

1-Mar	As the District Probationers' Committee meets today and tomorrow, we ask your blessing on Nick, Andrew, Tracey, Sue and Ruth, and wisdom and grace for the committee (including Revd's Melvyn Kelly and Rach Ward	8-Mar	We pray for those awaiting operations, recovering from time in hospital and/or struggling with ill health at home. Let us imagine holding them in Christ's healing light and care, and if this is you, know yourself held in prayer today.	15-Mar	We pray today for all who respond to the call to ministry, those in training and those to be ordained this year. As they share their stories of faith at today's Ordinands' Testimony service may they know the love and support of the Church.
2-Mar	Let us give thanks today for those who have helped to shape our Christian journey; who have taught us and shown us what it means to be loved by God. If you can, why not thank them in person.	9-Mar	We give thanks for our Circuit local preachers and worship leaders, praying a blessing of inspiration and delight in God's Word. We pray for Chris exploring a sense of call and Hattie continuing her studies.	16-Mar	We pray for those who struggle with their mental health, especially where that struggle is harder because of lockdown. Holy God, may we understand more of our worth found in your love for us.
3-Mar	We think today of the 3rd party user groups unable to meet in our churches at this time. Pray God's blessing on them and those they serve.	10-Mar	In a world of fast communication, we pray for integrity and truth for all who work in media, that they will value sincerity above sensationalism, and fact above fiction.	17-Mar	As the Presbyteral Synod meets on Zoom, we are invited to pray for all ordained ministers in the Methodist Church – presbyters and deacons – and for the ministers here in Leeds South & West.
4-Mar	We pray for all who offer care enabling others to live at home – we ask God to strengthen those working difficult shifts, zero hour contracts and those who help at such schemes as the MHA 'Live at Home.'	11-Mar	We give thanks for all who serve on the Circuit Meeting, praying God's wisdom and discernment in their listening, understanding and decision making.	18-Mar	Lord Jesus, you knew what it was to be a refugee and unwelcomed in towns and villages. We pray for refugees and asylum seekers – that their individual stories will be listened to with wisdom and grace
5-Mar	Today is Women's World Day of Prayer. As many people find creative ways to join their prayers with others, we remember the people of Vanuatu, their leaders and those living out their Christian faith	12-Mar	We pray for all who hold safeguarding roles in our local church, our Circuit and the District, remembering before God those who are vulnerable and abused.	19-Mar	Pray today for your neighbour – maybe you know their delight or need or concern. Maybe you could ask them as you offer to hold them in prayer today.
6-Mar	As the West Yorkshire District meets on Zoom for Synod today to vote on the 'God in Love Unites Us' report, we pray that God's love will underpin all listening, thinking, speaking and decision making	13-Mar	Tomorrow is Mothering Sunday. We pray for these key relationships – let us give thanks for mothers and those who are like mothers to us. We also pray for those who will miss their mother, those who ache to be a mother, for new mothers, and where relationships with mothers are broken.	20-Mar	Holy God, we know there are people we struggle to get on with, for many different reasons. Remind us we're all made in the image of God. Grow a spirit of empathy, forgiveness and tolerance in us.
7-Mar LENT 3	<i>John 2:13-22 'Stop making my Father's house a market place'</i> Perhaps lockdown has reminded us of some of the things we miss about our local church building. As churches reopen, pray that our church communities really will be filled with a Spirit-rooted 'zeal' for God	14-Mar LENT 4	<i>John 3:14-21 God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.</i> Are you quick to condemn yourself? Sit with this profound verse and ask Jesus to help you understand more of what it means to be loved by God.	21-Mar LENT 5	<i>John 12:20-33 'Father, save me from this hour? No, it is for this reason I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.'</i> What do you think it meant to Jesus, who would know all about the Pharisees anger and the Roman crucifixions. What does this mean to you?

22-Mar As Rev Jo meets with a small team today to make the circuit plan, we give thanks for all who steward in our local churches. We pray for wisdom, clarity and even creativity when making the Circuit Plan looks to be 'impossible!'

23-Mar We pray for the Government and Shadow Cabinet. Gracious God. Help them to lead from a heart of compassion, seeking the welfare of all, especially those who feel disempowered by their circumstances.

24-Mar We pray for church and circuit treasurers, especially where there are financial concerns. We give thanks too for all who have continued to support the financial commitments of the church during these months of lockdown. Help us to be wise with the resources you entrust to us.

25-Mar We pray for Rev Kerry Tankard, our District Chair, for the President, Rev Richard Teal & Vice President of Conference, Carolyn Lawrence, and for all who work in the District and Connexional teams.

26-Mar We give thanks for the wide variety of ministries offered to young people across our Circuit. May we continue to listen to what is important to them, even as their faith journeys shape today's church.



27-Mar We give thanks again for those who produce worship materials for the circuit. Lord, inspire them and us as we draw close to you through whole life worship.

28-Mar **John 12:12-16** *Do not be afraid. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt.* 2020 held tremendous challenge and change. It would be easy to be afraid. How do these verses speak to your faith and/or situation this Easter? Take time in prayer to ask God for the courage of faith.

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29-Mar At the beginning of Holy Week, pray for your own walk with Jesus as we relive the events of the most profound week in history. Invite the Holy Spirit to breath new insight into the familiar Easter story.

30-Mar Did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus because Jesus wasn't doing what Judas *wanted*? Ask Jesus if there are things you *want* that are not in alignment with Jesus' Kingdom. Pray to leave your '*wants*' at the cross.

31-Mar Something can be expensive without being costly. Mary anointed Jesus' feet with a jar of nard that was both expensive and costly. What costly act of discipleship will you offer Jesus this Easter?



Holy Week Zoom Lent Course
- 7.15pm - Led by Rev Rach -
details to follow with Circuit Mailing



Prayer Diary

March 2021

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

