** in Bradford, as it works alongside people of many different faiths.