



*We pray for a brighter tomorrow*

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*  
Jeremiah 29:11

*We pray that our lives be filled with light and laughter*

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-5*

*We pray for those who grieve, and those we have lost during Covid-19*

*So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.*

*John 16:22*



# Prayer Diary 2021–2022



# ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR:

- 1. Kairos:** Please pray for those already shaping and participating in the Kairos Circuit, as it launches this September. Lead us to the pilgrims, the spiritually hungry, and those who already follow Jesus, but desire to be more fruitful through being connected into a wider movement of followers. Pray we may be seen as partners in the gospel, bringing blessing to those in existing churches as well as reaching those new to Jesus in very different ways.
- 2. Beverley:** As we welcome a new Circuit Minister and a new Superintendent we pray for them, and all the lay and ordained workers in the circuit. We look forward to an exciting year with many changes, but always with a heart to live out the gospel message and to provide a home for the community.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Bridlington:** Please pray for Bridlington Circuit as we try to reach more people for God through the use of outdoor / drive-in services. Also, during this year, we are planning a major mission so that our churches are able to fulfil God's purpose for our communities.
- 5. Pocklington & Market Weighton:** Please pray for fruitfulness and growth from the time, enthusiasm, and faithfulness of all those folk in the circuit who have completed the three months 'Everyone an Evangelist' Course and are now putting ideas into practice. Prayers particularly for EXPLORE, our circuit initiative from September 2021 to develop a new place for new people to find out about Jesus and become his follower.
- 6. Tadcaster:** We pray for health and strength for our leaders, both lay and ordained, as we seek to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to those in and beyond our Churches. At a time of great change, we pray for dependency on God's guidance and strength to uphold us.
- 7. Thirsk and Northallerton:** We pray for clarity and courage as we seek to connect more effectively with our local communities in both town and village, for determination to continue responding creatively to the climate crisis, for our unity as we find new ways to be more inclusive in our worship and for a growth in numbers seeking to learn more about Christ through Bible study groups and in meetings for prayer across the whole Circuit.
- 8. Goole and Selby:** The Goole and Selby Circuit would value your prayers for; Wisdom - to discern what God is saying to us through the Oversight and Trusteeship Process. Confidence - that our congregations would feel comfortable speaking to others about their faith Unity - That along with our Ecumenical colleagues we will present a united witness for Christ. A Spirit of generosity - that we might view all people as God sees them
- 9. Ripon and Lower Dales:** Please pray for imaginative ways of responding to the invitation to join in with God in Mission. Please pray for the diversity of rural ministry as we seek our God-given potential to thrive, by living out Our Calling with a heart of celebration.
- 10. Pateley Bridge:** We give thanks for worship and witness across beautiful Nidderdale. We celebrate our unity with ecumenical friends through Church in the Dale. As we pray for the congregations of Darley, Glasshouses, Pateley Bridge, Summerbridge and Wath, we ask that our hearts, our minds and our doors be open always to the refreshing of Your Spirit.
- 11. Nidd Valley:** We pray for the circuit team and all our churches as we move forward with God. We pray for our focus on renewing governance and trusteeship, growing our network of local pastors, enabling our flourishing missional communities to move forward in God's strength, and allow God's leading in the next steps in the digital world.
- 12. North Yorkshire Coast:** Some of our churches face difficult questions regarding their future and, through the stationing process, we seek a presbyter who will be based in Filey. May God's will and purpose be fulfilled through all that we seek to be and do.
- 13. 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.
- 14. South Holderness:** Please pray for our circuit as we move into a new year. There will be challenges and joys, but we pray that we approach both with grace, hope and trust.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Connexional Team:** We pray for members of the Connexional Team, and for all the ways in which they support and lead our Church, offering resources, vision, coordination and encouragement.
- 17. Learning Network:** We pray for the Learning Network, and in particular our Yorkshire Plus team, as they offer support in training and development within the District.
- 18. Ryedale:** We move into the new year with much less ministerial support than before, offering us challenges and opportunities to try new things. Please pray for us as we negotiate the tension between those who want things to 'return to normal' and those who want change. Pray that we will trust God to navigate us through uncharted waters.
- 19. Driffield-Hornsea:** Gracious God, we thank you that you have been our guide and strength during a very difficult period of time. We pray for the Circuit as it tentatively emerges from COVID 19. May Mission be our main focus and heartbeat. As we travel together bring increased healing and holiness. Amen.
- 20.** 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.
- 21.** 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.
- 22.** 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.
- 23.** 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.
- 24. York:** We pray for churches wrestling to re-discover their life and mission as they emerge from over a year of restrictions. We seek wisdom as we explore new ways forward for Central Methodist Church and its witness in the City Centre. Pray for asylum-seekers in York and elsewhere that they may find a welcome and give thanks for the opportunities that the Circuit has used to help with housing them.
- 25. Hull (Centre and West)** For those new to Christ. For those who've known him long and well, For those who felt isolated in the past, For those who found Christ in a pandemic, For those who live in our locale, For those who come to our shores seeking refuge, For volunteers, ordained staff and lay employees, For all those who seek to sing the Lord's song.
- 26.** We pray for your **children & young people**. We ask that your hand be upon them as you call them into relationship with you and mission in your name.
- 27.** For those who seek justice. For the work of The **Yorkshire Joint Public Issues Team** and their work on social justice issues.
- 28.** 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.
- 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.** We pray for our **ecumenical partners** and a deeper commitment locally, regionally, and nationally to working together in sharing our faith.
- 31.** 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.