

Knaphill Methodist Church

"Let us pray"

A Prayer Diary for September 2022

*"Listen! A farmer
went out to **sow**
his **seed...**"*

Mark 4:3 NIV

[... but, *first*, he ...]

*"... must plough ...
... must **break up**
the ground."*

Hosea 10:11c NIV part

Day/Date	Theme/Event	Pray for ...	✓	Notes Thought Action
1 st Thursday	New WV Circuit Super- intendent	"... <i>others to plough his ground ...</i> " <small>1 Samuel 8:12bi NIV</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...Rev. Dr. Paul Glass & Janet: smooth moving & settling in; for welcome & support in his ministry; for him to 'run' with God's vision for this Circuit. 		
2 nd Friday	Farmers	♪ " <i>See the farmer sow the seed, while the field is brown. See the furrows deep & straight, up the field & down."</i> <small>V1 A seed song by F. A. Jackson</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... farmers ploughing, world-wide: for good seeds, good weather, time & resources to invest in preparing for the next crop; for strength & hope. 		
3 rd Saturday	Rainfall (physical)	"... <i>like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth."</i> <small>Psalms 72:6 NIV</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... rain: for sustained, gentle rain; for water to soak into the soil; for absorption; for softening & re-awaking of life; for right conditions ... for ploughing. 		
4 th Sunday	Rainfall (spiritual)	" <i>When the ground soaks up the falling rain & bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God's blessing.</i> " <small>Hebrews 6:7 NLT</small> <p>What sort of ground are you? Permeable? What 'crops' (spiritual 'fruits') do you bear? Allow the Holy Spirit to soak in & prepare you for God's growing.</p>		
5 th Monday	Diligence!	" <i>A sluggard does not plough in season;</i> " <small>Proverbs 20:4a NIV</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... knowing what season it is in God's Kingdom for you: for no excuses; for a heart willing to do what is difficult, uncomfortable & hard work for God's glory 		
6 th Tuesday	KMC Leadership Team (Meeting)	" <i>Do not plough with an ox & a donkey yoked together."</i> <small>Deuteronomy 22:10 NIV</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... 'sound' unity of strength & purpose to forge a straight, God-led pathway for the church to follow. 		
7 th Wednesday	Drought in East Africa	" <i>The fields are ruined; the ground is dried up."</i> <small>Joel 1:10a&b YB</small> <p>A 4th failed rainy season. Worst drought in 40 years...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Tearfund's emergency work distributing food & cash grants to feed the poor & save lives; long-term training to adapt farming techniques for weather 		
8 th Thursday	Worship Leader & Preachers (Meeting)	" <i>I'm giving you seed so you can plant the ground."</i> <small>Genesis 47:23d TM</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... those called to lead worship & preach: for close attention to God's direction; for creativity which provokes & engages others; 'sowing' of Good News. 		
9 th Friday	'God's Gardeners'	" <i>God took ... set him down ... to work the ground & keep it in order."</i> <small>Genesis 2:15 TM</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Christian writers, poets, songwriters & resource producers: for God's inspiration & the Holy Spirit's energy; for finding, blossoming & fruitfulness of talents & skills; for the Godly 'impacts of outputs'. 		

10 th Saturday	Flooding in Pakistan	"... <i>the mighty floodwaters of the River ...</i> " Isaiah 8:7b NIV Excessive monsoons, due to climate change ... • ... the millions of people affected to receive food, clean water & medical aid; for safe shelters; for saving lives; for climate change to be taken seriously!		
11 th Sunday	KMC Covenant Service	" <i>I am concerned for you & will look on you with favour; you will be ploughed & sown.</i> " Ezekiel 36:9 NIV Renewal of faithful dedication in our Covenant God brings His promise of restoration & future productivity. Pray this will be so for you, & for KMC.		
12 th Monday	Spiritual Ploughing	Reflect: " <i>The plough is needed not only to produce that which is good, but to destroy that which is evil.</i> " C.H. Spurgeon		
13 th Tuesday	The New 'Farming'/ Methodist Year? 1	Reflect carefully on (each of) these words: " <i>Break up your unploughed ground ...</i> " Hosea 10:12c NIV Unploughed = fallow: that which <u>could be</u> productive but has <u>not yet</u> been properly prepared for planting.		
14 th Wednesday	The New 'Farming'/ Methodist Year? 2	" <i>Plough up the hard ground of your hearts ...</i> " Hosea 10:12c NLT • ... God to soften your heart: to open up the whole of your life - including the 'hard' places - to His inspection; to remove any negativity & lack of faith.		
15 th Thursday	The New 'Farming'/ Methodist Year? 3	" <i>It's time to till the ready earth ...</i> " Hosea 10:12c TM 'Tilling' involves turning over (repentance), stirring (moving) & reconditioning - adding air (the breath of the Spirit), water (of Life – Jesus) & nutrients (food of God's Word in Scripture). When were you last literally on your knees broken before the Lord? In prayer, let God 'till' you, 'til' you are ready for Him.		
16 th Friday	The New 'Farming'/ Methodist Year? 4	"... <i>for it is time to seek the Lord</i> " Hosea 10:12d NIV " <i>... it's time to dig in with God.</i> " Hosea 10:12d TM • ... real commitment to God's will: as individuals, & as KMC, 'to rededicate the tracks of land that comprise our life & put them under cultivation for God;' 'to yield them to His growth'.		
17 th Saturday	KMC Clothes 4U	" <i>they ploughed over my back, making long wounds.</i> " Psalm 129:3b&c YB • ... C4U guests still suffering from previous traumas: that in practical acts of welcome & kindness, they may find comfort, peace, healing & hope.		
18 th Sunday	(KMC) Harvest	" <i>Celebrate the Feast of Harvest</i> " Exodus 23:16a NIV 🎵 " <i>bow down in worship: one Harvest, one Lord!</i> " StF 120 V3L7-8 Give thanks for all God's bounty to you, & on earth.		
19 th Monday	White- chapel Mission	" <i>He also had a heart for the poor & gave generously to help them.</i> " Acts 10:2d TPT • ... those receiving our harvest gifts: for their feeding, clothing, washing, sheltering & support; for lives restored, renewed & repurposed; for living hope.		

20 th Tuesday	Our minister	<p>"Every minister has put his hand to the plough; & it is his business to break up the fallow ground." C.H. Spurgeon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Dave: to be a faithful 'ploughman' at KMC. ... for God's guidance to be clear, & heeded, as he starts to discern the 'field' of his next appointment. 		
21 st Wednesday	UN International Day of Peace	<p>"They will beat their swords into ploughshares" Micah 4:3c NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Ukraine (4th largest grain exporter, <u>usually</u>): for an end to the war; for peace throughout the land; for food farming & world trade to continue safely. 		
22 nd Thursday	Our work 1	<p>"Do farmers plough & plough, & do nothing but plough?" Isaiah 28:24a TM</p> <p>(Yes – but <u>only</u> when it is the ploughing season!)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... perseverance to complete all that God sets before each of us, & all of us @ KMC, to do for Him. 		
23 rd Friday	Our work 2	<p>"Farmers don't <u>just</u> plough & break up the ground." Isaiah 28:24 CEV</p> <p>(talking about' scratches the surface – unproductive)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Action!: 'don't just make furrows'; 'don't propose – perform!' 'Get going' with productive works 		
24 th Saturday	KMC Coffee Morning	<p>♪ "We plough the fields & scatter the good seed on the land" StF 130 V1 L1&2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... each encounter, word & action to gently sow grains of Good News into Spirit-readied lives that don't yet know Jesus as Lord & Saviour; for belief. 		
25 th Sunday	♪ "All the world is God own field ..." StF 123 V2L1	<p>Reflect: (from Matthew 13:37-39 CEV) "Jesus answered ... "The field is the world. The good seed are the people who belong to the Kingdom. The harvest is the end of time. If you have ears, pay attention!"</p>		
26 th Monday	Circuit Partners: Godalming	<p>"... God put ... man in the Garden to take care of it & to look after it." Genesis 2:15 CEV (In Great Big Green Week – celebrating community action to tackle climate change & protect nature)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... this church as it seeks to become an Eco church by minimising its impact on the environment. 		
27 th Tuesday	Partnership 1	<p>♪ "Sowing or tilling, we would work with You;" StF 125 V2L5&6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... due attention to be paid to God's voice & His vision for KMC; our faithful en-actioning of His Word. 		
28 th Wednesday	Partnership 2	<p>♪ "...to make your harvest grow...however you may sow...it takes the almighty hand of God." KS176 Chorus (part)</p> <p>It doesn't matter <u>how</u> you sow – God's the One who'll make it grow! So trust Him, & get sowing!</p>		
29 th Thursday	Bullocks!?	<p>Reflect & pray on C.H. Spurgeon's challenging words: "Let me be as the bullock which stands between the plough & the altar, to work, or to be sacrificed: & let my motto be - "Ready for either.""</p>		
30 th Friday	... & finally ...	<p>... that 1 person who God has especially placed on your heart to come to faith in Jesus Christ.</p>		