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The **Methodist** Church  
Northampton District



# DISTRICT PRAYER DIARY

2020/2021

# 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. The thirteen places on the physical Circuit Plan include St Mary's Church in Chalgrove and Holy Family LEP in Blackbird Leys.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- Commitment and creativity in all the churches in the response to the pandemic
- New members of our staff team
- The Mission and Heritage Project at Wesley Memorial

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- New colleagues, and the communities they serve
- New patterns of worship and fellowship following the pandemic
- Work with young people at Bladon
- Ecumenical and Community Chaplaincy work on the Rose Hill estate
- Chaplaincy at Oxford Brookes University and outreach to students and young adults in the city centre
- Evolving relationships at St Mary's, Chalgrove
- Responses to new housing developments in Woodstock, Tackley, Radley/Kennington, Watlington and Chalgrove
- Plans for a new church at Holy Family, Blackbird Leys.

Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
We praise you for your faithfulness and  
constant love.

In changing and challenging times,  
Strengthen our faith, our hope and our  
love,  
That we may bear witness to your Good  
News,  
And offer hope to the world;  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### Superintendent

Rev'd Peter Powers

### Ministers

Rev'd John D. Anderson

Rev'd Brian Brown (Writer and  
Producer)

Rev'd Paul Carter

Rev'd Dr Stephen Maunder

Rev'd Miriam Moul

Rev'd Dr Ralph Waller  
(Farmington Institute)

Rev'd Heather Carter (Associate  
Presbyter)

### Lay Workers

Alison Butler (mission and  
heritage, Wesley Memorial)

Mel McCulloch (children, families  
and outreach)

Libby Hawkness-Smith (lay  
community chaplain, Rose Hill)

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Philip Beuzeval

Rev'd David Bull

Rev'd Geoffrey Hunter

Rev'd Jean King

Rev'd Leslie Marsh

Rev'd John Rowland

Rev'd Michael Sawyer

Rev'd Judy Turner-Smith

### Circuit Stewards

Chris Butler (finance)

Bev Clack

Simeon Mitchell

Bryony Thomas

John Winterbottom (property)

# DAY 2 - WANTAGE AND 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

- New ways of worshipping that have enabled us to better connect with one another.
- The willingness of congregations and individuals to help serve their local communities during lockdown and for new relationships established and developed as a result.
- Acts of kindness and generosity.
- Congregations taking on the challenge of sustainability and becoming Eco Churches.
- The faithfulness of our people.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Wisdom and discernment for the Circuit Leadership team as they seek to guide and lead in the new landscape that is before us.
- An understanding on how best to develop the new ways of worshipping and working learnt over recent months.
- A more intentional approach to how we communicate using the gifts of social media as well as more traditional and established methods.
- The emerging Circuit-wide initiative on Mental health.
- New Community Chaplains for our work in Didcot, Wantage & Grove.



To give and give, and give again,  
What God hath given thee;  
To spend thyself nor count the cost;  
To serve right gloriously  
The God who gave all worlds that are,  
And all that are to be.  
Amen.

Geoffrey Anketel Studdert Kennedy

### Superintendent

Rev'd Keith Underhill

### Ministers

Rev'd John Anderson WA

Rev'd Jocelyn Bennett

Rev'd Ian Griffiths

Rev'd Leonora Hill (Associate  
Presbyter)

Deacon Selina Nisbett

Rev'd Rebecca Peters (Authorised  
Presbyter)

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Eileen Appleyard

Rev'd Michael Appleyard

Rev'd Kenneth Blake

Deacon Maggie Blake

Rev'd Frances Blood

Rev'd Irena Byron

Rev'd Alan Grist

Rev'd John Stanfield

### Community Chaplains

Libby Hawkness-Smith

Vacancy

### Circuit Stewards

Geoffrey Maunder

Anne Matthews

Carolyn Roche (Senior)

Alan Smith



# DAY 3 - WEST OXFORDSHIRE

The West Oxfordshire Circuit arises from a change in Circuit boundaries this September, so we are welcoming the people of Chipping Norton and Churchill, Westcote and Upper Rissington.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The way that God has led the people of Chipping Norton and Stow through the years;
- The appointment of a Pioneer Minister for Carterton Methodist Church and its ecumenical partners;
- We give thanks that the Rev'd Ian Worrall has accepted this challenge;
- The discovery of new technology that has linked so many of our members together over the past months, and the desire to continue this form of ministry;
- A time to learn new ways of working together in our new Circuit;
- A good Circuit Leadership Team.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Our people and churches emerging from lock down, especially for Chipping Norton, Churchill, Westcote with Upper Rissington, where endings may have been made more challenging;
- All who are fearful of what the future holds;
- Those who lost loved ones during the pandemic;
- The staff and residents of Homestead MHA at Carterton.



Gracious God,  
by your mercy you have led us safely in  
the past,  
now enable us to trust in you to move us  
to a whole new future;  
as we seek to live to your praise and  
glory.  
Amen.

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Rose Westwood

### **Full-time Ministers**

Rev'd Jason Cooke

Rev'd Fred Ireland

Rev'd Ian Worrell

### **Minister in other Appointment**

Rev'd Roger Faulkner

### **Part-time Ministers**

Rev'd Malcolm Cook AP

Rev'd Charles Harris

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Nicola Blois

Rev'd David Buckley

Rev'd Stephen Bywater

Rev'd David Clark

Rev'd Elgin Crewe

Rev'd Richard Donoghue

Rev'd Hilary Ewing

Rev'd Michael Gilyead

Rev'd Charles Harris

Rev'd Brenda Woods

Rev'd Alan Wright

### **Circuit Stewards**

John Bentley

Rosemary Britton (Safeguarding)

Martin Bucknall (Property)

Ian Cotton (Senior Steward)

Val Donoghue

Eddie Fowler (Treasurer)

Ann Jerome

Alan Phillips

### **Children and Families' Worker**

Anna Sbotneva Pile

### **Lay Pastoral Workers**

Anne Crawford

Dawn Haley

# DAY 4 - THE LEARNING NETWORK

The East Central Learning Network Team works across the Northampton, Nottingham & Derby and Lincolnshire districts supporting churches, circuits, ministers, lay people and pioneers in the development of their mission and ministry. They are also involved in all sorts of Learning and Development initiatives as part of their work within the wider Connexional team.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- New team members! We are grateful for the additions of Michael Wadsworth and Nick Harding to our ranks, bringing with them a wealth of experience in Biblical Literacy and Safeguarding respectively;
- The newfound opportunity to provide more of our training online.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The ongoing health and wellbeing of our team;
- Individuals and Churches to feel energised by the learning possibilities in front of them;
- Good partnerships with those pioneering new forms of ministry; that we might help replicate their learning by training others in it;
- Our OPPs (One Programme Participants) who are exploring vocational ministry as they serve different projects within the Northampton District;
- Continual grace, resilience and vision within the shifting landscape of the church – both for our team and those we serve.



Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts  
with your unconditional love,  
nudge us beyond the confines of our  
normal,  
towards the bigger picture -  
the all-encompassing world of  
your creation.  
Amen.

(Adapted from a Prayer by Heather White in the  
URC Prayer Handbook 2020)

### **Team Co-ordinator**

Vacant

### **Northampton Aligned Officer**

Michael Wadsworth

### **Lincolnshire Aligned Officer**

Gill Thomas

### **Nottingham & Derby Aligned Officer**

Nigel Pimlott

### **Safeguarding Consultant**

Nick Harding

# DAY 5 - BANBURY

Banbury is the main town in this Circuit which is a mixture of small rural chapels and town churches. We will gain two more churches this year, coming from the old Chipping Norton and Stow Circuit, so we will be twelve churches including St. Francis, the LEP.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The freedom that we have to worship, despite the previous lockdown;
- The unceasing work of our Children and Families Worker;
- For the many opportunities God gives us to meet and share with people who have no experience of God;
- The faithful witness and service of all in this Circuit.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Our twelve churches as they emerge themselves from the lockdown restrictions.
- Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, those who are in training and those who have served for many years.
- The Circuit Leadership Team as they discern the present and future work for God in this place.
- All who know of God and need encouragement to grow in faith.



Lord, help us to understand the meaning of the age in which we bear witness. Help us accept that this is an age when the cloth is being unwoven, and not worth patching. Help us set up the loom on which coming generations may weave new cloth according to your pattern. Amen.

Mother Mary Clare SLG

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Lin Francis

### **Ministers**

Rev'd 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 Malcolm Cook AP

Rev'd Mary Pheasey

Rev'd Jeff Smith

Rev'd John Warren

### **Circuit Stewards**

Mrs Janet Jones

Miss Mary Tanner (Finance)

Mrs Cate Vokes

### **Children & Families Worker**

Mrs Julie Swann

### **Circuit Administrator**

Mr Ian Philipson

# DAY 6 - BUCKINGHAM, BICESTER AND 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. Our people are faithful and caring, even if sometimes a little tired, and facing up to new challenges and opportunities.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The churches in the Buckingham Section and the sense of togetherness that has been retained, and even increased, through online worship;
- The creative gifts that have been unleashed, particularly through video teaching and the children's work at Well Street. We give thanks for their Minister and Lay Workers;
- The Brackley Section gives thanks for the ongoing gifts and support of the Pastoral Team. We thank God also for the extra input from Church Stewards, our Minister and Outreach Worker and all who have gone the 'extra mile' to stay in touch with the congregations at this time of change;
- The Bicester Section also gives thanks for the togetherness that developed through the period of lockdown and the new ways of working that it produced. Please pray that lessons learned may not be forgotten and for the ministry of a soon to be appointed mission enabler.



Loving Lord we ask that that we may continue to find ways to reach out, during the period of lockdown and in the 'new normal' world of social distancing.

We thank you for your faithfulness and pray that we may be obedient to your word and follow with grateful hearts. 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

Helen Evans

Claire Herbert

### **Circuit Secretary**

Linda Paice

### **Circuit Treasurer**

David Teckoe

# DAY 7 - LEICESTER TRINITY

The Circuit encompasses the area spreading north, west and south from the city centre. It includes the city centre, inner city, suburbs and villages. 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 vibrant diversity;
- All that we have learned about worshipping, caring and serving during the restrictions of a pandemic;
- All the ways in which we have loved and supported one another despite the restrictions.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- That the churches will find joy in discovering new ways to be the people of God as we adjust to life in a changed world;
- That we will discover new ways of bringing the love of God to people as restrictions are eased;
- For the chaplains in the Universities, Hospitals and hospice;
- For residents and staff of Foxton Grange and Aigburth (the two MHAs in Leicester).



Loving God,  
no matter what tomorrow may bring, we  
will thank you for the blessings we have  
received.  
Grant that we may show your love and  
compassion in all we do,  
and rely on your faithfulness and grace  
in all things.  
In Jesus' Name,  
Amen.

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Paula Hunt

### **Ministers:**

Rev'd Debra Chidakwa Akue

Rev'd Jenny Impey

Rev'd Saidu Kanu

Rev'd Derek McLean

Rev'd Fran Rhys

Rev'd J Daniel Yovan

### **Supernumeraries:**

Rev'd Peter Brooks

Rev'd John Clarke

Rev'd Kathryn Cook

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 Stewards:**

Julie Manning

Diane Allen

Charles Hilton

Peter Holdridge

Pedzi Katsande

Joy Pick

### **Circuit Administrator:**

Laurie Rowell



# DAY 8 - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

**Young Leaders Scheme  
Coordinator**  
Ollie McAllister

This section of the Prayer Diary is devoted to Children and Young People in the District. We seek to empower and grow young leaders.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The uniqueness and individuality of each and every child and young person;
- The creativity and enthusiasm that children and young people bring;
- The safe spaces inhabited by children and young people;
- The opportunities where children and young people can connect with God, particularly the opportunities of Messy Church, Youth Groups and the Young Leaders Scheme.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Children and young people as they grow in knowledge, faith and life.
- Young adults as they discern their next steps in life, that they may be guided and empowered.
- The active roles that children and young people so frequently adopt to encourage diversity, environmentally friendly action and the presence of an online world.
- The uncertainty of the world today, particularly as children and young people face so much change in the way that education supports their needs. We know that the hope in Jesus Christ, is the same as yesterday, today and tomorrow.



Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the individuality of each and every child and young person. We ask that you guide them through this often-challenging time in their lives. We lift them and this prayer up to you, in your almighty and everlasting name. Amen.

# 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, four Preachers in training and thirteen Worship Leaders.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- God's creative inspiration lavished upon us in this season of corona virus. Lay and ordained members have sprung into innovative pastoral care, prayer, worship and service in a variety of ways – using social media and on-line resources to ensure that members and non-members were connected to one another, and opened to the reality of God's presence through loving action.
- We give thanks for the joyful ministry of Rev'd Steve Clark who has moved on as a Supernumerary Minister; for Rev'd Judith Lincoln who was Received into Full Connexion, for Rev'd Joy Langford who continues with us, and for the arrival of Rev'd Helen Bell.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Our willingness to take advantage of the new ways of ministry that we've discovered and that we will make it a priority to reach out to people who are on the margins of society, with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Energising God,  
excite us to the possibilities of your  
living Spirit amongst us,  
that we may see you in everyone we  
meet.  
May Jesus be present in every  
conversation that we have,  
so that You will become visible in our  
communities,  
creating gracious, loving care, in and  
through us.  
Amen.

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Novette Headley

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Judith Lincoln

Rev'd Helen Bell

Rev'd Joy Langford (Authorised  
Presbyter)

Rev'd Jill Marsh (District  
Missions Enabler)

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Douglas Brewer

Dcn Judith Wray

Rev'd Peter Sowler

### **Circuit Stewards**

David Postlethwaite

Edith Cobley

Sandra Andrews

Carol Long

### **Circuit Treasurer**

Liz Clarke

### **Circuit Administrator**

Marilyn Draycott

# DAY 10 - LOUGHBOROUGH

The circuit serving Loughborough, Shepshed and the surrounding villages is seen by many as being the centre of the nation. We aim to be in the centre of each community we serve, seeking to serve where we are, giving hope to all who walk alone or in darkness.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- Work amongst the Chinese congregation led by Rev'd Calvin Cheung and his wife Jenny, as they encourage more lay leadership;
- The chaplaincy at Loughborough University and Dcn Jan Sutton, the coordinating chaplain;
- Growing ecumenical relationships in all the towns and villages;
- Growing support amongst many Community groups.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The growing work amongst Cantonese and Mandarin speakers of all ages in the wider Circuit and within the university campus.
- The opportunities in seeking more Lay Pastorship roles in future Mission and Evangelism.
- The Street Pastors, as their work continues to grow, particularly in Loughborough.
- More opportunities to work amongst children and young people in local schools.
- Guidance for the Circuit Leadership Team as they seek a new Presbyter for 2021 and beyond.

Lord of Life, giver of hope,  
open our eyes, hearts, minds and lives to  
the possibilities you lay before us each  
day.

Help us to bring healing to the broken in  
spirit,  
to know your forgiveness in all our lives  
and give us a vision of your kingdom  
completely fulfilled in the life of your  
Church in every community where you  
place your people.

Amen.



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Andrew Lomax

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Martin Swan

Rev'd John Pugh

Rev'd Calvin Cheung

Rev'd David Bowler AM

### **Chaplain**

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

Eleri Bristow

### **Circuit Administrator**

Josephine Wills

### **Circuit Stewards**

Les Longmire

Trevor Ranson

Caroline Thornborow

Karen Ette

# DAY 11 - HINCKLEY

The Hinckley circuit comprises eleven chapels in towns and villages of south west Leicestershire. Many of our chapels are in areas previously very dependent on the hosiery trade and with a long tradition of Nonconformity. John Wesley visited the town of Hinckley no fewer than six times and in 1783 described the Methodists there as ‘a serious, well-behaved people’! We value greatly our past and look forward to God’s hopeful future.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The inspiration gained studying the book of Ruth during our circuit-wide Bible Month in lockdown;
- The opportunities offered by the period of lockdown for new ways of being church including through Zoom and other online services, prayer meetings and study groups;
- The enthusiasm and hard work of our youth team.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The development of evangelism opportunities including the provision of further online Alpha Courses.
- Rev Patricia Mukorombindo as she begins her time of ministry in our circuit.
- Discernment as we face the need to reshape our circuit to grasp future missional opportunities and meet financial requirements.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Amen.

Hebrews 12.1-2 (NIV)



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Dr Tim Woolley

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Patricia Mukorombindo

Rev'd David Haseldine

Rev'd Stephen Hoggar (Other Appointment)

Rev'd Vivienne Atter (Other Appointment)

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Keith Ledson

Rev'd Graham Miles

### **Lay Local Pastors**

John Cooke

Judith Cooke

Anne Haddon

### **Youth Team:**

#### **Youth Worker**

Chris Newlyn

### **Children and Families Ministry Enabler**

Claire Sutcliffe

### **Young Leader (Media and Communications)**

Olly Woolley

### **Circuit Stewards**

Colin Haddon

Will Taylor

Sheila Grice

Rachel Cobb

Neville Spark

Arthur Bennett

### **Circuit Administrator**

Christine Bacon



# DAY 12 - MELTON MOWBRAY

Melton Mowbray consists of six 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

- The opportunity to worship and study the Bible online whilst our churches are closed, and the fact that this has become a mission outreach which will continue;
- Many mission opportunities across the circuit and dedicated volunteers who make this possible;
- All our local preachers, worship leaders and those in training;
- Our Supernumerary Ministers.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The circuit as we seek to appoint a new Superintendent for 2021.
- Our churches as they look to the future post Covid-19.
- Discussions about merging with another Circuit.
- 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.

Take this moment, sign, and space;  
take my friends around;  
here among us make the place  
where your love is found.  
Take my talents, take my skills,  
take what's yet to be  
let my life be yours, and yet,  
let it still be me.  
Amen.

STF 513 John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham  
Maule (b. 1958)



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd James Skinner

### **Minister**

Dcn Alison McCauley

### **Associate Presbyter**

Rev'd Canon Jeffrey Hopwell

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Douglas Dennis

Rev'd Ronald Dyer

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

# DAY 13 - NORTHAMPTON

The Northampton Circuit is currently divided into three groups of churches: Town centre; community churches and village churches, and in addition the Emmanuel LEP working on the eastern side of the town.

As a circuit we are committed to Worship, Service, Evangelism, and Learning & Caring.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The many gifts and skills people have and their willingness to use them to grow God's Kingdom;
- The commitment of young people to the District Young Leaders Scheme;
- People's engagement with technology which has enabled many to remain connected over the last few months;
- Our local preachers and worship leaders currently in training.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The continuing conversations about the use of our resources and buildings for mission.
- The vision and imagination needed to meet the challenges of a changing church 'post Covid 19'.
- The courage to find ways of speaking out effectively for social change.
- Circuit involvement with the University of Northampton Multi-faith Chaplaincy.
- The work of Archway Trust sharing the Good News with families and children in the villages of Ashton, Roade, Courteenhall and Hartwell.

Loving God, we listen for your voice in storm and in silence.

We read your word in scripture and in song.

We see your love in Jesus and in neighbour.

We sense your Spirit moving in worship and creation.

Loving God, we praise you for the many ways in which you connect with us so that we can share in your mission to all people.

Amen.



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Romeo Pedro

### **Ministers**

Dcn Richard Beckett

Rev'd Francis M'itiiri

Rev'd Philip Snelson

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Martin Swan

Rev'd Tony Perry

Rev'd Alan Sharp

Rev'd John Smith

### **Circuit Stewards**

Margaret Littlecott

Elizabeth Hale

Pam Kirkland

Hellen Okello

### **Administrator**

Sarah Eason

### **Circuit Treasurer**

Keith Brooks

# DAY 14 - RUGBY AND DAVENTRY

A circuit with three motorways, three railway stations, three counties, Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. We are based in the three towns of Lutterworth, Rugby and Daventry, and the three villages of Broadwell, Grandborough, and Long Lawford. Affluence and hardship live side by side. There's long heritage, renewed outlook, and many new housing estates.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- Zoom and internet services attracting new people;
- Pastoral visitors going the extra pandemic mile;
- Knitted angels bringing hope and joy;
- Isolated, vulnerable people receiving care-packs;
- Share and Care supporting people affected by dementia;
- The Gift of Years; Rugby working with people in care homes;
- Wraparound care and a new partnership with the Post Office;
- New Local Preachers;
- Duffy Place, church in a community lounge;
- Hub Café, and Time Builders, a scheme to facilitate the integration of people in the community who are isolated and disadvantaged;
- Making Connexions; Elmer Campervan, Mobile Food Pantry.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Learn lockdown lessons and embrace social distancing.
- Support the most vulnerable.
- Tell Christmas and Easter stories interactively to hundreds of school children.
- Encourage those on Pioneer Pathways.
- Nurture the growing families work at RMCC and implement Time Builders.
- Act wisely as Dunchurch closes.
- Support winter night shelters, food banks, Christians Against Poverty, Street Pastors, holiday clubs, toddler groups, lunch clubs, Holiday at Home.
- Develop intergenerational and multi-cultural growth.
- Encourage Ruth Henderson's work with young people with mental health issues.



Fire of Pentecost, enflame our zeal.  
Incarnate God, walk with us as we walk  
with others.  
Trinity God of social compassion, teach  
us to ooze your love inside and outside  
the fences.  
Amen.

### Superintendent

Rev'd Andy Hardwick

### Ministers

Dcn Georgina Brooks

Rev'd Diane Bussey

Rev'd Jane Gaffney

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Robert Anning

Rev'd David Collinson

Rev'd Christine Dybdahl

Rev'd Margaret Hadfield

Rev'd Irene Lincoln

Dcn Mary Neal

Rev'd Iain Rennie

### Lay Workers

Lucy Catling (Pioneer Pathways)

Sheri Cox

Sian Asbury

Ruth Henderson

Emily Fallen

Christine Nunn (Wraparound )

Helen Speake (Wraparound)

### Circuit Stewards

Rosemary Mason

Karen Miles

Andrew Downey

Kathy Brooks (finance)

# DAY 15 - STAMFORD

The Stamford Circuit is a vibrant Circuit situated in the North East of the District with a heart for mission and outreach, connecting with people in our communities and across the world to express God's love in Christ through worship, prayer, outreach and care.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The desire to share faith in word and deed;
- The selfless service of those who give of themselves in the service of God's Kingdom;
- The hopes for expanding the work of Second Helpings to Bourne (food project, feeding the needy and vulnerable).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Rev'd Bekkie Wright, our Probationer Presbyter, who joins the Circuit Team in September 2020.
- The Rev'd Leo Osborn and his wife, Rev'd Charlotte Osborn, as Leo sits down from our circuit and they start a new phase of ministry in Norfolk.
- The ability to learn new ways of being, serving and witnessing following the Coronavirus pandemic.

Help me, God of all power,  
To stand for you in difficulty,  
To stand by you in pain,  
To stand enfolded when fearful,  
But above all  
To stand in faith  
Trusting your promise.

Thank you that you are with me,  
Now and always,  
Amen.



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Andy Fyall

### **Ministers**

Rev'd William Booker (Part time circuit, part time Hospital Chaplain)

Rev'd Ruth Charlesworth

Rev'd Helen Fyall (Minister in Other Appointment: Hospital Chaplain)

Rev'd Bekkie Wright

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Neville Ashton

Rev'd Andrew Bell

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

### **Lay Workers**

Luke Denley (Stamford Youth Outreach Worker)

Phil Jones (Circuit Mission Enabler)

Sarah Lamb (Circuit Children & Family Worker)

### **Circuit Administrator**

Rowan Scholtz

### **Circuit Stewards**

Sarah Burke

Moyra Collins

Ian Husbands

AnneMarie Niemann

Chris Barber

### **Circuit Treasurer**

Nina Rawlins



# 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. The Covid 19 pandemic has impacted on all our communities and we have lost loved ones. We are particularly aware that our Black and Ethnic minority members have been hardest hit and we shared with the city of Leicester in their pain when their period of lockdown was extended. The pandemic and the subsequent lockdown was responded to by the circuits in creative ways. On-line worship developed and a period of deep reflection about which buildings we actually do need to retain has begun. The loving care offered to the most vulnerable at this time was reflective of the compassionate people we seek to be. We pray for God's blessing for this District.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- Our new ministers in the District, especially our probationer presbyter Bekkie Wright, and for their flourishing among us.
- The work of the EDI group and the World Church Heritage group in broadening the participation in leadership in the District.
- The ministry of our Supernumerary ministers.
- Our gifted, committed and dedicated District Safeguarding Officers, Gill and Sue.
- For faithful, hard working, generous people throughout the District, serving and loving their communities.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Jill Marsh, our District Mission Enabler.
- Our Young Leaders scheme coordinator, Ollie Mcallister.
- Our Green champion Lydia Barrett.
- Our supernumerary ministers, and the widows and widowers of those ministers who have died.
- Local church stewards.
- Chaplains across the District serving in a wide variety of settings.
- Circuit Treasurers and Property stewards who offer their skill and expertise.



We rejoice that you have made each and every one of us in your image and likeness. May we together live out your gospel and be good news in our communities. When we are uncertain, fearful or anxious, comfort and challenge us to be your people, strengthened by your Spirit, and held in your love. Amen.

### District Executive

#### Chair of District

Rev'd Canon Helen D Cameron

#### Deputy Chairs of District

Rev'd Rose Westwood

Rev'd Andy Fyall

#### 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 Safeguarding Officers

Gill Crippen & Sue Ioannou

#### Young Leader Scheme

##### Coordinator

Ollie McAllister

#### Green Champion

Lydia Barratt

#### District Treasurer

Andrew Lewis

#### District Ecumenical Officer

Rev'd Andrew Farrington

#### District Methodist Council Rep

Rev'd Novette Headley

#### District Property Secretary

Chris Linford

#### Synod Representatives

James Blackhall

Dcn Richard Goldstraw

Janet Hinds

Charles Levitt

Rev'd Romeo Pedro

Rev'd Kim Shorley

#### District Administrators

Jenny Phillips & Susie Palmer

# DAY 17 - ECUMENICAL WORK

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

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The Church of God in Christ, beset by change, but Spirit led.
- The opportunities to share with and learn from sisters and brothers who worship and witness differently to us.
- The uniting of witness and outreaching through ecumenical projects such as Foodbanks, Street Pastors, within new housing developments, Street ministries of praying, and healing, and in many other ways.
- Churches Together in England and other ecumenical bodies.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Churches working together as formal LEPs in the District.
- Milton Keynes LEPs meeting the challenge of remaining connected to Sharing Churches.
- Places where there is growing unity of witness in a community.
- Areas where relationships may be strained or ineffective.
- The DEOs in our District representing the Methodist Church on varying ecumenical bodies.
- The continuing journey of 'Mission and Ministry in Covenant' in seeking ways of exercising interchangeability of ministry between the Church of England and the Methodist Church.

All are one in you, Christ our Lord.

There is one Gospel to proclaim.

Inspire us Lord, to work as one through the Holy Spirit:  
holding together in creative tension both unity and  
distinctiveness, witnessing with joy and grace,  
being one with You and in You.

Bring us strength and patience, and wisdom and vision, to so  
declare the Gospel that your people will find peace, healing,  
and transformation in their lives. To the glory of your name.  
Amen.

### Ecumenical Development Officers

Canon Vic Allsop  
Leicestershire

Rev'd Stuart Jenkins  
Northamptonshire

David Hare  
Oxfordshire

Caroline Hutchins  
Peterborough & Rutland

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

John Rose  
Lincolnshire

### District Ecumenical Officers

Rev'd Andrew Farrington  
Northamptonshire, Peterborough &  
Rutland

Rev'd Gordon Webb  
Leicestershire

Rev'd Nicola Martyn-Beck  
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes

Rev'd John Anderson  
Oxfordshire



# DAY 18 - METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- Work done by the Executive Team in planning for the future of MWiB.
- Our Connexional President, Hilary Evans and Vice President Ruth Parrott – our Treasurer Nina Rawlins.
- For those who have served in the past and are now retired.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Our District Executive as they seek a new President from October 2020.
- The preparation for the postponed Swanwick Conference now planned for April 2021.
- A vision for the way forward for MWiB as it celebrates 10 years in 2021.
- For our sisters across the world suffering from various traumas at this time, may we be united in our common cause for justice and peace.



God of the nations, so many of your children are crying out for justice. We pray for justice, and look for a world where all shall have life in all its fullness. Make us active servants and followers, ready to pray that justice may be done, that your kingdom may come, on this earth as in heaven. Amen.

### **President**

Vacant

### **Secretary**

Pam Sitford

### **Treasurer**

Vacant

### **Resources**

Vacant

### **Forum Rep**

Mary Gill

### **North Section President**

Mary Gill

### **Secretary**

Vacant

### **Treasurer**

Dr Margaret Williams

### **Resources**

Vacant

### **Central Section President**

Wendy Curtis

### **Secretary**

Marlene Fulton

### **Treasurer**

Vacant

### **Southern Section Contact**

Pam Sitford

### **Executive Committee**

Janis Bayley

Joan Catherall

Wendy Curtis

Mary Gill

Nina Rawlins

Pam Sitford

Dr Margaret Williams

### **Synod Reps**

Janis Bayley

Joan Catherall

Pam Sitford

(Reserve Nina Rawlins)

# DAY 19 - KETTERING AND CORBY

Moving from single-station status, the Circuit is showing signs of renewed confidence. We welcome Rev'd Noel Nhariswa from Zimbabwe to share in team ministry. After some careful pruning, we are seeing new growth in God's vineyard. The Holy Spirit is giving energy and vision to discern fresh opportunities for witnessing within diverse communities.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- Rev Noel and his family for responding to God's calling;
- The diversity of our membership;
- Local Preachers and Worship Leaders and those starting journeys of discernment;
- The commitment of Lay Leadership;
- Witnessing amongst uniform organisations and schools;
- Generous hospitality to provide places of welcome;
- The willingness to adapt and seek fresh horizons;
- Those offering pastoral care and prayer ministry;
- Street Pastors and other Chaplaincies.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Wisdom and prayer-filled discernment.
- Courage to explore new vocations.
- Gracious leadership and supportive congregations.
- Central (Kettering), finding the right means and place to worship and witness.
- Rothwell, that through radical hospitality they may bring people to Christ.
- Cornerstone (Corby), nurturing new people in new ways through relationships with schools and community.
- St Giles Church, Desborough for continuing ecumenical witness.
- Burton Latimer and Cottingham for openness and renewal.
- Boys' and Girls' Brigade, Messy Churches, and youth fellowship.
- Revival and renewal in Junior Churches.



God, you lead us to show love for you,  
for self, and for our neighbours.

Help us to follow your pathways with  
open hearts and minds; to draw strength  
from your presence;  
to let go of our fears, and easy comfort;  
and be immersed in the light of your  
glory.

Thus, strengthened, may Christ be our  
goal and guide.

Amen.

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Andrew Farrington

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Noel Nhariswa

### **Associate Ministers**

Rev'd Hannah Jeffery

Rev'd Neil Clarke

### **Supernumerary**

Rev'd Jean Holyhead

### **Lay Young Persons' Worker**

Caroline Barratt

### **Lay Pastoral Worker**

Fiona Farrington

### **Circuit Administrator**

Fiona Farrington

### **Circuit Stewards**

Joan Catherall

Peter Candlin (Treasurer)

Alan Joyce

Maureen Ownsworth

Carolyn Rice

Ian Basson



# DAY 20 - MARKET HARBOROUGH

Market Harborough is a small Circuit with a big heart for worship, mission and Christian nurture. In all of the communities we serve, we are building on good ecumenical relations, a shared sense of mission, strong links with local schools, and together we are growing in the love of God.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The sense of togetherness and pastoral care which has been so important during the pandemic;
- The work of Susie Colliss with children and families for many years, as she retires;
- Ecumenical projects such as 'the Well' in Kibworth, and the various initiatives of Churches Together in Harborough;
- Growing relationships with the schools;
- The continued dedication of local preachers, stewards, pastoral visitors and treasurers, and the valued ministry of our supernumerary ministers and associate presbyter;
- The growth in discipleship of young people.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Those who remain isolated, lonely, or unable to attend church;
- Those living with dementia, or caring for a loved one;
- Those with responsibility for safeguarding and property as we safely return to worship in our buildings;
- The successful appointment of a new 'Growth and Nurture Support Worker';
- A clearer sense of God's vision as we look to where the future of our Circuit lies.

Holy God,

As we share in your ministry and mission,  
help us to cherish one another and value  
every gift.

As we hold together through confusing  
times,  
help us to trust that your love goes before  
us.

As we worship, serve, learn, care and  
share good news,  
help us to be people of joy, never  
forgetting the grace that calls us.

In the name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen.



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Andy Murphy

### **Associate Presbyter**

Rev'd John Rackley (Baptist Union)

### **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

### **Circuit Stewards**

Peter Arnold

Marilyn Calvert

Sue Nixon

Hannah Russell

# 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

- The ongoing success of Reimagine, which paved the way for us to help Local Preachers develop closer links with our churches, and for us to explore ways of rediscovering what it means to be a circuit;
- For the increase in the scope of our work and the depth of relationships that developed during the pandemic;
- For the lessons we have learnt about our capacity to learn new skills;
- For our ongoing partnership with key agencies, and for those members of the Church who are employed by other outreach organisations.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Our Churches: may we capitalise on this increase in engagement through God For All.
- For our Digital Mission as we seek to enrich how we support people. We pray for those who struggled previously; shift-workers, carers, housebound - that they might not be lost from us.
- For the work of our LPWL meeting, for the Pioneer Hub, for our CLT, and for all our church leaders.



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.

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Dr Langley Mackrell-Hey

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Shameela Chowdhury  
(Jameelee)

Rev'd Sarah Gower AP

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Raymond Garfoot

Rev'd Joe Goodridge

Rev'd David Parkes

Rev'd Dale Sherriff

Rev'd Doug Stephens

Rev'd Graham Tooth

### **Lay Employees**

Sue Moore

(Circuit Administrator)

Grace Sherriff

(Circuit Social Media Enabler)

Young Leader's Scheme)

### **Circuit Stewards**

Sue Holmes

Mrs Sue Keeney

Mrs Christine Kell

Mr Simon Stewart

Mrs Ann Tooth

### **Circuit Treasurer**

Mr Giles Armstrong

# DAY 22 - MISSION

The Mission Support Group helps to develop the mission of the district's churches and circuits, by sharing thinking, resources, and ideas for mission, and acting as a reference group for the District Mission Enabler. We work to help the district implement the connexional 'God for All' strategy.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The faithful and innovative ways that churches have been serving their communities during the Covid-19 crisis;
- The new Young Leaders on the Young Leaders Scheme, and the increased level of engagement with the 16 – 23 age group;
- The training events which have been running effectively online and the low-carbon options that this is providing us with.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The mission of your own church as you begin to respond to the new situation and culture within which we all find ourselves.
- Individuals, churches and circuits to prioritise our environmental commitment as essential to our 'loving our neighbours as ourselves'.
- Continued and developing commitment to Inclusive Church, going out of our way to enable the involvement of all... regardless of internet ability.
- The effectiveness of the Evangelism and Growth strategy, 'God for All' as it is adopted in your own circuit and church.



God of all, in all our circumstances may  
we praise you, as best we can.  
God for all, in all our relationships may  
we witness to your presence, as we share  
your love,  
In the Spirit of Jesus we pray,  
Amen.

### Mission Support Group Members

#### Chair of District

Rev'd Canon Helen D Cameron

#### District Mission Enabler

Rev'd Jill Marsh

#### Secretary

Jennifer Weston

Phil Jones

Rev'd Steve Swann

Rev'd Adam Wells

Rev'd Shameela Chowdhury  
(Jameelee)

Rev'd Francis M'Itiiri

# DAY 23 - NENE VALLEY

Our Circuit comprises of 7 Churches running alongside the A45. Although compact in distance, our spread of the love and grace of God reaches out into each of the communities of which our Churches form a part.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The coming together of Great Park Street and Kingsway congregations to form Wellingborough Methodist Church;
- The love and care for one another across the Circuit as we work through this time of COVID-19;
- The growing congregation that now worship at Wellingborough as part of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon Christian Women's Fellowship (Northamptonshire);
- The many, many groups and meetings that occur around our circuit inside and outside our buildings that cover all the ages and stages of life.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Rev'd Kim as she seeks God's guidance in the Stationing process for 2021.
- Mrs Rachael Newman, our Young People and Family Worker.
- The ongoing development plans for Hope at Higham Ferrers and Rushden.
- The work of the Rise up and Build project at Raunds.
- Earls Barton's 150th Anniversary year.

Loving and ever-present God we praise you and give thanks for the many ways we continue to see you at work in our lives and communities.

Help us to continue in developing our Methodist Way of Life, so that in "every place and time"[1] we may live out our calling in worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism.  
Amen.

[1] Singing The Faith 297 Christ is Alive Brian Wren (b. 1936) Words: © 1969, 1995, Stainer & Bell Ltd, 23 Gruneisen Road, London N3 1DZ

### Superintendent

Rev'd Lesley Dinham

### Minister

Rev'd Kim Shorley

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Shirley Baker

Rev'd Gordon Chisnall

Dcn Sylvia Kempson

Rev'd Michael Langstaff





# DAY 24 - 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 3 years and working to the safeguarding strategy agreed by the District.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The District Safeguarding Team;
- The Circuit Safeguarding Officers/The Church Safeguarding Officers;
- All the volunteers and those who work in the churches;
- Our Methodist people who have responded so positively to the challenges of Covid 19.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- All our churches as they face new safeguarding challenges with a changing church world.
- For our churches as they seek to work safely on-line on new and exciting initiatives.
- Our Church communities to flourish with safety and well-being, core to the missional engagement, thus creating a safe space for all.
- Those who live with hurt and find worshipping in our Methodist Churches challenging and painful.

Gracious God, Lord of all,  
we thank you for all those engaged in the  
work of safeguarding in our  
Northampton District.

As we acknowledge the pain of those  
who struggle to live with their past hurt,  
grant to all your peace and healing.

As we pray for our communities in their  
worship and mission may they know  
safety and security in you.

Amen.



### **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 - VOCATIONS

The hymn 'I the Lord of sea and sky' [1] has echoes of scriptural responses of individuals to God's call in the chorus - 'Is it I, Lord?', often mistakenly sung as 'It is I, Lord!', changing the question to a statement. Vocations has both elements within it as we each seek within our discipleship to discern more clearly the many and varied ministries God calls us to.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God...

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The varieties of ministries within Churches, Circuit, the District and in our surrounding communities;
- The many opportunities for training in a variety of ministries, both lay and ordained.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The District discernment days and for all who share in them as their sense of call is explored more deeply.
- The work of the District Candidates Committee.
- The work of all those who offer training and for those who participate.
- For the work of the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network, especially the East Central Region of which we are a part.

Consider

What God might be leading you to and the journey between the question of 'Is it I?' to the statement 'It is I!'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

[1] Here I Am, Lord. Daniel Schutte (1981) © 1981, OCP Publications

**Vocations Officer**

Rev'd Ruth Charlesworth



# DAY 26 - MILTON KEYNES

The diversity that is Milton Keynes enriches peoples' lives but still too many feel invisible and forgotten. As we welcome a new minister, we seek to offer the hope we have in Jesus Christ and make a real difference in the lives of those in need.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The gifts and graces of our circuit family worker;
- Strong links between individuals and churches that allow more effective mission;
- Creativity of leaders of worship, lay and ordained and all contributing to the life of our churches.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Edson Dube and his family, Sammi, Nommi and Nozi, as Edson assumes his presbyteral role.
- Increased sensitivity about processes that discriminate and willingness to change what must be changed to enable all to fulfil their calling.
- The five denominational presidents providing oversight to the LEPs seeking to exercise mission while meeting the requirements of the Charity Commission.



Creator God,  
we praise you for the variety displayed  
in our world and for your gracious love  
shown through your Son Jesus to every  
creature and person.  
Teach us afresh that every life matters,  
and remind us that we can all make a  
difference if we want to.  
Amen.

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Nicola Martyn-Beck

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Edson Dube

Rev'd Barry Lotz

Rev'd Liz Morris

(Teacher/Administrator)

Rev'd George Mwaura AP

Rev'd Nicola Vidamour

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Chris Batten

Rev'd Peter Dudeney

Rev'd Dr Margaret Goodall

Rev'd Stephanie Hibberd

Rev'd John Lusty

Rev'd David Marshall

Rev'd David Moore

Dcn Stephen Peck

Rev'd Beatrice Quaye

Rev'd Peter Sharrocks

### **Circuit family worker**

Mrs Jane Brough

### **Circuit Officers**

Barbara Blyth

Katy Gillam

### **Circuit Secretary**

Chris Linford

### **Circuit Treasurer**

David Harbey

# DAY 27 - HIGH WYCOMBE

The Circuit faces the challenge of the Church everywhere in seeking a new vision as we serve our communities now in the midst of the coronavirus and as we become a new creation in the power of the Spirit, as we emerge into a very different world in the Connexional Year ahead.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The ways in which worship has happened in ever more creative ways online through the weeks of the lockdown and the greater numbers of people accessing the services;
- The new ways of outreach to families learned in these times;
- The new opportunities which have arisen to serve our communities in helping those who are most isolated and vulnerable.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The call to become ever more missional as a Circuit as we share our stories of God's transforming love and as we develop a new strategy where outreach becomes intentional.
- Marlow Methodist Church as they continue to develop plans to create a new café and improve their facilities throughout to create a new space of belonging for those who are most isolated and vulnerable in their community.
- The courage to continue a creative online presence in the future, drawing on the many new things we have learned in these unusual days.

Risen Lord Jesus, God with us, always  
You have turned old fears into new joy,  
Old doubts into new faith.  
Your risen reality touches every place  
and time.  
You have shaken us into The presence of  
God, The kingdom of heaven,  
The company of your friends.  
Lead on, Lord of all life.  
Lead your people on, always and forever.  
Amen.



### Superintendent

Rev'd Nick Thompson

### Ministers

Rev'd Vida Foday

Dcn Richard Goldstraw

Rev'd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Alan Bolton

Rev'd Mike Hill

Rev'd Angela Singleton

### Lay Workers

Vicky Everitt

p/t Flackwell Heath Community

Mission Worker

Carolyn Luscombe

p/t Administrator for the

Superintendent

Lynda Hopkins

p/t Marlow Children and Families  
Worker

### Circuit Stewards

Nigel Sweet (Senior Steward)

Duncan Booth

Graham Everitt

Roberta Lunt

Pam Sweet

### Circuit Treasurer

David Sparks

### Circuit Meeting Secretary

Alison Simpson

# DAY 28 - AMERSHAM

The Circuit is situated at the southernmost part of the Northampton District, sweeping north and west from Gerrards Cross to Prestwood. Our Churches comprise one Methodist/URC and eight Methodist Churches.

The Circuit seeks to use its resources in new and creative ways for the glory of God.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- The ministry of Church and Circuit Stewards;
- The Movers & Shakers group at Gerrards Cross;
- The continued mission of the C2C project;
- Plans for dementia-friendly worship at Chesham;
- The Youth Church ecumenical venture at Prestwood;
- The appointment of our new Circuit Administrator/Bookkeeper;
- Pastoral care and nurture across the Circuit;
- Being connected to each other and to God;
- The continuing work of the Circuit and Churches during the Covid-19 pandemic.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The Circuit Leadership Team as we continue to seek to move forward in faith.
- Small groups that meet to pray, study the Bible and fellowship together.
- New and fresh expressions of worship across the Circuit.
- Wisdom as the Circuit strives to move forward in mission.
- All those who have lost loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Those who are worshipping at home temporarily or permanently.
- The ministry of the Amersham Circuit YouTube channel.



Generous and holy God, with the whole of creation we praise your name.

Inspire us as we follow the example of Jesus and endeavour to be more Christlike.

Ignite us with the fire of your Spirit as we seek to be your Church in the World.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd E Adam Wells

### **Minister**

Rev'd Nigel Wright

### **Supernumerary**

Rev'd Cesar Guidi

### **Circuit**

#### **Administrator/Bookkeeper**

Lu Gigg

### **Lay Worker**

Gill McNab

### **Circuit Stewards**

Gill McAllister

Pam Sitford



# DAY 29 - VALE OF AYLESBURY

Our 16 churches range from small village concerns to town centres, from large congregations to intimate fellowships in North Bucks and East Oxfordshire.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- Development of children's work at Cheddington;
- A new Circuit Treasurer;
- Places like Thame, where ecumenical working is good;
- New initiatives that have aided spirituality like prayer squares and website Thoughts for the Day;
- The blessings of fellowship and holy conversation;
- Churches that are growing;
- People who are deepening their commitment.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The members of the former chapel at Stoke Mandeville who were denied a meaningful cessation of worship by lockdown.
- The implications of road and rail projects on the local farming community.
- Proposed exploration of becoming a "Holy Habits" circuit.
- That re-emerging churches might become more missional.
- Growing links between churches and the building of a stronger Circuit identity.



Holy God

Breathe life into your church,  
Build us up in love,  
Whisper your wisdom in our midst,  
Lead us into adventurous places,  
Assure us of your peace,  
Refresh us with worship,  
And assure us of your blessing  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### 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

### Supernumerary

Rev'd Hayford Ofori-Attah

### Circuit Stewards

Lynn Bernstone  
Alf Rogers  
Chris Sara  
Barry Tarbox  
Keith Wallace

### Circuit Mission and Ministry Support/Enabler

Pete Honeyball

### Circuit Safeguarding Officers

Louise Atkinson  
Dawn Wright

### Pastoral Workers

Jennie Marriner-Kyle  
Arthur Sara

### Manses Team

Nick Marriner-Kyle  
Andrew Muir

### Circuit Treasurer

Pearl Doughlin

### Circuit Meeting Secretary

Marilyn Storer

# DAY 30 - CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA TRICHY-TANJORE 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 Ecumenical Link between Churches Together in Leicestershire and our partners in India, which celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2021;
- The faithful witness of the Christian minority in India;
- The Church's work in health care, its hospitals and the Nurses' Training College at Dharapuram;
- The Bishop Heber University College in Trichy, ranked among the most outstanding in India and the 71 Church schools.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Christians in India facing increasing religious discrimination and persecution.
- The women missionaries reaching out to rural communities.
- Areas recovering from cyclones or affected by drought.
- The children served by the Church's residential homes in the poorest communities.
- The Church's ministry amongst Tea plantation workers, who undertake gruelling work for low wages.
- The opportunity to learn from each other across the continents.



Father, with the Church of South India we pray that Jesus' words may be fulfilled: "that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Amen.

**Diocesan Bishop**  
Rt Rev Dr D Chandrasekaran

**Clerical Secretary**  
Rev S Sudharsan

**Lay Secretary**  
Mr D Ravikumar

**Diocesan Treasurer**  
Mr S Rajendran

# DAY 31 - CHAPLAINS

Chaplains, both voluntary and paid, operate across the District in a variety of situations including the community, a Secure Training Centre for 12-18 year olds, hospitals, schools, the police, a pub, town centres, universities, care homes, food banks, housing estates, hospices, the farming community, the market place and retirement apartments.

## GIVE THANKS FOR

- Increased opportunities to share faith;
- Opportunities to encourage the residents of care homes to 'live life in all its fullness';
- New contacts made during the Covid-19 lockdown, including those on the margins of society;
- Loughborough University, where staff and students from all world faiths and none are united;
- Chaplains sharing the Christian faith with people who are outside the church environment.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The Ecumenical Community Chaplaincy team in Melton Mowbray town centre.
- Chaplaincy to the Farming Community in Leicester.
- Increasing self-harm and complexities of need at Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre; for the staff who have to cope with them.
- Police officers as they come under attack and for those who express themselves through violence.
- The Wycombe Workplace Chaplaincy.
- The South Bucks Hospice at Butterfly House in High Wycombe.
- Making connections with lonely and isolated people using Elmer, the Motorhome, in Rugby.



Almighty God, we thank you for and pray for all volunteer and paid chaplains and the communities in which they work. Give your wisdom as they journey with their communities, re-imagining what it means to be church. Give them your vision for the future and the energy to pursue it. Amen.

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