

1-Jul	We pray for the wider Methodist Church at Conference, for Rev Kerry Tankard our District Chair, and all who work as part of the Yorkshire West team. May each know God's wisdom and blessing in their work	8-Jul	Recognising the impact of lockdown on our church and circuit finances, we pray for wisdom and faith-filled generosity in our own giving, and for treasurers and all making financial decisions at this time.	15-Jul	We give thanks for all who have prepared worship resource material during the time of lockdown. You are invited to reflect on how God has spoken to you, and what God might be asking of you for a new expression of church after lockdown.
2-Jul	As Conference draws to a close, we give thanks for the ministry and leadership of Rev Barbara Glasson and Prof. Clive Marsh over the past year, and pray for Rev Richard Teal and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence as they take up their presidential roles.	9-Jul	Pray today for your family, near and far. Pray God's blessings for them. How might you express your thanks to your family or show your love in an unexpected way? ... Why not do it and bless those you love.	16-Jul	The Circuit Leadership Team meets on Zoom today - please hold their meeting and ministry in prayer, as they prayerfully discern appropriate leadership and circuit support as lockdown lifts.
3-Jul	Today we pray for all who work in local government, those on the local councils and all who make decisions for the welfare of others – pray for the spirit of wisdom, compassion and generosity.	10-Jul	Today we pray for police and community support officers – for sensitivity, wisdom and insight as they both protect from, and seek to prevent harm.	17-Jul	Pray for faith communities in your locality; those in partnership through 'Churches Together' and those of other faiths. May God's grace unite us in love and work through us in partnership with the Spirit.
4-Jul	We remember our Church family, praying especially for Trinity Bramley and St John's congregations, celebrating anniversaries this month (also other local anniversaries that were due during lockdown)	11-Jul	At a time when we are conscious of the risk of abuse during lockdown, we pray for organisations which are working hard to support victims of any and all ages. Pray too for our safeguarding officers.	18-Jul	We pray for our circuit administrators, Erica and Cathy, especially in the extra demands the lockdown has made on their workload. We give thanks for practicalities of keeping the circuit connected with the weekly mailing alongside their other work
5-Jul	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Jesus invites all who feel weary to come to him for rest, taking on Christ's perfect fitting yoke in exchange for a worldly yoke. Pray for those today who may feel 'world weary'	12-Jul	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 In the parable of the sower, the seeds fall on different soils. Those soils can be interpreted as different life styles (as opposed to circumstances) – ask God to prepare the 'soil' of your life to become more fertile.	19-Jul	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 The corona virus pandemic has changed the world irrevocably - be encouraged today by this Scripture which assures us of God's sovereignty, and give thanks to God!
6-Jul	Remembering the relentless pressures from the Covid pandemic, we pray again for all on the frontline of the NHS – administrators to anaesthetists, porters to paramedics, consultants to cleaners.	13-Jul	When we're especially dependent on media for news, factual updates and stories of hope, we pray for all who work in media - for integrity and grace. May they challenge injustice without bias or false accusations.	20-Jul	Pray for yourself today. What will you find hardest when we are able to re-gather as a church community? Offer your concern to God knowing God hears your prayer.
7-Jul	We pray for our uniformed organisations, youth clubs and other youth ministries that meet across the circuit. We pray for leaders as they support our young people.	14-Jul	We remember those who have been furloughed during lockdown, especially where they are fearful for jobs and/or businesses. Where there are no easy answers, we pray for courage and hope	21-Jul	Under normal circumstances, today would have been the start of the school summer holidays. Pray today for all in education, who continued to work during the crisis. May they know rest and rejuvenation.

- 22-Jul Please pray for the Circuit ministers and lay staff who meet on Zoom today, praying wisdom and courage. May they hold on to the 'purpose' of our Church gatherings even as we seek safe structures for re-opening church buildings
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- 23-Jul We pray for Rev Pete Brazier and Deacon Guy Austin-Bride as they continue preparations for moving to LSW circuit, remembering their congregations in these times of 'goodbyes' and those waiting here to welcome them and their families
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- 24-Jul We remember today those who still need to shield themselves and their families; those who feel isolated due to lockdown, and those who are fearful of how and when they will emerge from this time. If that is you, may you know yourself held in prayer today.
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- 25-Jul Today we give thanks once again for the many key workers who have helped keep the Nation moving. How might you offer thanks to a key worker who has 'served' you? ... a thank you note for the refuse collectors, for a bus driver, a shop keeper, a postal worker?



- 26-Jul **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52** reminds us that God can multiply even the smallest of gifts we offer – what might God be asking you to give for God's Kingdom, especially as the Church emerges from lockdown?
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- 27-Jul We remember today families who will struggle financially during the school holidays; those who will rely on food banks and those who will miss the security school is able to give to children.
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- 28-Jul Today we give thanks for Revs Godfrey Nicholson and Tim Boocock, for their many gifts and graces, and for their ministry among us. We pray God's richest blessings on them and their families as they move to a new chapter of their lives.
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- 29-Jul We remember all who are struggling due to ill health; those waiting for test results and those who are nearing the end of life. We give thanks for those who are recovering and pray continuing strength.
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- 30-Jul We give thanks for all who offer a pastoral ministry in the life of our churches. Is there someone you could contact today to encourage or offer a listening ear?
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- 31-Jul Think about group(s) you have been part of within your local church – pray today for those who lead the group and those whose company you've missed. Pray for God's vision and wisdom for the future ministry and mission of the group(s)

*Could you see what I am thinking and know that it's a prayer?
 Could you look into my heart and find you're welcome there?
 Could I bring you all my hopes and dreams, my moments of despair?
 Could you take what I am thinking and find that it's a prayer? A prayer!* By Joy Webb (Singing the Faith 522)



Prayer Diary

July 2020

Praying for the Methodist Churches and communities of Leeds South & West Circuit

Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future; faith is the courage to dance to it today.

-Peter Kuzmic

